

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

June 9, 2011

7:00 PM

**City of Ormond Beach
Bailey Riverbridge
1 North Beach Street
Ormond Beach, Florida**

1) Call to Order

Dr. Shapiro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: Debbie Berner, Marianne DiFiore, Dr. Daniel Drake, Troy Railsback, and Dr. Philip Shapiro. Janet Dannehower arrived at 6:50 p.m. Excused was William Masters. Absent were: Betty Smith and Dr. Gerald Woodard.

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

2) Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2011

Corrections to the minutes were made to pages 1 and 3, by Dr. Shapiro and Dr. Drake.

Mr. Railsback moved seconded by Ms. DiFiore to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2011 meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Recommendations on Capital Improvement Plan

Dr. Shapiro thanked Finance Director Kelly McGuire for the hard work in putting together the Capital Improvement Plan. He pointed out that people moved to Ormond Beach for the quality of life and the prestige. He noted there were six guiding principals that he usually used when reviewing the CIP. They were:

- Avoid neglecting maintenance of property
- Maintain funding for youth programs and services
- Keep funding in tact for all ADA compliance issues

Keep funding in tact for emergency response
High visibility projects were a high priority
Infrastructure

Dr. Shapiro stated he used those principals as guidelines when considering making his recommendations to the City Commission. He noted from Page i, the total CIP Budget was \$55.1 million dollars of which only 20% comes from property taxes, and the expenditures by category section was a good balance on Page ii.

Dr. Shapiro noted the Three Chimneys project was reinstated into the CIP but remained unfunded, as well as the MacDonald House. He said that should the MacDonald House be funded, it needed to be decided what to do with it. The choices were to repair, replace on-site or tear down and replace in another location. He noted the building was heavily used by tourist and was needed.

Dr. Shapiro stated the audible pedestrian signal on page 59, was still an unfunded project. He stated it was dangerous crossing Nova Road, even if you were escorted, and having an audible signal would not make it safer. He stated the Forest Hill Trail project on page 60, commented that an alternative to walking on Nova Road was needed for students. Dr. Shapiro noted if the State wanted an audible pedestrian signal, then the State should fund and maintain it. He stated the Board made a motion last year when reviewing the CIP against the audible signal.

Dr. Drake asked whether there was a precedent for it; wherein Dr. Shapiro stated someone may have suggested the audible signal at a meeting, so it was added to the CIP.

Dr. Drake asked about any other CIP recommendations by the Board.

Dr. Shapiro stated the Board discussed the Beachfront Park and recommended the Commission pursue obtaining property on A1A for the purpose of ocean side parking, as well as parking for the Three Chimneys.

Ms. Berner stated the Board also recommended the welcome sign along US1 North. She noted that if a recommendation was made to add an unfunded project, a funded project needed to be removed.

Ms. DiFiore asked whether the City had considered putting the power lines underground.

Dr. Shapiro stated the power lines belonged to Florida Power and Light, and Ms. McGuire stated the cost was about \$1 million dollars per mile to put the lines underground.

Ms. Berner moved, seconded by Mr. Railsback that the Quality of Life Advisory Board recommends to the City Commission approval of ~~to approve~~ the sections ~~tasked with reviewing~~ in the Capital Improvement Program it was tasked with reviewing. The motion passed unanimously.

4) Member Comments

Beachfront Park

Ms. DiFiore asked for an update on the Beachfront Park.

Mr. Carolin stated there would be another joint meeting showing the outcome of the community meetings and discussions that would include drawings. The meeting is scheduled for July 14, but the location has not been determined. Since there is a meeting on July 14, there would not be a meeting on July 7, 2011.

Dr. Shapiro pointed out the importance of more beachfront parking, but noted beautification and drainage would be necessary.

Ms. DiFiore asked about a playground.

The Board discussed that the main objective of the park was to provide parking for people wanting to go to the beach so they did not have to cross A1A, and not specifically developing a passive park to include a playground, but noted it might have some benches.

Parking Garage

The Board discussed a previous suggestion of having a parking garage at City Hall and on Sterthaus at the previous location of Memorial Hospital.

Ms. McGuire noted that land acquisition was a part of the downtown funding and the Planning Department was working with Main Street on that issue.

Bridges

Dr. Drake asked about the ownership of the bridges in the area; wherein Dr. Shapiro answered ~~the County maintained for the Granada, Main Street and Orange Avenue bridges, and the State maintained the Seabreeze and International bridges.~~ it was a combination of State and County maintenance depending upon which bridge it is.

5) Audience Comments

None

6) Adjournment – Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman