Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes February 10, 2009

I. Call to order

Chairman Guy Taylor called the regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on February 10, 2009 at 5:30PM in the Building Department Conference Room, 1301 Palm Boulevard. Other members present were Arnold Karig, Mike Layman and Tom Miller; also Secretary Douglas Kerr was present. Mr. Kerr explained that the meeting was advertised in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

II. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was the review of the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting. Mr. Karig made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. Home Occupations

Mr. Taylor explained that the Board acted as a quasi-judicial body and all comments made were treated in the same manner as court testimony and therefore any person who would like to speak to the Board should be sworn in. He then swore in all members of the audience that would be speaking.

#20- 23rd Avenue

The applicant's wife, Mrs. Smith, addressed the Board and explained she was requesting approval for a photography business at #20-23rd Avenue. Mr. Taylor asked how the business would work and Mrs. Smith answered that her husband would take pictures at various locations away from the residence and do normal office work and editing photographs on a personal computer at the house. Mr. Taylor explained that there was a prohibition on commercial activity, including photography, on the beach. Mrs. Smith answered that she understood this. Mr. Taylor asked if there would be any exterior evidence of a business and Mrs. Smith answered no. Mr. Miller asked if the business included the use of chemicals and Mrs. Smith answered no. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Karig seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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19 J.C. Long Boulevard

Mr. Taylor explained that the applicant for the variance request for 19 J.C. Long Boulevard had not been present for the past two meetings and that the Board would not be hearing this case until the applicant re-filed an application in accordance with the time constraints dictated by the ordinance.

IV. Miscellaneous Business- Executive Session

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to go into executive session to receive and annual briefing by the Deputy City Attorney.

V. Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.