

**MINUTES
HARBOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2022 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2022, in the Destin City Hall Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Present

Mike Buckingham
Sandy Trammell
Jan Best
Casey Jones
Mike Raim

Members Absent

Ian Blaise
James Green

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Steven O'Connor Principal Planner
Tunazzina Alam
Daniel Butler, Senior Planner
Joe Bodi, Engineering Asst. II
Joey Forgione, Code Comp. Dir.
Louis Zunguze CD Director

3. MINUTES: January 12, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting as written, was made by Committee member Raim with Committee member Trammell providing the second. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote for approval.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A) Work Plans

Mr. O'Connor explained the work plans from last year have been rolled over and they can always add other workplan item at any time at future meetings as well as any updates.

The members briefly discussed the Cross Town Connector and what portion of it is their responsibility. Mr. Zunguze explained that both their committee and the Town Center has already been presented the 60% plans. Also, Council at their Monday night meeting, asked to see some architectural renderings as well as what traffic calming measures could be implemented along the entire length of the Cross Town Connector. The suggestion to have both Chairmen of the PW/PS and the Town Center CRA invited to attend the next HCRAAC meeting when the renderings are available to make a recommendation to City Council.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Development Projects and City Projects Update – Steven O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor provided the members with the current information adding that there is not a lot of movement with the projects at this time.

Committee member Trammell questioned if there are any plans for the city to merge with the

McGuire's Parking Structure. According to Mr. Zunguze, there are not any discussions of a structure but there are discussions to consolidate the two lots into one.

Committee member Jones asked staff what the Pelican Adventures Major Deviation is. According to Mr. O'Connor, this is a request to have off site parking for the business.

Committee member Trammell spoke specifically on this issue expressing concern about Mountain Drive becoming a parking lot ^{A-11} for the pontoon boat businesses on Harbor Blvd. and spoke of how it may start effecting the businesses that are already there. She spoke of how to her; the business owners should have to go vertical if they exceed their current parking requirements on Highway 98.

According to Mr. Zunguze, when they get to that section of the LDC rewrite, staff will be bringing the section before them for discussion and recommendations to Council.

Motion by Committee member Trammell to recommend to CRA Board/City Council to direct staff develop criteria for parking based on use and develop criteria for structured onsite parking. Committee member Raim provided the second. The motion passed 4-1 with Committee member Jones dissenting.

Committee member Raim spoke of how the pontoon boats are still being lined up at the businesses along Harbor Blvd. and feels the property owners should have to have certain setback and landscaping requirements adding the way it currently looks, does not fit the look of a resort atmosphere the city should have.

Motion by Committee member Raim, seconded by Committee member Trammell to recommend Council direct staff to create criteria for regulating parking and/or storage of vessels in the off season by enacting a setback from the highway with required stormwater and landscaping screen. In discussion, Committee member Jones spoke of how he does not agree with this at all and feels that there is no need to create an ordinance when all they have to do is to get the livery vessel owners together and come to an agreement. **The motion failed by a vote of 3-2 with Buckingham, Best and Jones voting no.**

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chairman Buckingham – Spoke of how he is concerned that if there is going to be an initiative to make businesses have offsite parking along the harbor, then there needs to be something in place to safely get folks across the Highway 98 installed first.

He provided the members a brief update on the status of the DFCD substation on Calhoun Ave. As well as asked what the status is of their motion to have the speed table removed on Calhoun Avenue.

According to Mr. O'Connor, the topic has been forwarded to the Public Works/Public Safety Committee for their input.

The Chairman then spoke of how he feels that they should start meeting every other month. After a brief discussion on this topic **Chairman Buckingham made the motion to meet bimonthly with Committee member Raim providing the second. Committee member Jones amended the motion to add meeting bimonthly except for May through September, unless there is a need to call a meeting**

also to have staff check into the bylaws to find out if it is allowed. The motion passed 3-2 was committee members Best and Trammell voting against the motion.

Mr. O'Connor clarified if approved, the meetings would take place September, November, January and March and May.

Code Compliance Director Joey Forgione provided the members with the status of the livery vessel registration. He also informed the members the 22-foot boat donated to his department from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is currently being inspected and once its ready, his staff will be able to get it on the water. He spoke of how they can now access boat ownership information they'll be able to find out who is running businesses out the city parks and write citations. Additionally, with the help of the Sherriff's Department and the Coast Guard, they will be able crack down on the vessels that are moored in the harbor and start getting them removed.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Adopted and approved this 13th day of April 2022.

Mike Buckingham
Mike Buckingham, Chairman

Kim Montgomery
Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

Sandy Trammell, Proteum
Chairman