



## **CITY OF OAK HILL**

### **JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING**

**10:00 A.M. – COMMISSION CHAMBERS - CITY HALL**

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 26, 2013**

**COMMISSION  
PLDRC  
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

#### **A. REFRESHMENTS**

#### **B. OPENING**

Mayor Gibson thanked everyone for attending and he looks forward to working together for the City's best interests. The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

#### **C. CALL TO ORDER**

Commission: Mayor Douglas Gibson, Vice Mayor Jeff Bracy, Commissioners Kathy Bittle, Robert Livingston and Ron Engele.

PLDRC: Jupp Norhausen

Waterfront Committee: Vice Chair Cindy Livingston, James Carr and Joseph Ludwig.

#### **D. DISCUSS THE GOALS OF THE CITY**

Nadine Wosenske, Anchor Hardware, expressed the need for Oak Hill to have infrastructure and that Water and Sewer would be a great place to start.

Robert Morgan, Lazy Z Lane, stated Oak Hill should be concerned with the damage that is happening to the river because of the numerous moored boats in New Smyrna Beach dumping sewage into the Intracoastal Waterway. A sidewalk along River Road would also be something positive.

Commissioner Engele stated there is an issue of right of way space on River Road; but he would continue to look for options.

Richard Taylor, Randle Avenue, stated he wanted to see more and more annexations, then look at Water and Sewer.

Barbara Shaffer, Randle Avenue, stated she thinks Water and Sewer are very important not only to the citizens but to the environment. She also wanted to know who is responsible for the roads within Indian Harbor Estates.

The City Clerk explained the City would be taking responsibility of the roads as soon as the County brought the roads to compliance with the Interlocal Agreement.

Derwood Smothers, Gary Avenue, informed the Commission there will be a meeting on February 27, 2013 at 3PM to review the proposals to purchase Bert Fish Medical Center. He stated the proposals are from private and public entities and will affect the amount of taxes citizens will pay.

Mr. Smothers went on to describe Indian Harbor Estates as a unique waterfront community and he feels it is important to preserve it, by governing the size of docks and boats that are in the canals. Also, he feels it is important to protect the manatees that frequent the canals. He went on to express the need for all the citizens in Indian Harbor Estates to share the road and be aware of all who use it. He also suggested a welcome sign at the city limits.

Mr. Smothers also stated there is a property owned by the County he would like to see Indian Harbor Estates attain for amenities for the residents.

Commissioner Engele asked the Commission if they could direct the Waterfronts Committee to pursue the canal issues Mr. Smothers spoke of, particularly a "Caution Manatees" sign. The Commission agreed.

Cindy Livingston, Vice Chair, Waterfronts Committee, stated she would be attending a Manatee Festival this afternoon and she would inquire about it there.

Mary Lee Cook, Ariel Road, felt the City should annex south all the way to the Brevard County line.

Mayor Gibson stated the County said Oak Hill needs infrastructure before an annexation that large could be achieved.

Don Kruck, Redfish Cove Lodging, commended the Commission for organizing this workshop. He stated it is important to work with the business owners of Oak Hill, and the City should encourage business. Possible tax incentives would be an option to encourage growth.

Richard Price, Marsh Landing Loop, stated the City should keep informed about the possibility of having a launch facility in this area.

Douglas Conniff, Putnam Grove Road, spoke of the moving of the railroad.

Mike Arman, Magda Lane, stated it is imperative to boost Oak Hill's economy with the building of businesses. He went on to suggest different scenarios for the City to strive for: Fishing Resort, a Bedroom Community or Business Parks. Mr. Arman stated it is important to have something to offer prospective business owners. He went on to explain many options open to the City and said it is time to act upon them.

Mr. Arman also suggested a partnership with Farmton would be beneficial to the City.

Jupp Norhausen, PLDRC member, stated that a ferry service from Seminole Rest to the National Seashore would be an excellent business.

Dana Greatrex, Gaines Street, said that this meeting is wonderful and so very important; she has been teaching students about visioning and looking toward the future. She went on to inform the Commission of numerous activities Burns Science and Technology Charter School is involved in; and these activities are focused on preserving and enhancing our treasure that is Oak Hill. Again she thanked the Commission for taking this positive step for our future.

Jupp Norhausen, PLDRC member, stated he believes Oak Hill needs to clean up the area especially the businesses that are in disrepair. A beautification project would be nice and should include a Welcome Sign.

Nancy Wosenske, Anchor Hardware, stated as the owner of a hardware store she is the first person new residents meet and most of them moved here for what Oak Hill has to offer. Oak Hill has excellent fishing and beauty that is a gift; we should focus on the positive things we are known for.

Lyn Seaward, Ezra Road, said these are all good suggestions, and that we should make water to the businesses and residents a top priority.

Walter Maynard, Church Street, stated the Commission should take care of the businesses here that are struggling. The Space X project should be watched cautiously. We need infrastructure.

E. ADJOURNMENT – 12:00PM

  
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DOUGLAS GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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KOHN EVANS, CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED FOR LEGALITY AND FORM:

  
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SCOTT E. SIMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY

Note: In accordance with Resolution 2006-17, a three (3) minute time limitation per speaker will be imposed. A speaker may address the Commission for a maximum of three (3) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, and for a maximum of three (3) minutes during any specific Agenda topic. Pursuant to Florida Statute 166.041 (3) (A), if an individual decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that individual will need a record of the proceedings and will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.