

**MINUTES
HARBOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2021 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021 in the Destin City Hall Board Room.

2. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Present

James Green
Jan Best
Sandy Trammell
Mike Raim
Casey Jones in at 5:37

Members Absent

Mike Buckingham
Ian Blaise

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Steven O'Connor Principal Planner
Louis Zunguze CD Director
Krystal Strickland Finance Director
Joey Forgione Code Compliance Dir.
Dwayne Sanders Harbor & Waterways

3. MINUTES: September 8, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting as written, was made by Committee member Raim with Committee member Trammell providing the second. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote for approval. Committee member Jones was not present for the vote.

4. DIRECTORS REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) Harbor Capacity Study Update

Mr. Zunguze provided the members with a brief background of all the information being obtained by the parking study, the survey/questionnaire, identifying waterfront property in and adjacent to the city to aide in bringing the information forward to the Harbor Capacity Committee with the current state of affairs of the harbor, in order to begin discussing the next steps to take. After which, the staff will start conducting public workshops to get the feedback from the public and start working on recommendations for City Council's consideration.

B) Livery Vessel Moratorium Extension Update

Mr. Zunguze spoke of how the livery vessel moratorium was extended by Council in November for an additional 6-months. Additionally, the livery vessel applications are being accepted for the upcoming season. He also advised the members that Council is potentially looking at putting a freeze on all marine construction applications, while the Harbor Capacity Study is taking place for both residential and commercial, which would be discussed at the January 3, 2022 Council meeting.

Vice Chairman Green spoke of how he feels that single family dwellings outside of the harbor district should not be included. Pointing out that all it would do is back up the permitting department come September when people are allowed again to do repair work.

Committee member Trammell pointed out that the freeze would only be on new construction and not repair work.

Mr. O'Connor also clarified for the members that this does not include projects that have already been approved, but not yet constructed.

Motion by committee member Green to recommend to Council that the dock moratorium only be placed on harbor district properties. With Committee member Raim providing the second.

Committee member Jones spoke of being opposed to all moratoriums put in place that tells a property owner that they cannot do what they want to on their property.

The motion passed 4-1, with Committee member Jones voting no.

➤ **Livery Vessel registration update**

The Code Compliance Director Joey Forgione introduced Dwayne Sanders who is the new Harbor & Waterways Officer and provided his background experience. He then informed the members that so far, the Livery registration is coming in smoothly with no issues.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Capital Projects Status Update – Krystal Strickland**

❖ **FY-22 Capital Projects Status List**

- Undergrounding Electrical Harbor District - from Marler Bridge to Beach Drive \$13M
 - Funding of Project will be discussed at the 2022 Visioning Session and attendance is requested by HCRAAC members

❖ **Operating Report**

- Florida Building Code Fund - New
 - Balance Sheet format for both CRA's
 - HCRA FY-21 \$972k tax incremental revenues from the County
 - \$27k expenditures in Median Maintenance
 - \$524k in Debt Services

➤ **Developmental & City Projects Updates**

- City wide Pedestrian Projects have all been finished
 - McGuire's Parking Structure is ongoing
 - Heron Harbor D.O. Project is not going forward and voided

Committee member Jones asked how soon the second phase of the Pedestrian Improvements would get funded.

According to Mr. Zunguze, the project is in the design phase where two options are being created to present to City Council for them to choose from, then it brought before this committee to provide recommendations for refinement.

The Vice Chairman asked for an update on the construction of Royal Melvin Park.

The City Attorney informed the members that this project has been challenging at best and there has been a lot of delays however, at this time, it is moving forward and there has been some progress.

Mr. Zunguze informed the members that the Cross Town Connector will be presented to Council at the second meeting in January at its 60% design phase.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:**

➤ **Committee member Jones**

Spoke of how only a government entity would put a moratorium on something that funds it and declared how ridiculous that is to him.

➤ **Committee member Trammell**

Informed everyone that she attended the Board of Adjustment Hearing and the request to allow the additional parking spaces, off season boat storage, and overflow valet parking on Mountain Drive and was approved. She also inquired about the Annual Report and its status. As well as the problems they've encountered with getting quorums to meet this past year. And lastly, if they get their goals and objectives done, then the Council will have the opportunity to review them.

➤ **Committee member Raim**

Spoke of his ongoing concern for the safety of the public on the Calhoun Avenue especially around the area of McGuire's where people are turning every which way in that general vicinity. He feels that this time of the year is the right time to try and work on a solution.

Mr. O'Connor spoke of meeting with Dr. Raim and other staff members to discuss the intersection and shortly after, City Council directed staff to develop a framework for a Vision Zero Plan, which is an all-encompassing city wide safety plan to address issues, such as this area. Additionally, any roadways that front Highway 98, FDOT must be included in the decision making process.

➤ **Vice Chairman Green:**

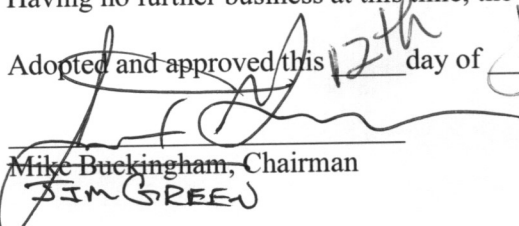
Vice Chairman Green spoke of how busy this past summer was. More so than he's ever encountered, and he feels it had a direct impact on this committee not being able to meet this past season. He also discussed how aggressive the speed table is on Calhoun Avenue and feels it should be removed.

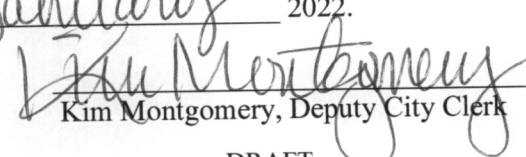
Motion by Vice Chairman Green to recommend to City Council to have the speed table removed on Calhoun Avenue near Leonard Destin Park. With Committee member Trammell providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of January 2022.


Mike Buckingham, Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

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