



Town of Surfside

SUSTAINABILITY SUB COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

Chief Terrill Williamson Police Training Room
9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor, Surfside, FL 33154

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kousoulas at 5:07 p.m.

The following were present: Chair Kousoulas
 Committee Member Lou Cohen
 Committee Member Moshe Behar

Absent: Vice Chair Bertha Goldenberg
 Committee Member Deborah Cimadevilla

Also present: Daniel Dietch, Town Mayor
 Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager
 Duncan Tavares, Asst. Town Manager
 Sarah Sinatra Gould, Town Planner
 Kathy Mehaffey, Town Attorney
 Brian Roller, Planning and Zoning Vice Chair
 Elora Riera, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2017

Committee member Cohen moved to approve the minutes as written. Passing the gavel, Chair Kousoulas seconded the motion which passed 3-0 by unanimous vote.

3. Shore Management Plan

Chair Kousoulas commented that when this was first brought to the Committee, they were provided with a USB of information. There were two plans provided to the Committee; one from January and the other from August.

Committee member Cohen commented that he preferred the August plan because it was in more detail and had more depth.

Discussion ensued regarding the August shore management plan and how to move it forward.

Committee member Cohen made a motion to accept and recommend the August shore management plan to the Planning and Zoning Board for review and to recommend to the Town Commission. Committee member Behar seconded the motion which passed 3-0 by unanimous vote.

Mayor Daniel Dietch arrived at 5:20 p.m.

4. Sea Level Rise

Assistant Town Manager Tavares advised the Committee that Board member Goldenberg emailed the maps but they have not been reviewed by staff yet. Once they have been reviewed, it can be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Some discussion ensued regarding how high the Town is in terms of elevation. After some discussion, the item was deferred for the next meeting.

Chair Kousoulas commented that at the last meeting he asked Town Planner Sinatra about capillary actions. Town Planner Sinatra commented that her engineer said they do not do that.

Mayor Dietch advised the Committee of a helpful website to determine sea level rise called climate central.

5. Sea Walls and Dune Heights

Chair Kousoulas commented that this item also correlates to the sea level rise item. Without the information from that item it is difficult to discuss this item.

Discussed ensued regarding the building of sea walls and the seawall coalition item that is on the upcoming Town Commission meeting agenda.

Chair Kousoulas asked if someone is required to raise the sea wall with substantial improvements or operations. Town Planner Sinatra replied that she will speak with Building Official Ross Prieto.

Discussion ensued regarding a long term desirable dune height.

After some discussion, the item was deferred for the next meeting.

Committee member Cohen felt that it would be a good idea to have an an 8th grade Social Studies teacher and student of their choice from the local school attend a meeting to show them the initiatives of the Town. Town Manager Olmedillo stated that it is a great idea and staff will discuss it with the school to see if it is possible.

Committee member Cohen made a motion to invite a teacher and student from the local school to the next meeting. Committee member Behar seconded the motion which passed 3-0 by unanimous vote.

6. Public Comments

Jennifer Rotker of 9016 Collins Avenue asked about signage for the dunes and sea turtle awareness on the beach.

Mayor Dietch spoke regarding a discussion item that will be discussed at the upcoming Town Commission meeting regarding additional sustainability initiatives.

7. Adjournment


Committee member Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Committee member Behar seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 25th day of January, 2018

for 
George Kousoulas, Chair

Attest:


Elora Rivera, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk