

MINUTES OF THE ISLE OF PALMS  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
January 20, 2011

The Isle of Palms Planning Commission met in the Building Department Conference Room, 1301 Palm Boulevard on January 20, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Members attending included Bev Ballow, David Cohen, Ron Denton, Pete Doherty, Diane Oltorik, Noel Scott and Don Smith; the Director of Planning Douglas Kerr was present, as well. The press had been notified of the meeting, and the agenda for the meeting was posted in City Hall and the Building Department to comply with the Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Ron Denton called the meeting to order and suggested that each member introduce himself/herself for the benefit of the new members.

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Denton asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Scott nominated Mr. Denton, but Mr. Denton explained that he had personal obligations which were requiring more of his time, and he, therefore, refused the nomination. Ms. Ballow nominated Mr. Cohen, and Ms. Oltorik seconded the nomination. Mr. Denton nominated Mr. Scott and Mr. Scott explained that, since Mr. Cohen has been on the Commission longer, he thought that Mr. Cohen might be a better candidate. There was no second to the motion. Mr. Denton closed nominations and asked for a vote to elect Mr. Cohen; the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Cohen assumed the role of Chairman and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Denton nominated Mr. Scott; the nomination was seconded. With no other nominations, Mr. Cohen called for a vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The next item on the agenda was the review of the minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Mr. Smith noted two typographical errors on the second page. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the edits, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### DISCUSSION OF PARKING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Cohen explained that, at previous meetings, the Commission had discussed setting a date to gather input from the public on a parking plan for the island and that the group had postponed setting that date to give the new members an opportunity to become familiar with the Commission. Mr. Kerr explained that, in comparing calendars, the most suitable date in February was Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The group collectively agreed to set the date for February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The group generally discussed a draft presentation of the parking plan that Mr. Kerr prepared. Mr. Scott suggested clarifying the facts that many of the concepts and ideas presented would not happen in the near term. The group collectively agreed that the slide discussing required payment to park should be closer to the end of the presentation as the need for funds from paid parking is derived from the issues discussed in the earlier slides. The group agreed that an additional slide was needed to address the management of parking.

Mr. Kerr explained that he would prepare a draft presentation to be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Kerr explained that at the last meeting, the Commission had recommended that the zoning ordinance be amended to allow sandwich boards; based upon that recommendation, the amendment was on the January City Council agenda for first reading.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Cohen, Chairman.