



Fort Myers Beach Local Planning Agency

**Council
Chambers2525
Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

9:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FINAL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Forrest Critser, Dan Hughes, Jane Plummer, Scott Safford, Karen Swanbeck and Patrick Vanasse.

Excused: Chair Megan Heil.

II. INVOCATION

Vice Chair Plummer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Local Planning Agency – April 13, 2021

LPA Member Hughes made a positive comment regarding editing the minutes.

LPA Member Critser moved to approve the minutes; second by LPA Member Vanasse.

Motion approved; 6-0 with Chair Heil excused.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. VAC 20210035, Vacation of a portion of School Street Right-of-Way

Adopt Approve/Approve with conditions/Deny: Vacation of a portion of Town right-of-way on School Street.

Town Attorney Herin, Jr. swore in those providing testimony. Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley provided details of the property to be vacated.

No public comment.

LPA Member Vanasse moved to approve as presented; second by LPA Member Hughes.

Motion approved; 6-0 with Chair Heil excused.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution 18-37-Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC)

Discussion and Direction about Resolution 18-37, Designating and Establishing Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Director of Community Development Services Jason Green noted that two members were still active. LPA Member Critser submitted his application, which left two openings for a total of five members. He revealed that the remaining members' terms expired in September of 2021 and he was not sure whether they were interested in another term. LPA Member Vanasse suggested holding meetings during season only so more people could participate. LPA Member Safford described what the HPAC was working on before they became inactive. LPA Members Vanasse and Safford did not see a reason to change the number of members. LPA Member Vanasse suggested creating a list of priorities for the HPAC. Director Green stated he would contact the current members regarding their plans for the future. LPA Member Safford suggested changing the date for meetings to prevent conflicts with holidays. Consensus was reached to conduct meetings during season only.

VII. LPA MEMBERS ITEMS/REPORTS

LPA Member Safford recognized the Chamber of Commerce and Shucker's for hosting successful events.

Vice Chair Plummer verified that they were using the same hurricane pass this year. She lamented the loss of the Mermaid restaurant. She noted that contractors were expressing frustration regarding permit delays. Director Green responded that he would not comment on individual permits. LPA Member Vanasse commented that third-party inspections were an option. Director Green stated that it was not appropriate to discuss Building Services during the LPA meetings. He indicated that people with questions surrounding permits should contact Building Services directly and talk to a supervisor if necessary. LPA Member Vanasse suggested that Town Council workshop permitting to address policy and educate the community.

A discussion was held regarding limiting electronic access to permit histories. Town Attorney Herin, Jr. reiterated that the information was not available because of past hacking problems and people had to come into Town Hall for access. Director Green stated that some information was available and was affiliated with the property address. He commented that a computer was available at Town Hall for the community to use.

No items from other members.

VIII. LPA ATTORNEY ITEMS/REPORTS

No items.

IX. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ITEMS/REPORTS

No items.

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

Director Green noted there should be four or five items on the agenda.

A. June LPA Potential Agenda Items

LPA Member Vanasse requested more detail regarding CIP recommendations. Director Green replied that they were trying to get to that point.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

LPA Member Vanasse moved to adjourn; second by LPA Member Safford. Motion approved; 6-0 with Chair Heil excused.

Minutes adopted as presented on June 3, 2021. Motion by LPA Member Critser and seconded by LPA Member Vanasse; motion passed 7-0



Amy Baker, Town Clerk