

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SPECIAL WORKSHOP
APRIL 20, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Duncan called the Goals and Objectives Special Workshop Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., in the Town Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida. Mayor Duncan requested and Commr. Pastor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

Mayor Duncan 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. Federation of Longboat Key Condominiums

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

- traffic
- cellular service (dark fiber/underground)
- emergency medical response services
- development of a Town Center with cultural and medical facilities
- development of Bayfront Park
- continuation of the Trolley Service
- residential and commercial balance
- revitalization of building and infrastructure.

2. Friends of Tennis, Inc.

Resident Marc Bazilian requested three new tennis court be constructed.

Mayor Duncan thanked the Friends of Tennis for the gifts to the Town (2013 court resurfacing; 2014 mats/video teaching software and court broom; and 2015 golf cart for court maintenance/cleaning).

3. Sleepy Lagoon Homeowners' Association

Sleepy Lagoon Homeowners' Association Representative Rosemary Dilgard commented on the following topics/issues:

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued

A. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Submitted - Continued

3. Sleepy Lagoon Homeowners' Association - Continued

- traffic and crosswalk (GMD/Wake Island)
- beautification of beach area around 6399 Gulf of Mexico Drive
- tree removal from the beach
- additional police presence at the beach
- supports undergrounding utilities.

Discussions were held on the tree removal from the beach area and current police investigation.

4. Longboat Key Library Association - No representative was in attendance.

5. Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START)

START Representative Sandy Gilbert commented on the following topics/issues:

- coastal waterway and nutrient runoff
- requested meeting be held with a Sarasota County representative.

6. Country Club Shores Unit 3 - No representative was in attendance.

7. Longboat Key Garden Club

Longboat Key Garden Club Representative Susan Phillips commented on the following topics/issues:

- underground utilities
- Bayfront Recreational Park development (construct new Recreation Building)
- Gulf of Mexico Drive (GMD) beautification
- tree donations
- fund raising events
- Bicentennial Park.

Following discussion, there was consensus to place the issue of Bicentennial Park tree removal on a future workshop agenda.

8. Longboat Key Turtle Watch

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

- beach and bay protection efforts
- endangered species protection (turtles/sea birds)
- create a citizen committee to make recommendations to the Town Commission.

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued

A. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Submitted - Continued

9. Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce

Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce Representative Jeff Mayes commented on the following topics/issues:

- continue to enact and support policies to enhance Longboat Key
- institutionalize existing tourism density at the Colony (1620 Gulf of Mexico Drive)
- streamline and clarify the business regulatory and permitting processes
- beautification of Gulf of Mexico Drive
- redevelopment and development of commercial and tourism parcels
- protection and conservation of natural environment
- develop a Town Center with a medical component.

Discussions were held on the current tourist season room occupancy for local hotels/motels and obtaining a list of suggestions regarding local businesses and the permitting processes.

B. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Not Submitted

1. Bay Isles Master Association

Mr. Bill Levine declined to comment.

2. Country Club Shores Units 1 & 2

Country Club Shores Units 1 & 2 Representative Armando Linde commented on traffic and addressed roundabouts, crosswalks, and turn lanes.

Discussion was held on the Country Club Shores private beach access (Gulf of Mexico Drive and North Club Road).

3. Country Club Shores Unit 4 - No representative was in attendance.

4. Longboat Island Chapel - No representative was in attendance.

5. Longboat Key Center for the Arts - No representative in attendance.

6. Longboat Key Volunteer Fire Department - No representative was in attendance.

7. Mote Marine - No representative was in attendance.

8. Temple Beth Israel

Temple Beth Israel Representative Rabbi Jonathan Katz commented on the following topics/issues:

- signage on Gulf of Mexico Drive
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Adopt a Road Program
- sign placement/decorative sign posts.

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued
B. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Not Submitted – Continued

9. Sarasota Bay Estuary - No representative was in attendance.

10. The Education Center

Longboat Key Education Center Representative Susan Goldfarb commented on the following topics/issues:

- Centre Shops new ownership
- relocating the Education Center to the Cultural Center (when built)
- development of a Town Center.

Discussions were held on the current footage of the Education Center (3100 square feet).

C. Other Organizations in Attendance

North End Property Owners Coalition of Longboat Key Representative Denton Crews invited the Commission and audience to attend the upcoming North End Preservation and Redevelopment meeting scheduled for April 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Longboat Key Center for the Arts. Mr. Denton commented on the following topics/issues:

- increasing citizen involvement
- panel format meeting (Town Manager in attendance)
- support of local cultural and arts
- saving Greer Island (a/k/a Beer Can Island) from erosion.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

3. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

A. Planning, Zoning, and Building

Longboat Key resident Black Fleetwood, Gulf of Mexico Drive, commented on the following topics/issues:

- over development/strengthen zoning codes
- conservation program (tax on property sales).

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued

D. Town Commissioner Discussion

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- undergrounding and fiber-optic lines
- Gulf of Mexico Drive signage
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Adopt a Highway sign program
- beach access beautification
- properties with historical value.

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued

D. Town Commissioner Discussion – Continued

Following discussion, there was consensus to further discuss the signage along Gulf of Mexico Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Duncan adjourned the April 20, 2015, Goals and Objectives Special Workshop at 11:26 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 05-04-15