

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES

Town Commission Meeting Room
4505 Ocean Drive
Monday, November 9, 2009
5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, and Commissioner Birute Ann Clottey. Also present were Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, and Town Manager Esther Colon.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Paul Novak, Chairman of the Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC), introduced Sandra Booth, Bob Eckblad, Louis Devorak, Marc Furth, and Mary Ann Wardlaw from the MPSC.

3. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

a. Master Plan

b. Beautification Projects:

- 1.) El Mar (Oriana)
- 2.) FDOT – A1A – Pine to Terra Mar
- 3.) LBTS – Pine Avenue from A1A to El Mar
- 4.) LBTS – El Mar – Commercial to Pine

The Commission agreed to take the Beautification items ahead of the Master Plan item. There was consensus to get citizen input regarding the FDOT – A1A project. The Commission agreed that if a compromise could not be made between the Town and FDOT, the project would not continue. Town Manager Colon explained that FDOT agreed to have a workshop to hear the residents concerns. The Commission agreed to begin the process before any decisions were made.

Town Attorney Trevarthen explained that according to the original Development Agreement for the El Mar Streetscape project, the location was in the Hospitality District. She clarified that the geographical description was still valid even though the Hospitality District was previously repealed.

The MPSC recommended widening the sidewalks along El Mar Drive and to improve the lighting to increase safety. Discussion followed on whether to move forward with the original student designs or to use the funds for all of El Mar Drive. Ernie Ojito, Ocampo & Associates, explained that there were drainage issues along the sidewalks and that the town would get more for their money if the funds were spent on the median. The MPSC was under the impression that once the winners of the contest were chosen the Town was ready to move forward.

The Commission continued to discuss whether the funds should be spread throughout El Mar drive or focused on the area given to the students. Town Manager Colon explained that the Commission was told at the beginning of this project where the money could be used. She pointed out that the Town did not have enough money to fix the drainage problem.

Diane Boutin felt the Town needed to take more time to brainstorm. She felt wider sidewalks and bicycle paths were necessary along with fixing the infrastructure problems.

The Commission discussed back out parking, pedestrian friendly sidewalks, and ways to increase safety along El Mar Drive. Vice Mayor McIntee requested the following item be placed on December 1, 2009 Commission agenda: To move forward with appropriating the \$980,000 for the El Mar Drive Streetscape project. Town Manager Colon said she will work with Ocampo & Associates to bring the Commission another alternative to consider.

The Commission agreed to schedule a Roundtable for Monday, December 7, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., to further discuss the El Mar Streetscape project and the Master Plan.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor McIntee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business before the Commission, Mayor Minnet adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.



Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:


Town Clerk, June White

12/3/09
Date