

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD AND PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
HELD JANUARY 19, 2017**

Town Engineer Rob Ern called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members of the Planning & Zoning Board and The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board were present.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the Presentation for the Downtown Planning Concept.

Town Engineer Rob Ern, Booth, Ern, Straughan & Hiott (BESH) gave background on what the presentation was about and then turned over the presentation to Michael Pape for further discussion.

Michael Pape gave detailed background on the ideas for the Town Streetscape Design. He said the landscape plans would make the Town more of a walkable community by adding seven foot sidewalks with two foot overhangs and creating eighteen-foot parking stalls. The landscape plans included a pocket park which would create attractiveness for all surrounding commercial buildings. He further explained the concept for the intersection of Palm Avenue and Central Avenue, which is to include bump-outs to create an area for landscape and also creates a safer, open area for pedestrians to cross the intersection. He then added that some of the plans would take some ownership involvement to make the ideas happen. He provided two ideas for a gateway sign for entering the Town and gave detailed background.

Sal Gallelli, 1004 N Tangerine Ave, asked how the semi-trucks would turn if bump outs were created at the corner of Palm Ave and Central Ave. **Michael Pape** replied that semi-truck drivers are used to turning in the radius that is designed used for the streetscapes around the United States. **Mayor Sears** added that the semi-trucks could be re-routed.

Planning & Zoning Board Member Douthit asked how the bus traffic would be effected by the new streetscape design. **Mayor Sears** replied that if there was a conflict the Town could go to the School Board and request the bus route to be changed per the agreement between both parties.

Unknown Speaker asked if the design would narrow State Road 19. **Michael Pape** replied no as SR 19 is owned and maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Member Miller asked why the parking spots changed from diagonal to straight. **Michael Pape** replied that there was no compelling reason to have diagonal parking **Pat Miller** said when visiting Town Hall, parking off SR 19 can be very dangerous. **Michael Pape** responded that adding the foliage would eliminate parking off SR 19 and also having non-diagonal parking gives people better parking ability.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Ernest asked where the lift station would be located. **Mayor Sears** replied down towards the lake. **Chairman Ernest** then asked how the lift station would blend into its surroundings. **Michael Pape** responded that landscape would be used to blend it in.

Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this evenings meeting. He said the State awarded the Town \$400,000 to install a wastewater line down Central Ave to Lakeshore Blvd. The Town wants to have a Master Plan and wants input from the residents and businesses.

Carinee' Merritt, Owner of A Little Bo-Tique and Spa, said she was concerned about parking for her business.

Inaudible due to cross conversation.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Ernest said the foliage is increased maintenance for the Town. She suggested the foliage be Florida native plants to reduce the maintenance for Public Services.

Michael Pape said that as designers they create gate way signs by using a Town or City's character. The design for the Town's gateway signs came from the Howey Mansion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Llewellyn

ATTEST:

Dairian Burke
Administrative Assistant II