

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

February 2, 2012

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: Debbie Berner, Marianne DiFiore, William Masters, Troy Railsback, Dr. Philip Shapiro, Betty Smith and Dr. Gerald Woodard. Excused was Dr. Daniel Drake. Absent was Janet Dannehower

Others present were: Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin, Recording Secretary Shá Moss.

2) Approval of Minutes - October 6, 2011

Ms. Smith moved seconded by Mr. Railsback to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Election of Chairman

Dr. Shapiro noted that he was Chairman last year and it was a privilege to serve in that position. He would be willing to serve again, unless someone else wanted to. He stated the Chairman was also liaison to the Ormond Memorial Art Museum.

Ms. Berner moved, seconded by Mr. Railsback, to nominate Dr. Shapiro as Chairman. The nomination passed unanimously. Dr. Shapiro accepted the nomination.

4) Election of Vice-Chairman

Ms. DiFiore moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to nominate Ms. Berner as

Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Berner accepted the nomination.

5) Administrative Matters

a. Establishment of Regular Meeting Schedule and Time

The Board agreed to hold the regular schedule meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month, but changed the time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

b. Sunshine Law

Dr. Shapiro stated transparency was the key when describing the Sunshine Law. Board members could not speak to one another about items that could come before the Board outside of a publically advertised meeting. They could discuss those projects with the community, staff or the City Commission. If there was a matter before the Board which a member had a financial interest there would be a conflict of interest. He stated that the member could still participate in the discussion, but would not be able to vote on the issue. If anyone was unsure whether an issue was a conflict of interest, they could contact staff for clarification.

c. Attendance Requirement

Dr. Shapiro noted that if a member had two consecutive unexcused absences or three absences during the year, the City Commission could ask that the member be removed from the Board. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please advise staff.

6) Board Activities

Dr. Shapiro stated the Board is a focus group to give input and priority to the City Commission. He stated that the Board reviewed the Capital Improvement Program; the annual Community Development Block Grant, from the Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board; periodically community issues would be before the Board for discussion or projects from staff or the City Commission.

Mr. Carolin stated he was working on getting the CIP to the Board early that usual so that the Board would have more time for input.

7) Discussion Items

a. Item - I Am Ormond

Mr. Carolin stated Mr. Gibson presented the idea to the City, but was not at the meeting to discuss it. He stated "I Am Ormond" was a committee of residents that contacted the Mayor about obtaining a sign to recognize two communities in Ormond Beach. The City Manager requested that the Board review the request before it was presented to the Commission, as to whether a designation was necessary to the heritage of Ormond Beach. Mr. Carolin stated the signs would be placed at the entrance to the areas.

Dr. Shapiro stated the Historic Landmark Preservation Board has not been presented with this item either. He stated it would be appropriate because there was a tremendous amount of history in the central Ormond area that a lot of people are unaware of. Dr. Shapiro stated when slavery ended there were communities set up that became known as New Britain. Ormond Beach was New Britain. People in the English Era were here in the 1760's thru 1780's, and when the British left the slaves left. At the end of the Civil War groups of freed slaves settled here and started a community. Dr. Shapiro stated he was more familiar with Liberia.

Mr. Carolin stated the I Am Ormond committee wanted the design included in the packet as a signage designating the area. He noted it was a lot of information for a sign, but asked for the Board's input.

Dr. Shapiro stated it was a lot of paperwork for a historical sign, such as what was done for the Three Chimneys.

Mr. Carolin stated that was proposed to him was a sign the size/shape of a "speed limit" sign with a cut out making it look different so people would notice it.

Ms. Berner asked whether there was a lot of foot traffic so that the sign would be seen.

Mr. Railsback moved seconded by Dr. Woodard that the Quality of Life Advisory Board approves the concept of the signage to recognize the Liberia and Sudan communities.

Dr. Woodard stated it was a great idea to recognize the history, but the signage was too busy. He noted the fine print takes away from the sign. He suggested two signs or a plaque with the fine print on it. Dr. Woodard didn't think everything on one sign would be appropriate.

Mr. Railsback suggested a section of the City's website regarding the history instead of it all being on one sign.

Dr. Shapiro stated the Board could endorse the concept and then have the committee work out the type of sign.

Dr. Woodard asked whether Mr. Gibson could attend the next meeting to give the Board more information.

Mr. Carolin stated he would speak with Mr. Gibson about having him at the next meeting.

Mr. Railsback withdrew his motion.

Mr. Masters also agreed with the concept of the signage recognizing the area.

Dr. Woodard moved, seconded by Mr. Masters that the Quality of Life Advisory Board approves the concept of the signage recognizing the Liberia and Sudan communities; and would like more information. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carolin noted that the committee doesn't have any funds for the sign. The request came through the Public Works Street Sign Department.

8) Member Comments

Charter Review Committee

Dr. Shapiro stated he was selected as a member of the City's Charter Review Committee which will have their first meeting on February 13th for 3 months. He stated would keep the Board informed on those changes but noted after reviewing the City's Charter, it might remain the same.

Three Chimneys

Dr. Shapiro stated on February 12, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. a colonial marker will be dedicated at the Three Chimneys.

Beach Front Park

Mr. Carolin stated at the February 7, 2010, City Commission meeting, there would be a video display of the Beachfront Park, giving a more detailed description of the park.

Thank you

Dr. Shapiro thanked staff for the work that they put in on the Board.

9) Adjournment - Next Meeting - March 1, 2012

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman