

MINUTES OF THE ISLE OF PALMS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 10, 2008

The Isle of Palms Planning Commission met in the Building Department Conference Room, 1301 Palm Boulevard on September 10, 2008, at 4:30PM. Members attending included Barbara Bergwerf, Pat Campbell, Ron Denton, Sandy Stone, David Stevens and Dick Watson; also the Director of Planning, Douglas Kerr was present. 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 Denton called the meeting to order. He explained that he had been made aware that one of the Planning Commission's most consistent audience members, Mrs. Nancy Stogner, had passed away and he wanted to pass his condolences on to the family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The next item on the agenda was the review of the minutes of the August 13th, 2008 meeting. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Bergwerf seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Kerr explained that he had distributed a clean copy of the Comprehensive Plan, which removed the editing marks that had been shown on the previous versions. He explained that the changes that have been made since the last meeting were more information in the Priority Investment Element.

The Commission generally discussed the newest draft and decided to add a reference to the appendix with traffic counts into the Transportation Element. They also agreed that several of the goals and strategies that deal with transportation that were in the Community Facilities Element should be moved to the Transportation Element.

The group agreed that one of the major issues facing the island is the parking and that the plan is almost silent on the issue. They agreed that a synopsis of the parking issue should be added to the Transportation Element and a strategy of creating a plan for parking should be added to the element.

Mr. Kerr explained that he felt like the plan was getting close to being able to be forwarded to City Council with a recommendation for approval. He asked that the Commission members take one final close look at the plan before the next meeting and come prepared to make final adjustments at the October meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Stone explained that he had been contacted by a resident who lives adjacent to a lot that has tree barricades installed with no construction scheduled to begin in the near future and that there is no code requirement that would prohibit the barricades remaining up indefinitely. The group discussed whether they felt that an amendment to the code should be recommended and agreed that the owner of the lots should be contacted again and asked if they would consider removing the barricades.

Mr. Kerr explained that the Town of Mount Pleasant had offered to assist in training the City's boards and commissions to meet the State continuing education requirements and distributed contact information for the Town staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m..
Respectfully submitted, Ron Denton, Chairman.