

MINUTES

ISLANDS PLANNING COMMISSION JANUARY 20, 2015 - 6:00 P.M. The Casino Bldg., 530 Beachview Drive, SSI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Humphries
Preston Kirkendall
William Lawrence
Robert Ussery
Karen Ward
Desiree Watson
Joel Willis

STAFF PRESENT: David Hainley, Community Development Director
Eric Johnson, Planning Manager
Cayce Dagenhart, Planner II
Ellis Carter, Building Official
Janet Loving, Admin/Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Dale Provenzano, BOC Chairman
Commissioner Bill Brunson, BOC
Alan Ours, County Administrator

Mr. William Lawrence, *2014 IPC Second Vice Chairman*, called the meeting to order and the invocation was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers - 2015

- a) **Chairman**
- b) **Vice Chairman**
- c) **Second Vice Chairman**
- d) **Recording Secretary**

Mr. Lawrence advised that the Nominating Committee selected the following members to serve as officers of the Islands Planning Commission for 2015: *Mr. Preston Kirkendall, Chairman; Ms. Desiree Watson, Vice Chairman; and Mr. Robert Ussery, Second Vice Chairman.* There were no other nominations from the floor and a motion was made by Mr. Joel Willis, seconded by Ms. Karen Ward and unanimously adopted to accept the Nominating Committee's selection of officers for 2015.

A motion was then made by Mr. Preston Kirkendall to retain **Ms. Janet Loving** as **Recording Secretary** of the Islands Planning Commission for 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Ussery and unanimously adopted.

At this time, Chairman Kirkendall gave a brief recap of the rules, voting procedure and audience participation in discussing agenda items.

For the record, there were approximately 450 people in attendance (225 inside and 225 outside). With a room capacity of only 86 and in accordance with the Fire Marshall, Mr. David Hainley asked all citizens who were not seated in a chair to please leave the room for safety purposes; however, they refused and became disgruntled and extremely unruly. One Island resident stood up and shouted, "I challenge this, this is illegal. You cannot make people leave a public meeting where they have a right to be and to speak up. I challenge this."

The audience was demanding that the meeting be moved to a larger room to accommodate everyone. Chairman Kirkendall attempted to explain that this was an advertised public meeting and it cannot be legally moved without proper notification. However, audience members became increasingly disruptive, which prompted Mr. Stan Humphries to make a motion recommending that this meeting be adjourned at this time and all items deferred until the February IPC meeting (to be held in a larger venue). The motion was seconded by Ms. Karen Ward.

During discussion, a representative from the Lucas Property (**SP2906**) requested that his agenda item be heard. He stated that he does not want his item deferred and pointed out that there were probably only a few people present for this application. Mr. Robert Ussery agreed, stating that they don't have to defer the entire agenda. However, this led to more outbursts. Mr. Humphries stated that his motion to defer includes all agenda items (with the exception of approving the 2015 Meeting Calendar).

At the end of discussion, the vote was taken on the motion to defer the following items to the February 17th IPC Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. (in a location to be determined) **ZM2976; CUP2981; SP2906; SP2979; VP2967**: Voting Aye: Mr. Stan Humphries, Mr. William Lawrence, Ms. Karen Ward and Ms. Desiree Watson. Voting Nay: Mr. Robert Ussery and Mr. Joel Willis. Abstained From Voting: Mr. Preston Kirkendall.

2015 Meeting Calendar

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stan Humphries and seconded by Ms. Desiree Watson, the 2015 IPC Meeting Calendar and the Joint Planning Commission Calendar were approved and unanimously adopted.

In other business, Mr. Humphries stated that in addition to the 2015 meeting dates and the possible joint planning sessions, he would like to request that the Islands Planning Commission conduct public work sessions on a regular basis to discuss updating the Comprehensive Plan. This would also be beneficial for the new members. He stated that he would like to schedule a work session between now and the next IPC Meeting in February. Ms. Watson pointed out that there is already a schedule of work sessions with the Mainland Planning Commission. However, Mr. Humphries explained that there are some important issues that they need to deal with relative to planning for the future on the Island. Ms. Watson asked Mr. Humphries to compile a bullet list of items and forward the list to the members for consideration beforehand. Mr. Humphries agreed and stated that he would work with Mr. Hainley on compiling a list of items for consideration.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.