



Town of Surfside

SUSTAINABILITY SUB COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall - Manny Crawford Conference Room
9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor, Surfside, FL 33154

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kousoulas at 5:05 p.m.

The following were present: Chair Kousoulas
 Vice Chair Goldenberg
 Lou Cohen

Absent: Moshe Behar
 Deborah Cimadevilla

Also present: Duncan Tavares, Acting Asst. Town Manager
 Sarah Sinatra Gould, Town Planner
 Kathy Mehaffey, Town Attorney
 Ross Prieto, Building Official
 Lindsay Lecour, Planning and Zoning Chair
 Elora Riera, Deputy Clerk

2. Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2017

Committee member Cohen moved to approve the minutes as written. Committee member Goldenberg seconded the motion which carried on voice vote.

3. Setbacks for Fences

Committee member Cohen commented that this item has nothing to do with global warming or rising sea level or the Sustainability. He feels that this is not in the purview of the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding whether this is under the purview of the Committee.

Town Planner Sinatra explained that prior discussions were to have a protected setback and her concern is that the landscape code requires a 10-ft. landscape buffer but it does not say if it needs to be on the inside or outside of the fence. If the Committee were to require a fence that would be set back further it would interrupt the landscape buffer. It would be more appropriate at 3 ft. so it would allow for the 7-ft. root ball for landscaping or all the way back to the 10 ft. She provided some graphics that show the existing conditions, the 3-ft. option, and the 10-ft. buffer.

Chair Kousoulas explained that this issue came up because the fence at the pool is 5 ft. and while walking on the path you see metal fences. The idea was to try to bring back the natural vegetation. He mentioned that if this were adopted, it would not have anything to do with existing fences.

Town Planner Sinatra commented that if this were adopted and if it were more than 50%, the new fence would have to be moved in 3 ft. Her only concern is that if there were any trees installed, there would be the potential that they would have to be moved unless the Committee came up with language that deals with obstructions.

Committee member Cohen commented on the fences that are already in place. He feels that adding to the code will create issues.

Committee member Goldenberg made a motion to leave the fence the way it is and to look at other ways to improve the hard pack. Motion died for lack of a second.

Planning and Zoning Chair Lindsay Lecour inquired about graphics from design schools regarding raising the dunes to protect from storm surges. Discussion ensued regarding raising the dunes.

Committee member Cohen commented regarding the PEM Program and would like the Committee to look into that again.

Committee member Cohen made a motion to investigate the PEM Program further and bring them back to the next meeting. Committee member Goldenberg seconded the motion which carried on voice vote.

Committee member Cohen advised the Committee about an article of a sustainability grant that could be available for the Town from Michael Blumberg.

Committee member Cohen made a motion for the Town to look into the Michael Blumberg plan/grant for sustainability projects for Towns and Mayors. Committee member Goldenberg seconded the motion which carried on voice vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibilities for getting more sand on the beach and the give a foot, get a foot issue.

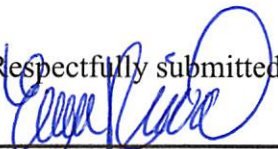
4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Adjournment

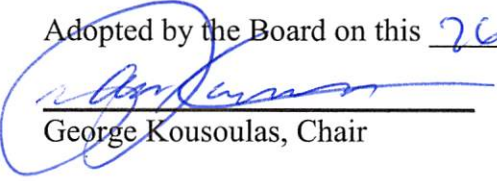
Committee member Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Committee member Goldenberg seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:



Elora Riera, Deputy Clerk

Adopted by the Board on this 26 day of Oct, 2017



George Kousoulas, Chair