

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SPECIAL WORKSHOP
APRIL 11, 2011 - 2:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor David Brenner, Commrs. Lynn Larson, Jack Duncan, Pat Zunz, Phill Younger

Absent: Commr. Hal Lenobel

Also Present: Town Manager Bruce St. Denis, Town Deputy Clerk Jo Ann Mixon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the Goals and Objectives Special Workshop of the Longboat Key Town Commission to order at 2:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brown requested and Commr. Younger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

Mayor Brown welcomed the Community Leaders and thanked them for their participation and for providing their written comments in advance of this meeting.

2. REPORT ON STATUS OF 2010-2011 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis reported on the goals accomplished during Fiscal Year (FY) 2010.

3. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS

A. Written Comments Submitted

1. Federation of Longboat Key Condominiums

Federation of Longboat Key Condominiums Secretary Roger Goldstein commented on the following topics/issues:

- quality emergency response services
- on-island comprehensive satellite medical facility
- fostering an environment which is advantageous and compatible with residential, visitor, and business interest
- improve staff manpower efficiencies
- examine freezing existing pension plans and move toward a fixed contribution plan
- implement development of the Bayfront Park and Albritton properties
- address traffic problems along evacuation routes and remove hazards
- request the Coast Guard operate the bridge openings on 30-minute intervals
- install license plate recognition camera at both ends of Gulf of Mexico Drive
- continue encouraging water conservation efforts
- continued support of the Longboat Key Trolley service.

3. Goals and Objectives from Community Organizations - Continued

A. Written Comments Submitted - Continued

2. Friends of Tennis, Inc.

The Friends of Tennis, Inc. Representative Elizabeth Ann Dohan commented on the following topics/issues:

- membership (400 pass holders)
- sanctioned tournaments
- fundraising efforts
- providing organized tennis to residents and visitors at an affordable price.

3. Longboat Key Historical Society, Inc.

Longboat Key Historical Society president Tom Mayers requested financial support and assistance from the Town of Longboat Key.

4. Longboat Key Public Interest Committee (PIC)

PIC Co-President Gaelle McLaughlin Barthold commented on the following topics/issues:

- review the Retirement Systems appoint Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee
- support the Aging in Paradise Resource Center
- fund and construct a Community Center
- improve communication infrastructure
- long-term beach management and nourishment program
- island-wide revitalization effort.

Discussion was held regarding holding discussions on the goals and objectives at the April 28, 2011 workshop and reviewing the adopted Vision Plan in relation to the submissions of the organizations this date.

5. Longboat Library

Longboat Library President Amy Roth commented on the following topics/issues:

- quality library service to residents and visitors
- operating library services with 60 well-trained volunteers
- Longboat Key Garden Club grant, fundraising efforts, and donations received
- adding Longboat Library to the list of amenities in Section 1 of the Vision Plan.

B. Responses Received For Attendance – No Written Comments Submitted

The following Organizations did not submit items for consideration:

Atrium Condominium Association
The Islander Club
Longboat Island Chapel
Spanish Main Condominium Association

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

A. Citizen Comments - Goals and Objectives

Mr. William Dilgard, Marbury Lane, commented on the following topics/issues:

- maintaining single family residential neighborhoods
- telecommunication and infrastructure improvements
- maintaining residents and taxpayers as the number one concern
- difficulties connected with maintaining a business in a seasonal community.

B. Citizen Comments - Goals and Objectives

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street (Vice Chairman of the Longbeach Condominium Association) commented on the beach maintenance and structures on the north end of Longboat Key.

C. Organization Comments - Goals and Objectives

Mr. Michael Drake, Longboat Drive South and President of the Village Association, commented on the following topics/issues:

- 2010 goals achieved (North end entrance enhancements and dedicated bench relocation)
- lowering speed limit on Gulf of Mexico Drive from 45 mph to 35 mph
- pedestrian walkway across Gulf of Mexico Drive
- traffic light at Broadway Street and Gulf of Mexico Drive
- re-installation of the Broadway hump back bridge over the bayou
- gas lights and landscaping along Broadway Street
- purchase of land (Longboat Drive South and Palm Avenue)
- enhancing school bus stop
- peacock/peahen removal.

D. Organization Comments - Longboat Key, Lido, St. Armands, (LLSA) Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Tom Aposporos, President of the LLSA Chamber of Commerce, commented on the LLSA Chamber and Longboat Key Tennis Center fundraising events and support of businesses and local events.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Discussion was held regarding the following topics/issues:

- reducing the number of peacocks/peahens
- Section 3: Goals, Strategies, and Action Steps (3) – appointing a liaison
- develop a program to maintain communications with local legislators/ representatives
- hiring a lobbyist
- education sessions regarding governmental interaction (Federal/State/County)
- State of Florida government changes and new processes.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis commented on the following topics/issues:

- attend legislative delegation meetings
- becoming more active with local representatives
- scheduling workshop discussion on governmental interactions.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS - Continued

Discussion was held regarding the following topics/issues:

- on-going items contained in the adopted Vision Plan
- Community Center efforts
- rotating historical photos at Town Hall
- fine tuning the mission statement in the adopted Vision Plan
- traffic issues (regional cooperation)
- maintaining single-family residential neighborhoods
- improved record keeping at the Longboat Key Tennis Center
- encouraging tennis tournament participants to utilize local accommodations
- organize a Village Association workgroup to resolve the peacock/peahen issue.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – Continued

E. Organization Comments - Federation of Longboat Key Condominiums

Mr. George Spoll, Harbourside Drive, invited the Town Commission to attend a Federation of Condominiums meeting, at the Islander Club, on Saturday, April 16, 2011, where the guest speaker would discuss property insurance related issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the April 11, 2011, Goals and Objectives Workshop at 3:17 p.m.

/s/ Trish Granger

Trish Granger, Town Clerk

/s/ James L. Brown

James L. Brown, Mayor

Minutes Approved: 07/11/2011