

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SPECIAL WORKSHOP
APRIL 18, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.**

Present: Mayor Jack Duncan, Vice Mayor Terry Gans, Commrs. Jack Daly, Armando Linde, Irwin Pastor, Phill Younger, Ed 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 Duncan called the Goals and Objectives Special Workshop to order at 10:00 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 the 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:

- invited Commission to attend Federation of Condominiums meetings
- traffic
- cellular service (dark fiber)
- development of a Town Center with cultural and medical facilities
- development of Bayfront Park
- continuation of the Trolley Service
- residential and commercial balance.

2. Longboat Key Garden Club

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

- utility undergrounding
- redevelopment of Bayfront Park Recreation Center
- beautification of Gulf of Mexico Drive
- development of a cultural arts and education facility
- Bicentennial Park landscaping improvements along Gulf of Mexico Drive.

3. Longbeach Village Association

Longbeach Village Association Representative Michael Drake commented on the following topics/issues:

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued

A. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Submitted - Continued

3. Longbeach Village Association - Continued

- cooperative relationship between association and Town (schedule meetings)
- parking in the Village area
- individuals storing personal property on Town property
- Broadway Street beautification
- pedestrian crosswalk at Broadway Street and Gulf of Mexico Drive
- rain water collection (Palm Drive and Longboat Drive North/South)
- Stone Crab Bayou and Savarese Bayou connection
- installation of a donated bench at Bayside Drive in the Bayfront area
- review the location of stop signs.

Town Manager Dave Bullock noted that staff could install the bench and that additional discussion on street lighting will take place when the Town Commission reviews the Neighborhood Undergrounding project.

4. Longboat Key Education Center

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

- development of a Longboat Key Cultural Center
- Ringling College of Art and Design (Longboat Key development)
- Longboat Key Education Center (lifelong learning).

5. Sleepy Lagoon Homeowners Association

Sleepy Lagoon Homeowners Association Representative June McGroary commented on the following topics/issues:

- development at the north end of the Key (proposed hotel)
- crosswalk (south side of the church)
- installation of a gazebo or arbor at 6399 Gulfside Road (beach access)
- handicap parking spaces at 6399 Gulfside Road beach access
- installation of trees/bushes in front of the Public Works Building
- Edlee Road beach access restored to the owners of Sleepy Lagoon.

Town Manager Dave Bullock noted staff could assist with the handicapped parking space issue at beach accesses.

6. Longboat Key Turtle Watch

Longboat Key Turtle Watch Representative Tim Thurman commented on the following topics/issues:

- protection and conservation of natural environment
- review/update to Town Code Chapter 100.

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued

B. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Not Submitted

1. Country Club Shores Units 1 and 2

Country Club Shores Units 1 and 2 Representative Gary Coffin commented and Town Manager Dave Bullock discussed the following topics/issues:

- New Pass dredging
- boating
- scheduling a meeting with the Town Manager.

Discussion was held on the dredging of the New Pass channel and beach erosion and examining solutions to the issue.

2. Country Club Shores Unit 3

Country Club Shores Unit 3 Representative Edward Jewett commented on the following topics/issues:

- beach renourishment and sand retention
- center turn lane along Gulf of Mexico Drive (GMD)
- continuous sidewalks along GMD.

3. Country Club Shores Unit 4 - No items were presented.

4. Emerald Harbor Homeowners Association - No items were presented.

5. Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce

Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce Representative Tammy Halsted commented on the following topics/issues:

- enact and support policies that promote and enhance Longboat Key
- streamline and clarify the Town's regulatory and permitting processes
- beautification of Gulf of Mexico Drive
- redevelopment of commercial and tourism parcels
- protection and conservation of natural environment
- Island Mobility Study (traffic)
- use of tourism dollars.

6. Longboat Key Estates

Longboat Key Estates Representative Hazel Steskal commented on canal dredging.

Town Manager Dave Bullock discussed the canal survey in process, noted the final report should come before the Commission within the next several months, and advised a dredging plan would be created.

7. Sarasota Bay Estuary - No items were presented.

8. Spanish Main Condominium Association - No items were presented.

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued

B. Attendance Confirmed - Written Comments Not Submitted – Continued

9. Temple Beth Israel - No items were presented.

10. Longboat Key Library

Longboat Key Library Representative Hazel Steskal thanked the Commission for the five-year lease and discussed the Town Center development and possible relocation of the library.

C. Other Organizations in Attendance

1. The Atrium (Fairway Bay III)

The Atrium Condominium Representative Gabriel Rosica commented on beach erosion and the need for continual maintenance of the beach.

2. Kiwanis Club of Longboat Key

Longboat Key Kiwanis Club Representative Armando Linde commented on creating a location at the north and south entrances to Longboat Key where civic minded organizations would have their logo signs posted.

3. Rotary Club of Longboat Key

Longboat Key Rotary Club Representative Nancy Rozance announced their participation in the Great American Clean-Up (April 16-17, 2016) and noted the Manatee County Adopt a Highway Program was available for organizations who wished to participate.

D. Town Commission Discussion

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- beautification of Gulf of Mexico Drive
- roundabout and crosswalks
- landscaping and turn lanes by Country Club Shores
- traffic (infrastructure and immediate change opportunities)
- Barrier Island of Elected Officials traffic study and development of a "Quick Fix" list
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project \$675,000 road improvement study
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funding
- traffic study from the island communities to the mainland
- new construction in Sarasota and Manatee Counties adding to the traffic issues.

There was consensus to continue discussions at a future workshop.

Town Manager Dave Bullock reported staff could review the following items as part of staff's ongoing work assignments:

- improving the landscaping at the Public Works Building on General Harris Street
- bench installation
- additional handicap parking spaces at beach accesses
- Longbeach Village drainage
- stop sign location review.

2. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND ASSOCIATIONS - Continued

D. Town Commission Discussion - Continued

Town Manager Dave Bullock reported and provided an update on the following long-term projects:

- Town Cultural Center
- beach strategy
- sand source strategy
- current sand delivery (trucks)
- reviewing the 130-foot wide beach design to compare to surrounding communities
- seek permission to relocate sand upward on the beach
- beautification of Gulf of Mexico Drive (GMD) and surrounding area.

There was consensus for staff to review the 130-foot wide beach design, compare to surrounding communities, and identify if the sand could be relocated upward on the beach.

Town Manager Bullock advised that a policy discussion was needed on GMD beautification, possible road development, and self-formed citizen committees.

3. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

A. Public Works/Planning, Zoning, and Building

Ms. Hazel Steskal requested traffic and local density issues be reviewed.

B. Organizations

Garden Club Representative Susan Phillips invited the Commission to join the organization for the annual awards (grants and scholarships) meeting and picnic on April 19, 2016, at Joan M. Durante Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Duncan adjourned the April 18, 2016, Goals and Objectives Special Workshop at 11:55 AM.

Minutes Approved: 05-02-2016