

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

September 3, 2015

6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: Debbie Berner, Julianne Blanford, William Masters, Kathy Page, Troy Railsback and Dr. Philip Shapiro. Excused was Brian Nave.

Staff present was: City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Neighborhood Improvement Manager Chris Mason and Recording Secretary Shá Moss.

2) Approval of Minutes – July 2, 2015

Ms. Berner stated there were a couple of minor typos in the minutes, but she did not mark them to be corrected at the meeting.

Mr. Masters moved seconded by Ms. Berner to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2015 meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Audience Comments

Dr. Shapiro suggested moving the audience comments to the end of the meeting.

There were no audience comments.

4) Discussion Items

Joan Baliker Presentation

Dr. Shapiro stated Ms. Joan Baliker approached the Board about two years ago and she was back to speak with the Board regarding some Timucuan art that she has been working on.

Ms. Baliker showed the Board a photograph of an Indian face carved in a coquina rock. She stated The City of Deland has an art program where they rent art work and noted her sculpture has been on display in Deland for the past two years. It was time to move the sculpture and Ms. Baliker suggested the sculpture be placed at the Indian Mound on some type of pedestal.

Dr. Shapiro asked how it would be protected from vandalism and theft.

Ms. Baliker stated the statute could be mounted on a higher rock with a steel rod going through both rocks, making it hard to move. She doubted it would be stolen, but noted any sculpture could be vandalized. She said the sculpture could be pressure cleaned or sprayed with bleach and water to clean it.

Dr. Shapiro asked would it be on location permanently.

Ms. Baliker stated she wanted to sell the sculpture to the City for \$2,000.

Dr. Shapiro asked her would she be willing to accept a donation; wherein Ms. Baliker stated she would consider a partial donation, but she didn't want to donate it because it was expensive to create sculptures and it was how she made her living.

Dr. Shapiro stated there could be issues if the City started purchasing items and not going through a bid proposal process. But it was different if something was donated.

Ms. Baliker stated she made her living selling her art work, so she could not donate it and other artist should be involved in creating art for the City.

Ms. Baliker stated the other piece of art work she wanted to present was a six foot bronze Indian statute with a lot of detail at a price of \$48,000. She had a smaller model that she showed the Board. She stated the mold would take about two months to put into clay form and that cost would be \$7,500. It would then need to be crated and sent to the foundry in Colorado for casting.

Dr. Shapiro stated that a project of that magnitude would definitely have to go through the City's bid proposal process.

Ms. Berner asked what the budget for Art in Public Places was.

Ms. Shanahan stated that there was not really a budget for art. She believed the CRA District has some funds set aside, but that art would have to be placed within the CRA District, and the Indian Mound was not in the CRA District. She noted that a more public place may be better than the Indian Mound.

Ms. Berner stated a few years ago her agency put together a brochure for the City of available locations for art donations.

Ms. Shanahan stated Ormond MainStreet has a subcommittee that deals with Art in Public Places and suggested that Ms. Baliker get in contact with the director Julia Trilio.

Mr. Masters asked whether Ms. Baliker would be ok with the sculpture being at a private place.

Ms. Baliker stated she was under the impression that there were funds available through the City for art work.

Dr. Shapiro stated it was an evolving process and the City's budget is very tight. He appreciated Ms. Baliker's artwork and reiterated that the City would consider the art as a donation.

5) Update on Property Maintenance Code

Dr. Shapiro stated last month the Board had a lengthy discussion to develop a philosophy on code enforcement. He noted there was a lot that was not covered in the City's code and the draft that was put together was very good.

Ms. Shanahan stated as a result of the Board's discussions, staff separated the Property Maintenance Code into two units. One unit was Abandon Property and the requirements that needed to be met are included in the packet. She noted the red typed language represented what was added to the existing code and the strike through was information deleted or changed.

Dr. Shapiro point out on page 4, line 142, and asked who would pay the fee on the abandon property and the annual registration fee.

Ms. Shanahan stated those were current fees paid by the bank.

Dr. Shapiro stated the draft appeared to be reasonable.

Ms. Berner asked would the Code go into other areas; wherein Ms. Shanahan stated once the Legal Department reviews it, they would look to see how it blends with the existing Property Maintenance Code.

Dr. Shapiro stated over the years he was not aware of anyone being mistreated regarding code issues. He noted the Board was presented with a good draft.

Ms. Shanahan stated the City could not have two set of standards and this was the start and staff would continue to move forward.

Mr. Masters stated the City was on the right track with the draft.

Mr. Railsback asked if there was any obligation for the City to perform any maintenance and would it become a part of the tax bill.

Ms. Shanahan stated if the City had to perform any type of maintenance there would be a lien placed against the property. She noted that the City's primary focus was safety and security. For example if there was an unsecured pool, the City would secure it and the City also does some lot cleaning. There are limited funds for those types of things. Ms. Shanahan noted the City has also demolished homes and placed a lien on the property.

Ms. Page agreed the Abandon Property Code draft looked good.

Ms. Berner also agreed with the draft.

Ms. Shanahan stated the residents were protected through a statutory appeal process.

Mr. Mason stated a homeowner who disagrees with and is in receipt of a site maintenance violation can appeal.

Ms. Blanford stated when she spoke with residents that had code violations she only heard good things about how the City assisted them.

Mr. Masters moved seconded by Ms. Berner that the Quality of Life Advisory Board endorses the concept of the rough draft of the amended Property Maintenance Code dealing with abandoned real property. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shapiro suggested that the members keep the minutes handy so that they can refer to them while discussing the Property Maintenance Code.

6) Member Comments

Ms. Blanford stated she was given the opportunity and she will be moving to Michigan. Therefore she will have to resign to the Board.

The Board wished Ms. Blanford well in her move.

7) Adjournment – Next Meeting – October 1, 2015

If there is a change in the meeting date, staff will advise the members.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman