

MINUTES OF THE ISLE OF PALMS  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
January 9, 2013

The Isle of Palms Planning Commission met in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard on January 9, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. Members attending included Bev Ballow, Richard Ferencz, Ron Denton, Patrick Harrington, Noel Scott and Penny Lewis; the Director of Planning Douglas Kerr was present as well. Don Smith 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.

Vice Chairman Noel Scott called the meeting to order.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Scott asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Denton nominated Mr. Scott and Ms. Ballow seconded the nomination. With no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to elect Mr. Scott as Chairman. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of electing Mr. Scott Chairman.

Mr. Scott asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Ms. Ballow nominated Mr. Harrington and Mr. Denton seconded the nomination. With no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to elect Mr. Harrington as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of electing Mr. Harrington Vice Chairman.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PROJECTS

Mr. Kerr explained that City Council has ratified the Commission's suggestions on the commercial district. He explained that the City Council had hired a consultant to work on a parking study and that there may be a need for the Planning Commission to get re-involved with that project at some point and he explained that the Comprehensive Plan would need to be updated within the next year. He suggested that the Commission begin work on the Comprehensive Plan, as that process could extend over a year and asked if there were any other issues that Commission members wanted to discuss as these issues progressed. The Commission generally agreed that they would begin working on the Comprehensive Plan at their next meeting.

Ms. Ballow explained that she was interested in revisiting the tree ordinance, particularly the inclusion of invasive species. Mr. Kerr explained that there were also complaints to City Council about the fact that the tree ordinance did not give consideration to trees causing structural damage to houses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Ballow explained that she had attended the Public Safety Committee of City Council and there was an interesting situation on 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue where the owners were taking the position that the roadway was private. She stated that it could cause an issue in the long term if all of the roadways near the beach are determined to be private.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Noel Scott, Chairman.