

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Holmes, and Mayor Beyrouti. Attorney Denhardt arrived a few minutes late. Vice Mayor Lishamer was absent.

Appointment to Library Board

Edna Folio, representative on the Library Board for the Town has resigned due to relocating her residence. Commissioner Holmes nominated Ms. Sharon Corbin to the Library Board, and Commissioner Armstrong seconded the nomination. Roll call on the nomination and second, all yes. Ms. Corbin spoke briefly to the Board about her background and qualifications and thanked the Board for her appointment to the Library Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion Common Wall Duplex

Mayor Beyrouti stated he will get information from a developer who has done this type of project for the next meeting. A brief discussion was held on the types of issues involved on the rebuilding of common wall duplexes after storm damage or destruction and still maintaining the prior lot size.

Grant Del Bello Park & Grant Constitution Park

Mayor Beyrouti stated that the citizens have indicated to him they do not care to spend any more money on Del Bello Park, or any park, and that grants applied for should be for smaller projects covered by the grant money. He indicated that the citizens' priorities were more toward undergrounding the utilities and getting curbs, rather than improvements in the parks, since the parks were in good shape.

Commissioner Armstrong explained requirements needed for larger grants with matching funds, and that the grant money is harder to get due to other cities within Pinellas County that are competing for the funds. A brief discussion followed on the types of grants available, and how the Town could qualify for the smaller grants. Mike Nadeau will work with Commissioner Armstrong to reapply for smaller grants, and report back to the Commission on the grants status for both parks at a future workshop meeting.

Jim Goodman asked about possibly getting a grant for a new beach-cleaning machine. A short discussion was held about the need for our own machine, due to problems with breakdowns of the current machine, and problems with the shared expenses with other beach communities. Mayor Beyrouti indicated that grants were not available for this type of equipment, but the Board will check into the need for a new machine. A discussion followed on the beaches and the need to keep them clean.

Sherry Jones spoke to the Board about the proposed plans to build a kayak and wind surfer drop-off floating dock, a central fountain, and flowers in the park. She stated she appreciated these types of improvements and commended the Board on their efforts to get grants for these types of projects. A discussion followed on types of improvement projects and grants for recreation areas within the Town. The Mayor stated he would speak to businesses and organizations about donations for a fountain for the Del Bello Park. Commissioner Armstrong will move forward with scaled back improvement plans for the Town parks' grant applications, with a cap of \$50,000.00. She will report progress at the next workshop meeting.

Beach Accesses

Commissioner Armstrong reported on the improvements for the beach accesses in Town. She asked the Board for directions on how to proceed with the grant applications and the types of improvements that could be used to qualify for grant funds. Mayor Beyrouti suggested having an architect donate time to design the project and coordinate the beach accesses into the overall town image. A resident commented that the beach access at 177th Terrace and Lee Avenue needed to have the shower repaired, and that it would be nice to have trash cans beside the accesses. Mayor Beyrouti will report back on plans to beautify and modernize the beach accesses at a future workshop. A resident asked if the bush beside the Redington Shores directional sign, when you come over the Park Boulevard Bridge, could be trimmed. Mayor Beyrouti will have the staff contact Indian Shores to have it trimmed.

Approval 2005 – 2009 Capital Improvement Plan

There was a short discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan, Administrator Lusk will report back to the Board with more information at the next regular meeting.

50th Anniversary

Commissioner Armstrong reported on the progress of plans for the Town's 50th Anniversary celebrations. She went into great detail about the plans to survey, advertise, and promote the celebration; the plans for items to sell during the year; and she briefly touched on the events planned. Mayor Beyrouti stated that sending a survey would waste time since most people would not respond. A discussion followed on letters, stickers, and banners.

A detailed discussion was held with each committee member reporting on his or her portion of the overall celebrations. Ed Magaldi and Barbara Maglia reported on the new 50th Anniversary logo to be placed on banners, signs, hats, visors, and t-shirts as well as limited prints to be sold during the celebration year. Tom and Nancy Armstrong reported on the Kids Fun Day plans and events. Commissioner Armstrong reported on the Formal Recognition and Reception where the City Charter will be re-signed, after a short discussion the event name was changed to the 50th Anniversary Open House. Darcy Sheffield reported on the plans for the Luau to be held on the actual 50th Anniversary date on the beach, she went into detail on the costs and compared them with other options and caterers. A short discussion was held and options were discussed. Len Greenburg reported on the plans for the parade to be held prior to the Town Picnic. A discussion of the events followed, and options for getting sponsors to share some of the costs of them. The consensus was to proceed with the plans, dates, and events as discussed. Commissioner Armstrong will bring a list of costs, events, and sponsors to the next regular meeting.

Mayor Beyrouti reported on the Phase 1 & 5 Projects and a meeting held with the Town Administrator, Building Official, and Project Engineer, Tim Bourne. Several suggestions came out of the meeting as follows:

- 1.) To abandon the project altogether, and lose the funding.
- 2.) To request that Phase 1 and 5 be bundled together, this would allow the project to be restated with the grant and matching funds.
- 3.) Submit more funding for Phase 5, which will delay the project.

Mr. Bourne reported on the project and recommended grouping or bundling the projects to allow for more funding and take advantage of lower prices on larger projects, startup costs, etc. A short discussion followed on the options and procedures for the project, and the meeting procedures. Commissioner Holmes moved to reject all bids for Phase 5, and go out for new bids. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion and second, all yes.

Undergrounding Update

Administrator Lusk reported on the ongoing undergrounding project and the proposed future undergrounding projects in the Town. He requested the Board support his bid to get the cable company to underground at no cost, due to the franchise agreement they have with the Town. He explained how this has been done in other

cities, and how he wants to proceed with the negotiations with the utilities companies involved. A short discussion followed on the franchise agreement language, the project, and the timetable for the project. Administrator Lusk will report on the negotiations to the Board at the regular meeting. He requested the undergrounding be split into two separate projects, one project to underground Gulf Boulevard and one project to underground the other areas of Town, due to the differences in the easements on the interior streets and Gulf Boulevard.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Vacancy

Mayor Beyrouti explained the vacancy created by his resignation that will be effective on November 16, 2004. Commissioner Holmes recommended that the next regular meeting be postponed from November 9, 2004 until November 16, 2004 to allow the Board to deal with the vacancy as the first Agenda item at the regular meeting. A short discussion followed about the scheduling of the meeting, Attorney Denhardt advised the Board that the vacancy can not be addressed earlier, the Charter requires it to be taken care of on the day the resignation is effective. The consensus was to schedule the regular meeting on November 16, 2004 at 7pm.

Clock Town Central Business District

Mayor Beyrouti described the project to have a Town Clock placed in the Central Business District. He passed out copies of a brochure and costs for the clock. A short discussion followed on the clock, costs, lighting, and possible locations for the clock.

Town Administrator Evaluation

Commissioner Holmes asked the Board members to provide comments on an evaluation form and return them to him, so he can average the scores, and give the Town Administrator his six-month evaluation. He requested that they be turned into him by Monday November 1, 2004. He will report back to the Board on the scores and rating at the next regular meeting.

Speed Limit Gulf Boulevard

Mayor Beyrouti reported that the BIG-C has requested input from Towns about lowering the speed limit along all of Gulf Boulevard to 35mph. He asked for the Board's input on this issue. A discussion followed on the safety issues and the problems of slowing traffic. The consensus was to recommend the speed limit be left the same in Redington Shores, since the traffic flow is good in Town.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Beyrouti reported on a letter written by a resident, Pauline Daninos, about a neighbor that planted a row of trees that now blocks their view of the water. He asked Mrs. Daninos to comment, and she briefly explained the history of the problems with the neighbor. She said the neighbor told her, when the trees were planted they were a dwarf variety and that they would be kept trimmed, so as not to block the view of the water. The Mayor stated this is becoming a problem in the Town, since fences must be kept at 4' in height with 85% airflow; several people have started using shrubs, hedges, and trees to block their neighbor's view of the water. He asked the Building Official to look into neighboring cities Ordinances on this subject, and write a draft ordinance on the height of trees, bushes, and hedges or shrubs in the setback areas. Mayor Beyrouti also asked Mike Nadeau to look into changing the maximum height of fences along the side of the buildings to 6'0" to allow for privacy between houses. A discussion followed on the issue of privacy and water views, and on the types of fences, hedges, shrubs, trees, and other plants used as a fence to block views, and the possible language of an Ordinance to address these issues. It was also suggested to look into limiting the types of trees allowed

into the setbacks from the water, not only to protect water views, but to protect seawall integrity as well. Mike Nadeau, Building Official, will report back to the Board on this issue

Mayor Beyrouiti announced the following:

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, November 16, 2004 – 7:00 P.M.

Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, November 30, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

Election – March 8, 2005 – District Two, for two year term; District Four, for two year term; Mayor, for one year term – Qualifying begins Friday, December 3, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., closes Friday, December 17, 2004 at 12-noon

Mayor Beyrouiti also explained why the Mayor election was needed in March, and how the terms would go back to the normal three-year term after one year.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Hamilton, Admin. Secretary