

**CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 2020  
MINUTES TO THE REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wakstein at 1:00 p.m. and Ms. Chester was asked to call the roll. Members present were Mr. Scruggs, Mr. Hodges, Mr. Turner, Mr. Morehouse, Mr. Caron, and Chairman Wakstein. Members absent were Mr. Johns.

**Chairman Wakstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chairman Wakstein acknowledged this would be Mr. Turners last meeting as a board member and thanked him for his service of twenty years on the Planning Board. All the members thanked him for his service.

**ITEM NO. 3 Approval of the August 12, 2020 Planning Board Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Wakstein asked if there were any comments or corrections to the meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Caron to approve the meeting minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Turner. Ms. Chester was asked to call roll.

Mr. Morehouse	Yes	Mr. Hodges	Yes
Mr. Caron	Yes	Mr. Turner	Yes
Mr. Scruggs	Yes	Chairman Wakstein	Yes

**ITEM NO. 4 Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items - No public comment.**

**ITEM NO. 5 Public Art Pilot Program Discussion**

Mr. Davis introduced the item to the board and explained an ordinance would be necessary to allow the public art to be displayed throughout the City. Mr. Tony O'Rourke, City Manager explained the details of the program to the board, providing handout materials. He stated the City Council had viewed the program as a community asset and approved the partnership with the Sunshine Arts Center. He stated the program would encourage public participation, such as local schools, corporations, and non-profit organizations. Mr. O'Rourke explained the focus of each art piece would be "sea life" and would not allow for any text or expressions to be a part of the display piece, color only. He outlined the criteria to qualify as a participant and then the production of the art piece. He stated the materials would consist of a fiberglass mold, acrylic paint and then a polyurethan protective coating would be applied to the final product. Mr. O'Rourke commented the plan is to have twenty to twenty-five of these "sea life" sculptures throughout the City. In support of the project the City Council pledged \$7500.00, St. Joe agreed to partner with a pledge of \$5000.00 and a local physician pledged \$5000.00. Chairman Wakstein opened the meeting up for board discussion. The board agreed this was a great idea and supported the program. There was no public comment.

Mr. Davis explained the board would need to approve a Resolution regarding the public art display since the current sign code prohibits signs in the public right-of-way. He stated if the board agreed with the program, he would provide standards for the display of the art at the next meeting. The board agreed to move forward.

**ITEM NO. 6 Discussion of Land Development Code Conditional Use Application Requirements for Neighborhood Meetings**

Mr. Leonard commented currently we have a requirement for a neighborhood meeting for a submittal of a PUD, TNOD, and a Large Site Development application. He explained this meeting is required to be held and a summary provided as part of the application before the request is heard before the board. He stated this is a discussion of requiring a neighborhood meeting for a Conditional Use request for a site three acres or larger, which the Planning Board make a recommendation to the City Council for approval. Mr. Leonard commented this requirement would allow the surrounding neighborhoods to be aware of the proposal and have questions answered before the board hears the proposal. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Wakstein opened the meeting up for public comment.

Ms. Erin Simmons commented she had attended the required neighborhood meeting conducted by St. Joe regarding their recent PUD request. She proposed a member of staff attend the meetings to validate the summary provided by the applicant regarding the neighborhood meeting. Discussion ensued. Mr. Leonard explained the presence of a staff member could pose a potential problem if the

attendees wanted the staff member to become a participant in the meeting. He stated the information is made available in the board packets and it is also included in the agenda packet posted on the website. He commented the neighborhood meeting does not replace the participation from the residence at a Planning Board meeting but is to provide awareness to the request beforehand. The board discussed the process and asked for an ordinance requiring neighborhood meetings for a Conditional Use request over three (3) acres at the next meeting.

**ITEM NO. 7 Code Enforcement Update**


Mr. Tindle provided an overview of the recent citations issued and the collections to present. Chairman Wakstein thanked Mr. Tindle for his department's efforts during the Double Red Flag days and the citations that were being issued.

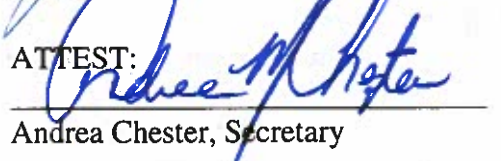
**Closing Comments:**

Mr. Turner commented he wanted to let everyone know that it had been a pleasure working with everyone and staff over the many years of service. The board and staff thanked him for his dedication and contribution to the Planning Board. Ms. Chester announced there would be a presentation for Mr. Turner at the September 24 City Council meeting and everyone was invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

DATED this 14 day of October, 2020

  
Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Andrea Chester, Secretary