

MINUTES
BREVARD PLANNING BOARD
June 19, 2012

Brevard Planning Board met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present: Rick Lasater, Chairperson
Norah Davis
Seyl Park
Gary Daniel
Kimsey Jackson

Members Absent: Paul Welch
Parker Platt

Staff Present: Joshua Freeman, Planning Director
Aaron Bland, Planner
Janice H. Pinson, Board Secretary

I. Welcome and Introduction of Planning Board Members.

At 7:02 PM, Chairman Rick Lasater called the meeting to order. Chairman Lasater introduced the members present. A quorum of the Board was present. Chairman Lasater led in a moment of silent meditation.

II. Approval of Minutes

Norah Davis moved, seconded by Kimsey Jackson, the Board adopt their minutes from their May 15, 2012, meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Old Business

Parking Study Update/Discussion

Josh introduced Aaron Bland and gave an overview stating that this was the second parking study that he has been involved in the first being done in 2007. In this study information was presented to Council and since that time Council has made the decision that there is need for the study to be continued as part of the Downtown Master Plan.

Aaron gave a presentation of the Parking Study. The Planning Department is in the early stages of a downtown parking study. Early data suggests that parking is presently not a concern, but easily could be in the future. Purpose: Council has heard concerns from the public about parking in Brevard. Past study did not find need for more parking.

Goals: Address concerns of parking shortcomings by determining: parking supply, demand and usage in downtown Brevard. Study Methodology – study will run from May-October Aaron explained his collections days and times, how often he collects data and that he also video used for quicker collection of data which he can review afterwards and enter into collection sheets.

He explained his preliminary findings which are attached hereto and labeled Exhibit “A”.

He then shared his thoughts on the Planning Board’s Role which is attached hereto and labeled Exhibit “B”.

The Board had discussion points brought up where as follows:

- Need to review streetscape plans from Downtown Master Plan
- Median parking – center lane parking on diagonal ex: Highlands
- Core of downtown parking make shorter term parking
- Capture court date parking in the parking study
- Capture parking on camp opening and closing dates
- Long term solution to center parking for trucks (delivery vehicles)
- Need to take aesthetics into consideration – wide streets not as nice looking
- Standards for parking space sizes vs. existing sizes.

Public Space Needs Update/Discussion

Josh provided a presentation on our present public spaces. The slideshow presentation included properties currently owned by the City and County. We need to develop an understanding of what our needs are and what properties can satisfy those needs. We need to focus on our need for economic development and quality of life. What properties do we need and where? He stated the importance of public input and the most effective way to obtain this information.

The Board requested a map showing the current and proposed bike path system(s), and also maps of facilities existing and proposed, public and private- both City and County.

It was also discussed the need to identify partners ex: other governmental groups, Forest Service –state and federal, Tourism Development Authority, Wildlife Resources Council, etc.

There being no further business Chairperson Lasater requested a Motion to Adjourn, Motion made by Kimsey Jackson to adjourn, seconded by Norah Davis. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Rick Lasater, Chair

Janice H. Pinson, Board Secretary