

LEHIGH ACRES COMMUNITY PLANNING CORPORATION
January 12, 2005 MINUTES

Chair Jim Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M.

Present were:

- Jim Fleming, Chair
- Frank LaRosa, Vice Chair
- John Miller
- Charlie DiFelice
- Liz Eilf
- Azelma Simmons
- Colin Feng
- Keith Richter
- Bo Turberville
- John Dixon Morrow
- Willard Baker

Absent was:

- Excused – Desmond Barrett, Wayne Elrod
- Resigned - Grace Parish

Chair Jim Fleming gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA:

- Robert's Rules Suspended
 - There were @ 20 in attendance in addition to LACPC board members
- Public Comments
 - Frank Lohlein – saw no committee to oversee costs associated with the Smart Growth Plan and Subcommittees
- John Miller spoke of the University of FL – Training
 - Asked for a count of those interested in attending (@30)
 - John was seeking interest to work on a committee to organize the training; those interested are to contact him directly
 - Dr Banyan will assist with arrangements
- Grace Parish's resignation – acknowledged and accepted
 - Vacancy to be advertised, closed by February 4th, and process of filing vacancy at the February 9th meeting
- Frank LaRosa made a motion for a Referendum to be brought to the Citizen's of Lehigh prior to the finished plan going to the BOCC
 - Estimated costs of a Referendum not on a General or Special Ballot could amount to \$125,000

- The LACPC Board was entrusted by the BOCC to make the decision, Dr Banyan
- The public does have a say and input by attending the meetings and being involved with Subcommittees – Ro MacDonald
- Various comments –
 - The process will work
 - The Board will compile the Plan
 - This allow's the public the opportunity to have their say
 - The general public won't understand the Plan as a Referendum
 - Advertise to inform the public of the Plan prior to November
 - The Board may loose credibility with BOCC for taking it to the Citizens, not the process BOCC set up
 - Democracy does not mean putting things to a vote
 - Didn't do our job right if the voters don't approve the plan
- Referendum proposed for November 2006 ballot (For – Jim Fleming, Frank LaRosa, John Miller, Keith Richter, Liz Eilf, Azelma Simmons / Against – Bo Turberville, Charlie DiFelice, Willard Baker, Colin Feng)
 Note: Charlie DiFelice requested that this be included for the record - On the item dealing with voting on the plan as a referendum, Charlie explained to the Board that they were an advisory board and did not believe the BOCC would go along with a referendum. Also, this was not an item on the agenda it seemed to be slipped in and subsequently resulted in the new rule concerning prior notice to agenda items. It was Charlie's understanding if an agenda item was to be scheduled as new business, it had to be brought up and scheduled at the prior monthly meeting.

Motion Approved for plan to be completed by prior to November of 2006 and be placed on a ballot for Lehigh Citizens to have their voice in the proposed plan.

- Need to obtain assistance of a Professional Planner to keep the Plan on track and together
- Articles of Incorporation – Revisions
 - Directors
 - Bo Turberville, John Dixon Morrow names to be added
 - Grace Parish, Ralph Hemingway, Carl Snipes names to be removed
 - Registered Agent – Willard Baker
 - PO Box to be obtained by Secretary Baker for LACPC
 - All other Articles of Incorporation to remain as currently written
- By-Laws – Revisions
 - Directors
 - Bo Turberville, John Dixon Morrow to be added
 - Grace Parish, Ralph Hemingway, Carl Snipes to be removed
 - Article 5

- 5.2 – At all meetings all votes shall be by voice, show of hands, or written public ballot
- Article 6
 - 6.2 – Eight of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of Business
 - 6.2 - Quorum will be 50% +1 according to the membership of the Board at that present time
 - 6.5 – Any Director may be removed from office upon vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3 rds) of the Board of Directors in attendance at a meeting of the Directors, provided notice of such proposed action shall have been furnished, in writing, to all members of the Board of Directors at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
 - Grounds to be removed:
 - Malfeasance – deliberately doing the wrong thing
 - Misfeasance – continually doing the wrong thing
 - Non-Feasance - Neglect of Duty
 - Drunkenness
 - Incompetence – not being able to do the right thing
 - Permanent inability to perform official duties – sick, paralyzed, etc
 - Commission of a Felony
- 6.7 – Directors with three (3) unexcused absences or six (6) total absences within one (1) year of their anniversary of election will be replaced. Unexcused absences have not provided 24hr notification to the Chair in advance of the scheduled meeting.
- 7.2 – The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the LACPC and shall have the general responsibility for all operations. The President shall arrange for and shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors, the Board shall appoint the Chairmen and other members of Committees established by the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees.
- 7.5 – the Secretary shall be responsible for the recording and maintaining records of all meetings of Directors and shall maintain records of all Committees ...
- Article 8
- Paragraph 3 – other standing or ad hoc committees and Advisory Boards may be established by the Board of Directors such as:
 - Community Involvement
 - Finance
 - Parks & Rec / School Personnel & Youth Activities
 - Sidewalks, Bike Paths / Utilities & Infrastructure / Roadways & Public Transportation
 - Law Enforcement / Public Safety
 - Architectural Review & Code Enforcement
 - Planning, Zoning & Land Use
 - Community Healthcare / Charitable and Civic Organizations

- Conservation and Beautification

The Chair of each Committee or Advisory Board shall be nominated and voted on by the Board. The Chair of each Subcommittee may appoint Committee or Advisory Board members in addition to those nominated by the Board at a duly assembled Subcommittee Meeting.

- Article 10 – Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure
 - Tabled until copies of the Modern Rules of Order could be obtained and reviewed by the Board.

Motion Approved - for all remaining By-Laws (Articles 10 thru 16) to remain as currently written.

FUTURE ISSUES / MEETING DATES ~ TIMES

Action Needed – Jim Mudd to provide platted maps of Lehigh Acres from the 50's & 60's.

- JAN 29th // 11: 00 – 3:00 PM // Community Visioning Program // Veteran's Park Recreation Center
- FEB 9th // 7:00 – 9:00 PM // Regular Meeting // Veteran's Park

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned around 9:45 P.M.

Karen Adams, Recording Secretary

Note: All handouts, By-Laws, Meeting Minutes, Incorporation, etc are posted on the website,

www.lehighacresplanning.com

and available as hardcopy in the East County Library at the Reference Desk.