

TOWN OF SURFSIDE
Sustainability Subcommittee of the Planning & Zoning Board
Meeting

February 23, 2017 6:00pm – 7:00 pm
Town Hall 2nd Floor Police Training Room
9293 Harding Ave, Surfside FL

MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chair George Kousoulas

Vice Chair Bertha Goldenberg

Chase Berger

Deborah Cimadevilla

Lou Cohen

Planning & Zoning Board Liaison – Chair Lindsay Lecour

Town Commission Liaison - Mayor Daniel Dietch

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Bertha Goldenberg at 6:10pm

2. ROLL CALL

- Vice-Chair Bertha Goldenberg, *Chase Berger, Deborah Cimadevilla, Lou Cohen were present. A quorum was established.
- *At time of roll call Chase Berger was not present. Mr. Berger entered the meeting at 6:30pm.
- Chair George Kousoulas absent.
- Lindsey Lecour P&Z liaison present.

3. WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER MS. DEBORAH CIMADEVILLA

- Vice-Chair Bertha Goldenberg thanked Ms. Cimadevilla for joining the Board and also thanked former Board member Larissa Alonso for her service.

4. ELECTION OF (TEMPORARY) SECRETARY

- Motion to nominate Lou Cohen for Secretary by Deborah Cimadevilla. Seconded by Lou Cohen. Motion passed 3-0.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 15, 2016 (deferred) / No minutes for January 26th as meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

- Motion to approve amended minutes by Lou Cohen. Seconded by Bertha Goldenberg. Motion passed 3-0.

6. SHORE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Understanding Miami Beach’s version, how well is Surfside’s current system serving the town and how well will it perform in the future? Identify the components to be addressed. For instance; dune height, plant varieties, crossovers, hard pack, boundaries, etc.

a) Crossover Code Language – Sarah Sinatra Gould, Town Planner.

- Sarah Sinatra provided overview of the proposed crossover code language. Deborah Cimadevilla suggested tabling this item until all board members are present.
- Motion to defer Crossover Code Language to the next meeting made by Deborah Cimadevilla. Seconded by Lou Cohen. Motion passed 3-0.

b) PEM Passive Dewatering Beach Erosion Control – Kenneth Christensen & Cesar Castillo.

- Student, Cesar Castillo of Florida International University brought forth a brief presentation of Pressure Equalizing Modules (PEM). PEM are hollow permeable tubes inserted vertically into the beach, which reduces erosion and prolongs the lives of nourished beaches. The month-long pilot study to show whether PEM affects the beach ground water level, hosted by FIU would be a \$120,000 with the backing of all the technology and scientific research made available. PEM have a 5-year life expectancy.
- Board members would like additional information regarding the study that was done in Hillsboro.

c) Coastal Bike Path Initiative – Mayor Daniel Dietch.

- Mayor Daniel Dietch provided an overview of the non-motorized coastal bike path. The hard pack would serve as the Town's segment for this continuous coastal community path starting from South Pointe Park to Fort Lauderdale.
- Motion to look at the feasibility of improving the hard pack with shade trees by Deborah Cimadevilla. Seconded by Lou Cohen. Motion passed 4-0.
- *Due to time items 7 and 8 were not discussed.

7. SUSTAINABLE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS (LEED)

Other communities are requiring their own new structures to meet sustainability criteria. Many also require this of new private construction. What should Surfside do? Review applicable criteria for fulfilling LEED certification at every level, understand those points that are realistic to achieve in Surfside, those that are more difficult, and develop a direction and level of requirements for incorporation where necessary.

a) New Construction LEED requirements – Sarah Sinatra Gould, Town Planner.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

The long-term view. Item 10 could be the first component focus as water level and soil issues in the H30A/B zone would be identified quickly.

a) UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES FEASIBILITY

Some see the undergrounding as disruptive and unnecessary. Others see it as an aesthetic and reliability upgrade long overdue. Both cite the infeasibility / feasibility as favoring their position. Address the challenges, risks and merits as the matter of placing infrastructure close to and in the path of a rising water table is central to the discussion.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 30, 2017 AT 6:00PM

Motion to adjourn by Deborah Cimadevilla. Seconded by Chase Berger. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 30 day of March, 2017

Attest:


Recording Clerk


Sub-Committee Chair