

**CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2019
MINUTES TO THE REGULAR MEETING**

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

Ms. Chester gave the invocation and Mr. Caron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM NO. 4 Approval of the May 8, 2019 Planning Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

ITEM NO. 5 Public Comments – Agenda Items and Previous Agenda Items (Non-Public Hearings) Limited to Three Minutes

Jeff Wirrick, 3602 Florida Avenue commented on Item No. 12 and stated it would be a terrible safety issue to allow golf carts on the trails. He stated it would be a negative impact on the parks and encouraged the board members to not change the ordinance and allow for golf carts on the trails. He commented that he is a user of the trails and appreciates the use without golf carts. Member of Hammer Down Multi-Sport and Panama City Cycle.

Marty Kirkland, 7519 N. Gainer Bayou Road commented on Item No. 12 stating there would be too much congestion on the trails if golf carts were allowed. She asked if there was an age requirement on the operation of golf carts and that safety should be the first consideration in the board's decision. She also added that she is an avid user of the trails and this allowance of golf carts would change the dynamic of the trails. Member of Panhandle Runners

Ken Thrasher, 4405 De Len Drive commented on Item No. 12 stating he was against allowing golf carts on the trails and asked the board who would enforce the rules of keeping the trails safe with underage drivers and other motorized vehicles using the trails. He commented he was a user of the trails.

Joe Edgcombe, 6314 John Pitts Road commented on Item No. 12 stating he is a user of the trails and is against allowing golf carts on the trails. He commented this would disrupt the activities on the trails. He asked would the golf carts being used on the trails require insurance and who would be responsible if one should hit a biker or runner on the trails. He is a member of the Panhandle Runner's Club.

Ms. Chester commented there were two emails that were sent to all the board members that would also be made part of the record.

Vance Preman, 7418 Thomas Drive commented he felt the use of golf carts would compromise the safety and the environment. He stated he is a user of the trails.

Rex Lawrence, 618 Mallory Drive commented he travels 20 to the 30 minutes to use Gayle's Trails so that he may have a safe and enjoyable place to jog and cycle. He stated this is one the safest trails available to residents in Bay County. He commented he is against the usage of golf carts on the trails.

ITEM NO. 6 Update of Planned Unit Development Master Plan

Mr. Silky provided an update on the current PUD Master Plans to the board. He mentioned Sunnyside PUD may be interested in rezoning in the future. He stated the other one is Ibis Lake and they have the roads and a pool house currently in place for future completion of this project. Mr. Wakstein asked if these would become invalid automatically and Mr. Silky commented no, but that they are encouraged to be built as a PUD.

ITEM NO. 7 Update on Beach Parking Fund

Mr. Leonard provided an update on the funds and what type of expenses are eligible for such funds. He stated these were any "capital" expenditures related to construction improvements of beach access, public parking land, buildings, parking lots, lighting and parking meters. Mr. Scruggs asked who would initiate such improvements and Mr. Leonard replied the planning board can make recommendations for the city council to review for consideration. Mr. Leonard commented any improvements associated with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) were under the direction of David Campbell, CRA Director. Mr. Sheldon asked if Mr. Campbell could attend next month's meeting to share updates on the improvements in the CRA.

ITEM NO. 8 Discussion of M-1 Accessory Uses and Structures

Mr. Leonard provided information outlining the accessory structures and uses allowed specifically in M-1 zonings. There was no further discussion.

ITEM NO. 9 Discussion of Front Beach Overlay Standards

Mr. Leonard gave a brief summary of the conception of the CRA and how the current standards and regulations came to be. He commented the standards were discussed in the previous workshop with city council and this was a history lesson on the conception. Chairman Sheldon polled the board for their thoughts on these regulations and standards for the future of the CRA. Board members agreed that it was a good plan with growing pains, supported with the changes of the parking on the south side developments, and the desire to see the tram work efficiently. Mr. Leonard commented David Campbell can update the board regarding the future of the tram system at the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 10 Discussion of Inflatable Amusements

Chairman Sheldon introduced the item and stated this came from the joint workshop with city council. He explained the board needed to consider regulations and locations of where this type of amusement would be allowed. Mr. Wakstein commented the board should consider the following, was there enough room on the beach, do they impede emergency vehicles, and should they be marked off by a fence. Discussion ensued. Mr. Caron asked why the inflatables allowed on the beach and how were they permitted. Chairman Sheldon explained the procedures of the Sandy Beach Special Event permit that was currently used for the inflatable amusements. Mr. Hodges commented he would like for staff to review other municipalities that allow inflatables on the beach and review their regulations in place before deciding. Chairman Sheldon agreed and asked for the discussion to continue to the next meeting to review staff's findings.

ITEM NO. 11 Discussion of Pop-Up Parks

Chairman Sheldon introduced the item and stated this was another discussion from the joint workshop with city council. He commented that he would like for the City to have more parks, whether these were incorporated into neighborhoods or open to the public. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hodges commented these were commonly known as "Pocket Parks" and suggested a park be made as part of a development. The board asked staff to review ways of incorporating these types of parks into future neighborhood developments and report back next month.

ITEM NO. 12 Discussion of Multi-Modal Trail Facilities

Chairman Sheldon commented that neighbors and residents of Panama City Beach desire to have a way to utilize the trails with golf carts. Mr. Davis, city attorney confirmed the north/south trails cannot be utilized with golf carts due to the grant provisions, but Colony Club to Highway 79 and access to North Pier Park Drive could be accessed. Chairman Sheldon commented there would be guidelines for the use of golf carts such as registered, inspected, permit to use the trail, separate lane available for the golf carts and possibly additional police to regulate the trails. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hodges commented there was a thought behind the process of prohibiting the use in the beginning and there was significant opposition present on the idea of allowing there to be a mixed use on the trails. Mr. Wakstein commented he was concerned for the safety of the mixed use on the trail. Mr. Caron commented this would be a large cost and where would the funds come from to expand the trails.

Chairman Sheldon stated the opposition present were not residents of the City and he wanted to do what was right for the residents that live, work and play here. He asked that staff bring information back to the board regarding possible grants for a parallel lane along the trail for golf carts along the

east to west bound trail. He also asked that for future expansion of the trail grants be explored for the allowance of the golf carts.

Mr. Todd Ingram, representative of the Sport Vehicle Association commented his group would support and help in the developing ideas of raising capital for golf carts on the trails.

ITEM NO. 13 Code Enforcement Update

Mr. Tindle provided the monthly update to the board. Mr. Morehouse asked for an update on the status of the "trash" letters. Mr. Tindle commented his office was currently verifying a list of 1700 names with the local trash haulers on who does and who currently does not have trash pick-up. The board thanked him for the update.

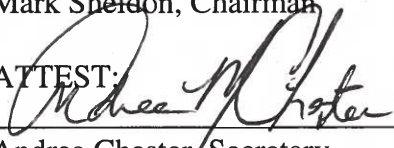
Chairman Sheldon asked if there were any comments from the board regarding the recent workshop with city council. Mr. Caron mentioned that he had asked about pylons being placed in the turn-lane into Pier Park, Chairman Sheldon is following up with city manager. The board asked about the current bike lanes and who was responsible for the development, staff will report at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

DATED this 14 day of August, 2019



Mark Sheldon, Chairman

ATTEST:


Andrea Chester, Secretary