



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call To Order

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Chair Barry Snyder called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Chair Barry Snyder, Helen Moore, John Williams, Jerry Towery, Shaun Graser, Tom Murphy and Charles Newsom

Also Present

Ex-Officio Councilmember Kit McKeon, City Attorney Dave Persson, Community Development Director Jeff Shrum, Planner Roger Clark and Recording Secretary Heather Taylor.

III. Approval of Minutes

14-0613 May 6, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Towery, seconded by Ms. Moore, that the Minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Snyder, Ms. Moore, Mr. Williams, Mr. Towery, Mr. Graser, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Newsom

IV. Public Hearings

12-7SP.1 SITE PLAN AMENDMENT - VENICE URGENT CARE CENTER
Owner: Sarasota County Public Hospital Board
Agent: Peter VanBuskirk, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Staff: Roger Clark, Planner

Mr. Snyder stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing; read a memorandum dated May 3, 2014; stated no written communications have been received regarding this petition; and opened the public hearing.

Mr. Persson queried commissioners on conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications. Mr. Towery, Mr. Newsom, Mr. Graser, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Moore disclosed site visits with no communication. Mr. Murphy disclosed conversation with facility staff regarding the need for more signs.

Mr. Clark, being duly sworn, provided an overview of the case, displayed an aerial photo of the site and development plan amendment, discussed the signage proposal and previously approved signage, staff analysis, Planning Commission determination alternatives, and answered commission questions regarding sign color consistency.

Wayne Ruben, being duly sworn, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, commented on the field change to paint the current sign white.

Peter VanBuskirk, being duly sworn, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in response to commission concern with sign visibility stated Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) restrictions hinder sign location closer to the roadway.

Mr. Snyder closed the public hearing at 1:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Towery, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that based on the staff report and the presentation, the Planning Commission, sitting as the local planning agency, finds this request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, City development standards and with the affirmative Findings of Fact in the record and, therefore, moves to approve Order No. 12-7SP.1, as well as amending the current sign by reference. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Snyder, Ms. Moore, Mr. Williams, Mr. Towery, Mr. Graser, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Newsom

14-1AM

TEXT AMENDMENT - EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Staff: Jeff Shrum, Community Development Director

Mr. Snyder read a memorandum dated May 3, 2014, and stated no written communications have been received regarding this petition.

Mr. Shrum provided an overview of the petition to remove ex-officio members from the various boards.

Mr. Persson explained that currently every member of the city council except the ex-officio are able to have open communication with one another without violating the Sunshine Law; removal of the ex-officio allows for communication between the commission and the liaison.

Mr. McKeon noted council discussion regarding position of the liaison, attendance, and the ability to interact with the commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Moore, that based on the staff report and the presentation, the Planning Commission, sitting as the local planning agency and land development regulation commission, finds this petition consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and recommends to City Council approval of Text Amendment Petition No. 14-1AM. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Snyder, Ms. Moore, Mr. Williams, Mr. Towery, Mr. Graser, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Newsom

V. Audience Participation

Pat Wayman, 3071 Border Road, commented on the Joint Planning Agreement between the City of Venice and Sarasota County regarding the establishment of a wildlife corridor.

Mr. Snyder recommended Mr. Shrum provide discussion regarding a wildlife corridor concept during the Woods Project planning.

VI. Comments by Planning Commission Members

Mr. Graser questioned staff on the planning commission's role in terms of future planning and asked for clarification on council direction regarding commission responsibilities.

Mr. Shrum noted his plan to provide the commission a list of current and projected projects, stated council looks to the planning commission for recommendations, and stressed the need to prioritize projects.

Mr. McKeon commented on the need for additional planning staff, funding for consultants, and the long term vision for the city.

Mr. Murphy commented on consultants to assist with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and project direction from city council on what projects to bring forward.

In response to Mr. Murphy's question, Mr. Persson provided a status update on the Laurel Road medical project.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary
