

MINUTES OF THE ISLE OF PALMS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 15, 2014

The Isle of Palms Planning Commission met in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard on January 15, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Members attending included Bev Ballow, Richard Ferencz, Penny Lewis, Lisa Safford, Don Smith and Noel Scott; the Director of Planning Douglas Kerr was present as well. Ron Denton 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 Noel Scott called the meeting to order.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Scott stated that the first item on the agenda was nomination and election of Chairman and asked for nominations. Ms. Ballow nominated Mr. Scott and Mr. Smith seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Mr. Scott closed nominations and called for a vote, which was unanimous in electing Mr. Scott as Chairman.

Mr. Scott asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Denton and Mr. Ferencz seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Mr. Scott closed nominations and called for a vote, which was unanimous in electing Mr. Denton as Vice Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Scott noted that the next item on the agenda was the approval of the November 13, 2013 minutes. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Scott stated that the next item on the agenda was the review of the Comprehensive Plan. Director Kerr explained that the Commission has reviewed each element of the plan independently, and he has distributed a red-lined version of the entire plan showing all of the proposed edits. The Director remarked that he would like to have the Commission go over all of the edits together and then have each member review the document to finalize the draft at the next meeting.

The group began going through each element of the plan, and Director Kerr highlighted the following points:

- the Vision Statement now includes the mention of erosion;
- data throughout the plan has been updated to include the new 2010 census;
- the plan still lacks the number of vacant sites;

- detail on beach erosion has been added;
- highlights of the Recreation Department have been added, as well as mention of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform

The members agreed that they would go through the edits before the next meeting and be ready to discuss the plan at the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Director Kerr explained that Chief Buckhannon had forwarded information regarding wireless, solar-powered traffic counters he thought would work well for the City. In addition, the Director stated that Chief Buckhannon would like to install a counter in each of the inbound turn lanes at the foot of the Connector to be able to monitor the direction traffic is going once it gets on the island.

The Commission liked the product and, particularly, the idea of monitoring the turning patterns at the bottom of the Connector. They agreed to send a letter of support to the Public Safety Committee to express their desire for the counters be installed prior to the upcoming beach season. Mr. Kerr stated that he would draft a letter for the Chairman's signature.

Director Kerr informed the Committee that the annual legal briefing was scheduled for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noel Scott
Chairman