

MINUTES OF THE ISLE OF PALMS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 11, 2008

The Isle of Palms Planning Commission met in the Building Department Conference Room, 1301 Palm Boulevard on June 11, 2008, at 4:30PM. Members attending included Barbara Bergwerf, Pat Campbell, Ron Denton, Bob Hooper, Sandy Stone and Dick Watson; also the Director of Planning, Douglas Kerr was present. David Stevens was absent. The press had been notified of the meeting and the agenda for the meeting was posted in City Hall and the Building Department to comply with the Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Denton called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The next item on the agenda was the review of the minutes of the May 14th, 2008 meeting. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hooper announced that due to his work schedule he needed to resign from the Planning Commission. He thanked everybody for the time they had served together and wished them the best as they moved forward. The Commission thanked Mr. Hooper for his service and assured him that he would be missed.

DISCUSSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Denton explained that Mr. Kerr had provided a draft of changes he recommended and asked Mr. Kerr to go through the changes. Mr. Kerr explained that as a result of the Commission agreeing at the last meeting to not go through a major update of the plan, he tried to keep the change minimal. He explained that the majority of the changes were simply to update information and that the only substantive changes were: to add the elements required by the new Priority Investment Act, to add a brief description of the erosion situation and to explain that the City and the County had entered into an agreement to comply with the Clean Water Act (NPDES).

The Commission went through each of the text changes. During the discussion of the amended section dealing with the beach, Mr. Kerr explained that the City Administrator had noted that there was not much information on the Long Term Beach Management Report. The Commission generally agreed with this point and they asked if it would be advantageous to incorporate the Long Term Beach Management Report into the Comprehensive Beach Management Plan. Mr. Kerr answered that he did not know, but that he would check with the coastal engineer who authored the two documents. Ms. Bergwerf asked if there were any standards that beach communities used to determine what an ideal density of the

beach might be. Mr. Kerr answered that he did not know, but that he could ask the coastal engineer about this as well.

The Commission generally discussed the Community Facilities element pertaining to EMS services. They agreed that it might be useful to add information relative to response times and how this compares with other communities. Mr. Kerr said that he would work on finding some additional information on this.

The Commission generally discussed the traffic counts and Mr. Kerr explained that the Police Department was capturing more detailed information than what was currently included in the plan and asked if the Commission wanted to include more in depth statistics. The Commission agreed that it might be useful to add an appendix with this information.

The Commission discussed the newly required Priority Investment element. Mr. Kerr explained that as he understood the requirements, it should include a mechanism to ensure coordination with adjacent jurisdictions on utilities, schools and transportation changes. The Commission agreed that it would be useful to have information in the plan about what is planned for the other side of the connector in Mount Pleasant. Mr. Kerr said that he would draft something for review at the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Watson explained that he had a scheduling conflict with the next meeting and the Commission agreed that they would attempt to reschedule the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m..
Respectfully submitted, Ron Denton, Chairman.