

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION

WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Town Commission Meeting Room

4501 Ocean Drive

Monday, July 20, 2009

5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, Commissioner Birute Ann Clottey, and Commissioner Stuart Dodd were present. Also present were Town Manager Esther Colon, and Town Clerk June White.

The following members of the Master Plan Steering Committee were also present: Paul Novak, Sandra Booth, Marilyn Carr, Robert Eckblad, Miguel San Miguel, Louis Dvorak, Marc Furth, and Mary Ann Wardlaw.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

a. El Mar Drive Streetscape Project Design

Mayor Minnet explained that this meeting was intended to give direction to the MPSC (Master Plan Steering Committee). Paul Novak explained that the MPSC had come up with a wish list of things they wanted to work on after the completion of the El Mar Drive design project and to hopefully get direction on that as well.

It was the consensus of the Commission to incorporate the current landscaping located on El Mar Drive. They discussed burying the utility lines. It was determined that enough funds were not available to bury the lines, and suggested it be made a responsibility of future developers. The Commission discussed the possibility of the median becoming a public walkway and creating a safety issue. They wanted an approximate cost from the Architect and Engineer as to how much it would cost to incorporate the winning designs of the El Mar Drive contest.

The MPSC suggested hiring a Landscaping Architect. The Commission discussed solar lighting for the area and incorporating trees to give the street curvature. Vice Mayor McIntee was against curving El Mar Drive. The Commission agreed to stay with two lanes on El Mar Drive. Ben Chen of Chen & Associates gave several suggestions regarding street parking, curving the street and burying the utility lines. The MPSC suggested widening the sidewalks to be more pedestrian friendly.

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Ernie Ojito, Architect with Ocampo & Associates believed it would be in the Town's interest to incorporate this project into the Master Plan so that it could be completed in phases. The Commission directed Ocampo & Associates and Chen & Associates return in one week with a break down of the cost. Shaun Bamforth, Engineer with Chen & Associates recommended expanding to eight foot wide sidewalks with a bike lane on El Mar Drive. The Commission discussed the possibility of obtaining grants and/or matching grants. The Commission agreed to look at the parking situation during special events.

The MPSC stated their wish list of projects containing bus shelters, a pedestrian walkway over A1A, and paid parking for restaurants. Commissioner Silverstone suggested that the restaurant owners look in to the parking situation and make suggestions on what could be done.



Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:



Town Clerk, June White

9-10-09

Date