

**MINUTES
CITY OF ORMOND BEACH
QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

May 13, 2010

7:00 PM

**City of Ormond Beach
Training Room
22 South Beach Street
Ormond Beach, Florida**

1) Call to Order

Dr. Shapiro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: Joe Daniels, Vicki Foley, Becky Montgomery, Fran Pezzimenti, Dr. Philip Shapiro and Dr. Gerald Woodard. Excused were Debbie Berner, Marianne DiFiore, Lewis Heaster and William Masters. Absent was Matt Coleman.

Others present were: Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin, Finance Director Kelly McGuire and Recording Secretary Shá Moss.

2) Approval of Minutes – None

3) Recommendations on Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Dr. Shapiro thanked Finance Director Kelly McGuire for putting the packet together. He knew it was time consuming and appreciated her efforts.

Dr. Shapiro stated the CIP was a five-year plan. He pointed out that people moved to Ormond Beach for the quality of life. He noted there were six guiding principals that Board usually used when reviewing the CIP. They were:

- Avoid neglecting maintenance
- Maintain funding for youth programs and services
- Keep funding in tact for all ADA compliance issues
- Keep funding in tact for emergency response
- Beautification projects to be evaluated on a case by case basis
- Infrastructure

Dr. Shapiro stated the CIP was good on meeting the six guiding principals. He stated the Board needed to pay close attention to pages 3 through 42 covering beautification, facility renewal and replacements, parks and recreation and culture. Pages 43-48 dealt with community development, transportation, airport and airport, water systems, wastewater, stormwater, vehicles and technology. He took issue with the Audible Pedestrian Signal project on page 54. Dr. Shapiro stated a visually handicapped person should not cross Nova Road unescorted, with or without an audible pedestrian signal. He also noted it Nova Road was a State road and the State should fund, implement and be responsible for the project.

Dr. Shapiro pointed out the Beachfront Parking unfunded project on page 100. He stated economic tourism was at stake and there was a referendum on August 24th regarding that issue. He noted the beach was eroding away and vehicles would probably be removed from the beach at some time in the future because of environmental issues.

Three Chimneys

Dr. Shapiro stated the Three Chimneys project was removed from the CIP. He noted the location needed onsite parking in order to become a State Park. He stated he wasn't asking the City to fund anything at this time, but to reinstate it as an unfunded project at \$350,000 over five years.

The Board discussed various parking ideas for Three Chimneys.

Ms. McGuire stated all the unfunded projects were removed from the packet because they were considered a wish list. Projects were added from previous staff members and some projects they didn't know where the idea originated. If there are projects that need to be added, they could be added and would be tracked.

Dr. Shapiro stated the City, County and State invested a lot of funds into the Three Chimneys project and it should be added back to the CIP unfunded projects.

Dr. Woodard moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels that the Quality Of Life Advisory Board recommends adding the Three Chimney project back into the CIP unfunded category. The motion passed unanimously.

Audible Pedestrian Signals – Nova Road (SR5a)

Dr. Woodard moved, seconded by Ms. Pezzimenti that the Quality of Life Advisory Board remove the Audible Pedestrian Signals – Nova Road (SR 5a) from the CIP, and table it pending further investigation of long-term maintenance costs. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carolin stated the \$86,250 MPO was a grant from the State to provide the audible pedestrian signals. He stated the remaining \$28,750 would come from property taxes. He noted it could be as much liability with the signal as without the signal. He noted they are in many cities throughout the Country using the signal.

The Board discussed the safety of turning at the intersection of Nova Road and Granada and other intersections

Beach Front Parking

The Board discussed the benefits of having beachfront parking and what location would be more beneficial, the type of park, and the hours of the park. The area in contention was on Milsap and A1A.

There was a referendum scheduled for August 24th regarding beach front parking.

Ms. McGuire stated the Commission has not voted on the beach front parking issue yet, so it might be a location other than Milsap Street, as long as it is on A1A and preferably the eastside. What the referendum might say is that the location is open, and on the eastside of A1A; but this won't be decided until the May 18th City Commission meeting.

Dr. Woodard moved, seconded by Ms. Montgomery that the Quality of Life Advisory Board recommends, pending the referendum of August 24th that the City pursue obtaining property on the eastside of A1A between Bellaire Plaza and Granada Boulevard for the purpose of parking and the creation of ocean side parking. The Board considers this a high priority. The motion passed unanimously.

Hull Road Turn Lane

Dr. Shapiro stated he was in favor of the Hull Road Turn Lane project on page 57. He noted it was a heavily used intersection and a turn lane was needed.

The Board discussed the location of the turn lane, which would exit going east on Hull Road exiting onto US Highway 1.

Ms. Montgomery stated it was a high priority because the street is highly used of the area.

Ms. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Foley that the Quality of Life Advisory Board considers the Hull Road Turn Lane a high priority. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome Signs

Ms. Pezzimenti asked whether we could fund additional welcome signs.

Dr. Shapiro stated it would be on a case by case basis.

Ms. McGuire stated any new welcome signs would not be like the one on US1 north, because that sign was 3-4 times more costly than what was listed in the CIP.

Downtown: Granada Medians

Dr. Woodard asked about the medians on page 44. He noted medians created problems for left-hand turns and u-turns. He stated the cost would come from property taxes.

Ms. McGuire agreed that the cost would come from property taxes designated for use in the downtown area.

Ms. Foley asked whether it tied in with the Land Acquisition/Redevelopment on page 45; wherein Ms. McGuire stated page 45 discussed buying land for parking.

Mr. Carolin stated this project was in connection with the resurfacing of Granada Boulevard through the assistance of DOT and to change the configuration at the intersection of US1 and Granada.

Dr. Woodard asked whether medians would enhance traffic flow and asked for more information. He also stated he did not like the fact that it would come from property taxes.

Mr. Carolin stated the Main Street goal was to beautify that area by adding the medians in an effort to slow traffic. He noted they have been working on the project for several years. Parking on Granada would be eliminated.

Dr. Shapiro stated because of the bridge, Granada Boulevard was a main thoroughfare from beachside to I-95.

Dr. Woodard moved, seconded by Ms. Pezzimenti that the Quality of Life Advisory requests the Downtown: Granada Medians project be dropped from the CIP on the grounds that the improvement for the quality of life and beautification would be more than offset the aggravation of the impediment of traffic.

Ms. Montgomery stated the medians on east Granada add to the beautification of the area and appears to assist with traffic flow.

Dr. Woodard rescinded his previous motion, Ms. Pezzimenti agreed.

Dr. Woodard moved, seconded by Ms. Pezzimenti that the Quality of Life Advisory Board requests the Downtown: Granada Medians project be explained in details the implications and beautifications and traffic flow; further that the Board not support this project until more information is presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Taxiway A Construction

Dr. Woodard stated there seems to be a lot of complaints from the residents living near the airport. It will increase if the runway was extended. He stated a lot of the problem has to do with the pilots not flying in the correct flight pattern and instead flying directly over some houses.

Dr. Shapiro stated people have to take responsibility for their own action in knowing the area where you live. He state in order for the City to continue to compete with other areas, we may need to expand the runway.

Ms. McGuire stated the City has worked with the residents over the years regarding their complaints through the Aviation Advisory Board and also the Noise Task Force.

Railroad Crossing

Ms. Montgomery asked why the City paid for the maintenance of the railroad crossings on page 58.

Dr. Shapiro stated that it was probably a joint agreement the City has with FEC, the same as it has with other entities throughout the City.

Ms. McGuire stated anywhere there was a railroad crossing, the City may be responsible for it. Funds were made available in the event maintenance became necessary.

Dr. Shapiro reminded the Board that Amtrak was studying bringing a local stop to the area.

Dr. Shapiro stated Staff did a wonderful job with the CIP.

4) Member Comments

Ms. Montgomery stated the newly restored Rose Villa restaurant looks very nice on Granada.

5) Adjournment – Next Meeting – Date

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman