

Town of Indian Shores



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PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

THE PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING convened at 2:00 P.M. Those present were Councilor Smith, Chairman; Councilor Sutch, Vice Chairperson; John McBaine, Citizen Member; Anne Miller and Fred Strahlendorf, Alternate Citizen Members.

Also Present: Mayor Lawrence; Vice Mayor Herndon; Councilor Irelan; Lawrence Nayman, Building Official; Chief Williams, Town Administrator; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Bob Brotherton, Engineer; Art Newsome; Alan and Christine Miller.

ITEM NO.

ITEM

1.0

APPROVAL of Agenda for September 20, 2011.

**MOTION by Councilor Sutch -- seconded by John McBaine -- to approve Committee Agenda for September 20, 2011, as published.
Motion carried 3-0.**

2.0

Consideration of approving Minutes of meeting held on January 4, 2011.

**MOTION by John McBaine -- seconded by Councilor Sutch -- to approve Minutes of meeting held on January 4, 2011, as published.
Motion carried 3-0.**

James J. Lawrence
Mayor

Joan G. Herndon
Vice Mayor

Carole Irelan
Councilor

Steve Sutch
Councilor

William F. Smith
Councilor

E.D. Williams
Town Administrator
Chief of Police

Mary Karayianes
Director of Finance
and Personnel

Marcia Grantham
Town Clerk

James Yacavone
Town Attorney

Lawrence G. Nayman
Building Code
Administrator

3.0

PUBLIC HEARING - Quasi-Judicial:

- 3.1** *Consideration of a request from the Town of Indian Shores to construct a Community Garden for the purpose of providing recreational gardening activities on a 40' X 80' lot which will include vegetable and landscape gardens, sidewalks, esthetics, drainage, fencing and walkways for pedestrians and will be ADA accessible, with site to be located at 19109 Whispering Pines Drive, Indian Shores, FL., parcel number 15 30 30 34722 003 0160.*

Chairperson Smith called the Public Hearing to order, read the General Rules and Procedures and administered the Oath. Note: When the PZB Committee sits as a quasi-judicial body, the two Council/Committee members shall be excused from the Committee and the Committee shall consist of John McBaine, Citizen Member, who will Chair the Public Hearing, with Anne Miller and Fred Strahlendorf, the two alternate Citizen Members.

Lawrence Nayman, Building Official, referenced his Staff Report and reported the project is in the ROR zoning area, noting two of the gazebos from the Town Hall were moved down to the Garden area to be constructed for sentimental value.

The Building Official further reported the Garden is not listed in permitted uses, but falls under Special Uses for recreation, noting the land has been vacant for a period of time and the Town has possession of the property.

The Building Official reviewed the proposed rendering, which depicts the site layout with a pathway for pedestrians, or equipment, with a swale for drainage down Second Street E. He advised the Town's use of the property will be recreation, and provide residents of the Town another recreation project.

The Building Official reported the homes on the side are all raised and the project will look very nice. He stated the proposed plans are in compliance with the Federal Statutes, the State of Florida Statutes, the Pinellas County Ordinances and the Town of Indian Shores Ordinances, and he recommended approval.

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Chief Williams reported the Building Official covered the project, advising the plan has been discussed for about a year at several meetings, with the earth boxes being secured and has been endorsed by the Public Services Committee.

John McBaine questioned how much the earth boxes would be and **Chief Williams** stated they would be about \$70.00, as it is a complete kit, including the soil.

Bob Brotherton, Engineer, who prepared the rendering reported the site can accommodate 40 boxes as shown on the drawing, and could add about 15 more if necessary, and that there will be a gate for access with a key. He noted vegetables or flowers could be grown. He reported the boxes are about 2 ½ ft. long and 18" wide, and showed some pictures of earth boxes he has been growing vegetables in at his home, noting they are self-contained and do not pollute the environment with drainage runoff.

Bob Brotherton advised the site is 50' X 80', rather than the 40' stated, noted there is one handicap space and 8 – 9 parking spaces, and recommended policies/bylaws need to be prepared for the project.

Christine Miller, resident, stated this was the first she heard of the project and asked how citizens would become aware of the garden, and wanted to know if you could plant in the ground and is there any composting.

The Town Clerk stated articles would be placed in the Town's Newsletter, and **Mayor Lawrence** stated he was planning some articles for the newspapers.

Bob Brotherton, Engineer, stated there is room for a couple of raised beds, should the Town approve in-ground planting, however there is no room for composting.

MOTION by **Fred Strahlendorf** – seconded by **Anne Miller** -- to approve request for Site Plan approval from the Town to construct a Community Garden for the purpose of providing recreational gardening activities on a 50' X 80' lot, which will include vegetable and landscape gardens, sidewalks, esthetics, drainage, fencing and walkways for pedestrians and will be ADA accessible, with site to be located at 19109 Whispering Pines Drive, Indian Shores, FL., parcel number 15 30 30 34722 003 0160. **Motion carried 3-0.**

4.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION: NONE.

5.0 ITEMS FOR REVIEW:

5.1 Project Status Report for September 2011.

Committee members reviewed the Project Status Report for September 2011, with the Building Official responding to various questions regarding projects.

5.2 Building Permit Logs covering January through August 2011.

Committee members reviewed the Building Permit Logs covering January through August 2011.

6.0 UNSCHEDULED ITEMS. NONE.

THE PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING adjourned at 3:00 P.M.


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk