

Town of Surfside PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MINUTES

May 23 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Commission Chambers –
9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor, Surfside, FL 33154

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice Chair Judith Frankel called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Vice Chair Judith Frankel, Board Member Peter Glynn, Board Member

Jorge Garcia and Board Member Rochel Kramer

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky entered at 6:05 p.m.

Absent: Chair Lindsay Lecour*, Board Member Brian Roller and Board Member Marina Gershanovich.

2. Town Commission Liaison Report – Vice Mayor Gielchinsky Vice Mayor Gilchensky gave his Liaison Report and updated the Board on the second reading of the Hotel Ordinance and since it was advertised

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould since pz req a deferall but the commission wanted additional items for analysis and they will bring it to their next pz meeting

Vice Mayor Gilchensky also spoke regarding Florida Friendly Landscaping and the things involved, water, fertilizer and pesticides.

*Chair Lecour arrived at 6:06p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 30, 2019

A motion was made by Board Member Rochel Kramer to approve the April 30, 2019 minutes, motion received a second by Board Member Jorge Garcia. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote with Board Member Brian Roller, Board Member Marina Gershanovich and Chair Lindsay Lecour absent.

4. Applications:

A. 9538 Harding Avenue – The applicant is requesting three (3) Permanent Window Signs and one (1) television screen.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould introduced the item and staff recommendations that the applicant provide a signage and windows to be consistent with the code requirements.

A motion was made by Board Member Peter Glynn to approve the application with staff conditions, motion received a second by Board Member Jorge Garcia. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote with Board Member Brian Roller, Board Member Marina Gershanovich and Chair Lindsay Lecour absent.

Chair Lindsay Lecour entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m. after the item was approved and voted on.

B. 524 92nd **Street-** The applicant is requesting to convert their garage to approximately 286 square feet of additional living space.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould introduced the item and staff recommendations for the applicant to provide landscaping in front of the garage per the code.

A motion was made by Board Member Rochel Kramer to approve the application with staff conditions, motion received a second by Vice Chair Judith Frankel. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote with Board Member Brian Roller and Board Member Marina Gershanovich absent.

Board Member Marina Gershanovich entered at 6:10 p.m. after the item was approved and voted on.

C. 8826 Froude Avenue – The applicant is requesting to build a 2,247 square foot two-story new home.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould introduced the item and the applicant addressed all staff conditions.

Gerald Belgrave, applicant, spoke regarding the conditions set by the Town and how he has met all the requirements requested.

The following public speaker spoke on the item: Florence Las

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould addressed the speaker's comments and concerns.

Marci Varc, applicant, answered the questions and concerns of the speaker and the Board regarding the dust, construction, AC permit and pool pump permit.

Further discussion took place among the applicant, the Town Planner and the Board regarding the noise due to the construction, dust and recommendations suggested by the Board.

Board requested an enclosure around the air conditioning unit, and the air conditioning pump must be located 15 feet from the neighbor's house, and it must meet code requirements.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Judith Frankel to approve the application with staff recommendations and conditions, motion received a second by Board Member Peter Glynn. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote with Board Member Brian Roller absent.

D. 9472 Harding Avenue – "Mesa" Bar-Fish-Meat - The applicant is requesting the change of face on one (1) existing illuminated Individually-Mounted Push Through Letter Sign for the Mesa Restaurant

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould introduced the item and staff recommendations made to the applicant. The applicant has not submitted new documentation showing they met code requirements and therefore she is requesting denial of this application.

Carlos Blanco, representing the applicant, spoke regarding the signage.

Chair Lindsay Lecour questioned the window sign.

A motion was made by Board Member Peter Glynn to defer the item until the applicant returns with a new package, motion received a second by Board Member Jorge Garcia. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote with Board Member Brian Roller absent.

5. Local Planning Agency Items

A. Florida Friendly Landscape

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, "LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS," OF CHAPTER 90, "ZONING," OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title into the record.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould introduced the item.

Further discussion took place among the Board and staff regarding the item and singling out certain landscape, pesticides and if additional staffing will be needed to enforce the Ordinance.

The following public speakers spoke on the item: Sasha Plutno

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould explained the item and being in accordance with Miami-Dade County Code.

Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo answered the Board's question regarding additional staffing and the ordinance.

Discussion continued among staff and the Board regarding regulation, enforcement of the code, additional staffing and placing these changes in the Newsletter so the residents know of the changes to the code.

Chair Lindsay Lecour recommended possibly offering a free training to the oneman shop landscapers with the changes.

A motion was made by Board Member Peter Glynn to approve the Ordinance and recommends sending it back to the town Commission for their approval, motion received a second by Board Member Jorge Garcia Motion passed with a 6-0 vote with Board Member Brian Roller absent.

6. Discussion Items:

A. Freeboard, Base Flood Elevation and Finished Floor Elevation

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould introduced the item and provided different flood elevation options comparing them with the different hurricanes in the past.

Further discussion among the Board and Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould regarding the elevation and pitched roof continued.

The following public speakers spoke on the item: Jeff Rose Sasha Plutno Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould answered the questions the public speakers had regarding a flat room house and a pitched roof house and how the code treats them.

Board Member Peter Glynn spoke regarding the need of the need for the referendum and the changes are needed.

Discussion continued among the Board regarding the need of the elevation, what height is needed, and the event of a storm surge. The Board also questioned if a storm surge would hit the Town if the Town would rebuild, what those code requirements would be and having to wait for a referendum.

Be interested in exploring it as a referendum to help the residents.

Chair Lindsay Lecour and the Board continued discussion regarding the freeboard elevation, showing different visuals on a board for the public to see and attach the language to unlock the height with no height change.

Board recommends having two (2) information sessions/workshops in the summer with the ballot language and have a Liaison assigned taking it to the Commission for their approval.

B. Summer Meetings Schedule

Board requested to combine the June and July Board meeting and have that meeting July 11, 2019 and Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould will check with the Town to see availability of the chambers.

C. Future agenda items

Board Member Peter Glynn commented on the terrible sulfur smell off the storm sewer on 88th Street during low tide.

Discussion among Chair Lindsay Lecour and Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould regarding revisiting the 2nd story allowance. Chair Lindsay Lecour asked to have clarification of what has been done and have Town Planner Sarah Sinatra Gould present it at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Rochel Kramer to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Lecour, Chair

Attest:

Sandra Novoa, MMC Town Clerk