

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 16, 2007
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Maloof

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins	District 1	Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton	District 2	Present
Commissioner Bob Minning	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz – Vice Mayor	District 4	Present

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Burke spoke complimenting the Mayor for an excellent Prayer Breakfast last week. He feels it was one of the best ones yet. He also announced that on October 27th there will be another sea oat planting.

Hellen Davis read a letter that she had published in the St. Pete Times this week in reference to property taxes. Mayor Maloof commented that she had read the letter in the paper and asked Ms. Davis to come in and read the letter. It is a problem that we as a community need to let our legislators know about. We will send copies of the letter to our legislative delegation.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Res. 07-95 Boat Parade Donation

It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Bildz stated that he felt that the Yacht Club was missing the boat and not collecting private donations. He is concerned about donations in these budget times and thinks we should stop them now. Commissioner Minning stated that he had heard from Mr. Lathrop, who is going to send out a letter soliciting private donations. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was 4 – 1, with Commissioner Bildz being the dissenting vote.

2. Appeal of Planning & Zoning Denial of Site Plan (Quasi Judicial Hearing)

City Attorney Kiefer explained that this was a continuation of the appeal of the Planning and Zoning Denial of the site plan. All witnesses were sworn in by Ms. Kiefer.

Mr. Erdman explained that they have changed the elevations on the building. They have provided new drawings. The elevations are similar to those on the bridge. Commissioner Collins asked about the colors and whether they would be two shades. Mr. Erdman stated that it would be two shades of beige. Commissioner Collins asked what the exterior walls would be made of. Mr. Erdman answered that they would be stucco.

Ms. Kiefer asked if the applicant wanted to submit the new drawings into evidence. Mr. Erdman asked that they be submitted. The Commission agreed by consensus to enter them into evidence.

Commissioner Bildz asked Ms. Rosetti if they were allowed to turn this down solely for design, if City Staff finds that it meets all other criteria. Ms. Kiefer stated that they could not because there were not specific design guidelines in the code. Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification on the City code regarding external circulations patterns, and how they could be done differently. Ms. Rosetti stated that they can not be, and it has been determined that they meet the requirements of the code. Commissioner Bildz asked how you would get to the property if you are traveling east. Ms. Rosetti stated that you would have to turn around and enter from a westerly direction. Ms. Kiefer stated that there are eleven conditions that must be met in order for approval. One of those criteria is the traffic patterns, which have been approved by the Public Works Director. Ms. Rosetti stated that several years ago a site plan that was very similar to this one was approved for the property. Commissioner Bildz asked for clarification regarding final approval by the Public Works Director regarding solid waste. Mr. Hambidge has approved the location of the dumpsters. The Commission could further stipulate that the doors to the trash container do not open out onto the sidewalk.

Commissioner Minning asked the applicant if they would be willing to reconsider the design of the dumpsters to make access from the property rather than 107th Avenue. Mr. Erdman stated that their original plan was that way, but it was requested by the Public Works Director to change to this new plan, so they changed it. Commissioner Minning stated that though it may be more convenient in terms of solid waste pickup, it was not as visually pleasing. Mr. Erdman stated that it was heavily landscaped to hide it from view, and it would be a substantial enclosure. They are willing to modify it so that it doesn't interfere with the sidewalk. Commissioner Minning stated that they have done a great job in improving the appearance, and he would like to see this changed. Mr. Erdman stated that they would be happy to speak with Mr. Hambidge and move it if asked. Commissioner Minning asked if this could be a condition of approval. Mr. Silverboard stated that final approval of the solid waste area by the Public Works Director was already a condition of approval. They could state that they would like a different pick up point. We would require that they have decorative gates.

Commissioner Bildz asked about the storage of bicycles, and whether there was anything on the site plan now. Mr. Erdman stated that they would be willing to add bicycle storage if it is a condition of approval. Commissioner Bildz asked about the For Sale sign on the property, and whether they still intended to sell. Mr. Erdman stated that their intent is to build a hotel on the property. Commissioner Bildz asked Ms. Kiefer if she is satisfied with the ownership documentation on the property. She

stated that she investigated this, and was provided with all requested documentation, and is satisfied with what was provided. Commissioner Bildz stated that he preferred the Art Deco design presented at the last meeting.

Commissioner Gayton stated that he liked the design, and that it took a lot of effort to make these changes. It is not their responsibility to design it, and he thinks they have done an excellent job. He would like to move the item forward. He would be willing to put a condition regarding the dumpsters in his motion. The motion includes all staff recommendations. Commissioner Bildz suggested a sliding gate rather than one that opens out onto the sidewalk. Commissioner Collins stated that they are often left open and we can't guarantee that they will be utilized. Mr. Erdman stated that it would be an operational issue and they would ensure that it was closed at all times.

It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the appeal subject to staff recommendations. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Res. 07-97 Code Enforcement Board Appointments

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Commission urged interested citizens to apply for boards and committees.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

Mary Maloof, Mayor

Phil Collins – District 1

Ed Gayton – District 2

Bob Minning – District 3

Alan Bildz – District 4

ATTEST:

Dawn M. Foss, City Clerk