

VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
July 14, 2023

Planning Commission Chair Laurie Roche called the Special Planning Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. EST. Present in addition to Roche were Elizabeth Grim, Paul Leonard, and Harry Walder, Robert Kegan was absent.

ADOPT AGENDA

Grim moved, seconded by Walder to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE SURVEY #2

Chair Laurie Roche explained that the purpose of this meeting was to review the questions for the second community survey which will be sent out from the Master Plan Task Force. She acknowledged the Chair of that committee, Diane Cody, who was present, along with her committee, and commented that they had worked tirelessly on this project.

Chair Roche asked Diane Cody to speak about the survey. Diane Cody explained that the first survey and the focus group meetings had provided lots of information, and the second survey will be a follow up to ask the community to prioritize certain items.

Chair Roche then explained to the other Planning Commission members that they would now go over the individual survey questions and give feedback.

There was discussion of individual questions among the Commission. The Commission collectively came to conclusions on each one and Diane Cody will take the feedback and make the changes to the survey.

Grim moved, seconded by Leonard to approve the survey as discussed, with the proper changes recorded, and send to the Village Council for review. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Attached to these minutes are the original proposed survey questions as well as the final draft approved today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Dolan introduced himself as neighbor and member of the Steering Committee of the Grand Beach Preservation Council. He spoke of the many assets of Grand Beach and the need to blend all the long-standing traditions and interests with other current interests. He urged using independent expert professional assistance and finding a firm to conduct the surveys and planning. He also is asking the Council to not send another survey until a professional firm is hired.

Mike Kenny spoke about the questions on the survey. Specifically, questions on the pier, golf course (being a big asset but also having some problems that need to be addressed), and zoning. He felt some questions should be taken off the survey.

Larry Acker thanked all who did the work for all of their efforts. He strongly encouraged shutting down the pier due its accessibility and liability.

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Diane Cody addressed the concerns regarding bringing professional in and not having any involved. She stated that she understands strategic planning and the Master Plan and had experience in this from her prior career.

Planning Commissioner Paul Leonard stated that once we get a draft of the Master Plan done, it will be reviewed by experts. The planning was done this way to save the Village money.

Chair Roche thanked all the residents for coming today and reminded everyone that it's important to remember what a special place Grand Beach is. She spoke of septic concerns, specifically in regards to rentals and also of the survey and results that were used in 2019 as part of the parks planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Grim moved, seconded by Leonard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katharine Butler
Deputy Clerk