

**MINUTES  
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION  
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SPECIAL WORKSHOP  
APRIL 21, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.**

**Present:** Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor Jack Duncan, Commrs. Terry Gans, Lynn Larson, Irwin Pastor, Phill Younger, Pat Zunz

**Also Present:** Town Manager Dave Bullock, Town Attorney Maggie Mooney-Portale, Town Deputy Clerk Jo Ann Mixon

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Mayor Brown called the Goals and Objectives Special Workshop Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in the Town Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida. Mayor Brown requested and Commr. Zunz led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**1. MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Brown welcomed the meeting participants, explained the process for the meeting, and thanked the representatives for their participation and for providing their written comments in advance of this meeting.

**2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS**

**A. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Submitted**

**1. Longboat Key Garden Club**

Longboat Key Garden Club 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Susan Phillips commented on the following topics/issues:

- development of a Recreation Center at Bayfront Park
- beautification along Gulf of Mexico Drive
- crosswalks at strategic locations along Gulf of Mexico Drive.

**2. Longboat Library Association**

Longboat Library Association President Eileen Hassel requested the Longboat Library be included as an amenity in the Longboat Key Vision Plan and requested funding assistance. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- long-term plans for the library and becoming part of a Town Center
- digital book formats
- changing the Longboat Library Association into a Library Foundation.

**3. Longboat Key Kiwanis Club**

Longboat Key Kiwanis Club President Richard Crawford thanked the Commission and Town staff for their involvement and support of the annual Gourmet Lawn Party.

**4. Longboat Key Turtle Watch**

Longboat Key Turtle Watch Representative Cyndi Seamon commented on the following topics/ Issues:

- compare existing regulations with the Model Lighting Ordinance for Marine

## **2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued**

### **A. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Submitted - Continued**

#### **4. Longboat Key Turtle Watch - Continued**

##### Turtle Protection

- maintain the restriction that would keep dogs off the beach
- maintain the Police Dispatch function on Longboat Key.

Mayor Brown noted the turtle lighting issues were discussed at the Barrier Island Elected Officials (BIEO) meeting and efforts were under way to test a new lighting system.

#### **5. Longboat Key Historical Society**

Longboat Key Historical Society Representative Chet Pletzke commented on the need for a facility to house historical documents and artifacts, and explained the creation of a website *Longboathistory.com*, that contained an electronic/digital version of the Town's history.

#### **6. Longboat Key Federation of Condominiums**

Longboat Key Federation of President Representative George Spoll commented on the following topics/issues:

- cell phone service
- continue to provide emergency medical response services
- create a Town Center to include a cultural center and medical facility
- develop Bayfront Park to include a viable recreation facility
- address the unfunded liability from the frozen Pension Plans
- continuation of the trolley service
- restore residential and commercial balance, revitalization of aging buildings and infrastructure.

#### **7. Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce**

Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce President Gail Loefgren commented on the following topics/issues:

- resolve issues for the approved but unused tourism units
- resolve hotel-tourism units at 1620 Gulf of Mexico Drive (Colony)
- rewrite the Comprehensive Plan (streamline and simplify regulations)
- facilitate and enact the implementation consideration identified in the ULI Report
- create a Vision Plan for a Town Center
- support dredging of the pass.

#### **8. Longbeach Village Association**

Longbeach Village Association President Michael Drake requested consideration to implement a Master Plan for the Village are from Gulf of Mexico Drive to Sarasota Bay to include the following:

## **2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS – Continued**

### **A. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Submitted - Continued**

#### **8. Longbeach Village Association - Continued**

- lowering the speed limit to 35 miles per hour from Longboat Pass Bridge to south of Whitney Beach Condominiums
- install a pedestrian walkway at Broadway and Cedar Street or install a traffic light
- install a Broadway Street bridge over the bayous
- install gas lamps along Broadway Street
- enhance Broadway Street with additional landscaping including flowering trees and shrubs
- purchase land on Longboat Drive South and Palm Street for an open space park
- enhance the school bus pickup/drop off location
- maintain rain water catch basins and fall outs
- develop a parking ordinance for the Village area streets
- clean the bay access for easier foot traffic.

### **B. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Not Submitted**

The following entities were present at the Workshop:

#### **1. Bay Isles Master Association**

Bay Master Association President Bill Levine commented on the entrances to the Bay Isles development along Gulf of Mexico Drive and requested turn lanes on the south end of Gulf of Mexico Drive.

Discussion was held on crosswalks and turn lanes along Gulf of Mexico Drive.

#### **2. Longboat Key Club** – No comments were submitted.

#### **3. The Longboat Key Education Center**

The Education Center Executive Director Susan Goldfarb expressed support for a cultural center on Longboat Key.

#### **4. Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START)** – No comments were submitted.

#### **5. Mote Marine** – No comments were submitted.

#### **6. Country Club Shores, Unit 3**

Country Club Shores Unit 3 Representative Jered Whitehead commented on the individual Country Club Shores Homeowners Associations and the overlay district within Country Club Shores.

### **C. Written Comments Submitted (Unable to Attend)**

Mayor Brown noted that the Sleepy Lagoon Homeowner's Association and the Friends of Tennis had submitted written comments for consideration.

**2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS – Continued**

D. Open To Public (Other Organizations Not Listed): No items were presented.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**3. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission** - No items were presented.

**4. Commission Comments**

Following the presentations, discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- the written comments being connected to the Vision Plan
- safety and traffic issues along Gulf of Mexico Drive
- crosswalks and turn lanes (center lane) along Gulf of Mexico Drive
- conducting a workshop session to discuss strategy regarding Gulf of Mexico Drive
- involve the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the discussion process
- Broadway Street and Gulf of Mexico Drive intersection (traffic/safety)
- comprehensive discussion about Gulf of Mexico Drive and the traffic issue to include surrounding municipalities and pertaining agencies
- placing Broadway Street beautification on a future workshop agenda
- traffic/parking issues on St. Armands Circle (parking garage).

Mr. Bill Levine suggested contacting U.S. Congressman Vern Buchanan to request assistance on the traffic issues impacting Longboat Key.

Mr. Michael Drake suggested placing Police Officers to direct traffic at St. Armands Circle.

Town Manager Dave Bullock advised he would review the past efforts of the Town with the Florida Department of Transportation, re-engage the City of Sarasota regarding the St. Armands Circle traffic/parking issues, and place the issues on a future workshop for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Brown adjourned the April 21, 2014, Goals and Objectives Special Workshop at 10:18 a.m.**

Minutes Approved: 05-05-2014