



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD/LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE TOWN OF BRINY BREEZES, FLORIDA HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, 4802 NORTH OCEAN BOULEVARD, BRINY BREEZES, FLORIDA.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members of the Planning and Zoning Board: Resident from District I – Ira Friedman; Resident from District II – Karen Wiggins; Resident from District III – Jerry Lower, Chairman; Resident at Large – Jim Leming; Alternate Member – Jim Phillippi; Resident from District IV – Greg Esterman, Vice Chairman participated in the first half of the meeting via telephone conference;

Absent: Angela Usher; Alternate Member William Armstrong was absent with notice.

Also present: Deputy Town Clerk, Cindy L. Corum; and Town Attorney, Jerome Skrandel

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL

Chairman Jerry Lower called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deputy Town Clerk Cindy Corum.

ADDITIONS, WITHDRAWALS, DEFERRALS, ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS

Board Member Ira Friedman added 'Discussion of Kean Presentation' to the agenda.

EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Jerry Lower mentioned that he, Mayor Bennett and several other Briny residents had a very informal conversation earlier in the week. He said the discussion revolved around the concept of self-development and possible sources of expertise which may be free or inexpensive to the Town. He stressed that no commitments were made and the conversation was speculative in nature.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes for the March 8, 2012 Planning & Zoning Board meeting were presented for approval.

A MOTION was made and seconded (Wiggins/Phillippi) to approve the March 8, 2012 Planning & Zoning Board meeting minutes. **MOTION PASSED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular P&Z Meetings will be held on, May 10, June 14, July 12, and August 9, 2012. There was discussion of possibly cancelling the July meeting due to some board members being out of town.

A MOTION was made and seconded (Wiggins/Friedman) to cancel the July 2012 Planning & Zoning Board meeting. **MOTION PASSED**

CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Clerk Cindy Corum presented a letter from Palm Beach County Department of Economic Sustainability regarding grants available for Community Block Redevelopment; News articles on the Keane Presentation from the Palm Beach Post, Sun Sentinel and the Coastal Star; A response letter from Ray Eubanks of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) stating that the Town's Comprehensive Plan must be finished by April 13, 2013; Chapter 9 of the Everglades Interim Report regarding the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply; and a letter from residents Mike and Sue Thaler with various questions and input regarding the Preliminary Draft Comp Plan. Copies of all of the above were included in the agenda packet and are attached to these minutes.

P&Z Board member Ira Friedman suggested adding the Thaler's letter to the agenda for discussion. The Board agreed by consensus.

Briny Breezes Inc. Board member Mike Gut requested copies of the Preliminary Draft Comp Plan be emailed to his Board members.

Board member Karen Wiggins suggested future drafts include a revision date on the document. Vice Chairman Greg Esterman requested attorney Skrandel include a brief overview on the anticipated progress and changes in future chapters of the Preliminary Draft Comp Plan.

REPORTS:

Briny Breezes, Inc. – Director and/or Manager

Briny Breezes Inc. Director Mike Gutt said that his board had recently decided unanimously that it was not in the best interest of the Town to go forward with the Kean development proposal.

P&Z Chairman

Nothing to report

P&Z Board Members

Nothing to report

Town Attorney

Nothing to report

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY P&Z BOARD

A. April 2, 2012 letter from Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) re: April 1, 2013 Due Date for Town's Comprehensive Plan

Chairman Jerry Lower spoke about the one year deadline to complete the Comp Plan. Attorney Skrandel said he expected the Comp Plan to be completed by the end of 2012. He also mentioned the DEO offers technical guidance and assistance if the Board had questions.

Chairman Lower reviewed some of Sue Thayer's questions and asked for opinions from fellow Board members. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding different elements of the Preliminary Draft Comp Plan. (Full audio available at Town Office)

Resident Barbara Orf commented that she favors mixed-use zoning on both sides of North Ocean Avenue. Attorney Skrandel provided an historic map of Briny Breezes which is attached to these minutes.

**B. April 4, 2012 Palm Beach Post News Article
re: Development Proposed by the Kean Organization**

This item was discussed previously.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AT PUBLIC HEARING BY P&Z BOARD

A. Review of Preliminary Draft #2 of the Amended Comprehensive Plan

There was a general discussion of multiple diverse elements of this section of the Preliminary Draft Comp Plan. Several residents offered input or posed questions. Questions were answered by the Town Attorney. (Full audio available at Town Office)

The Deputy Clerk was instructed by the P&Z Board to email copies of the first two sections of the Preliminary Draft Comp Plan to all Briny Breezes, Inc. Board Members.

Chairman Jerry Lower asked Attorney Skrandel to develop a timetable for the Comp Plan in conjunction with the Deputy Clerk. He explained this step would help in scheduling future meetings.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents Roger Bennett, Sharon Kendrigan, Kathy Bray and Marcia Malchuski commented on different subjects.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made and seconded (Friedman/Phillippi) to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Jerry Lower, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Cindy L. Corum, Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN SEAL

