

Minutes

Little Gasparilla Island Advisory Committee
Friday, March 13, 2009 – 1:00 P.M
Cedar Point Environment Park
Englewood, FL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Hill, Chairman
Ken Bonds
Barry Hurt
Donald Oleson
Carolyn Dupree
Paul Homes

STAFF PRESENT

Jie Shao, Growth Management

GUESTS

Bob Shirley
June Shirley
Tom McCoy

Members Excused

Randy Ridenour, Vice Chair

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
The **March 13, 2009** meeting of the **Little Gasparilla Island Advisory Committee** was called to order at 1:00p.m. by **Chair Bob Hill** noting a quorum was present.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
Chair Hill introduced **Bob and June Shirley**, long time residents of the Island and also acknowledged other attendees.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Chair Hill announced approval of the minutes would be tabled for the next meeting.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
Fire & EMS Sub-Committee Update
Chair Hill advised the Sub-Committee consists of two members from the LGI Property Owners Association and two members from the LGI Advisory Committee. **Tom McCoy** provided an update on the meeting held earlier today and stated they are in the process of establishing the maximum amount of Fire/EMS protection that can be obtained from the county under the current tax structure. Once an arrangement is in place, a comprehensive survey will be conducted to learn what additional services the residents would like and how they

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will go about paying for the associated costs. It was made known that taxes are not collected for fire services and the County is under no obligation to respond and does so only as a courtesy. Funds are paid, however, to the Charlotte County Public Safety Unit which provides for Emergency Management, County Medical and EMS Services. **Chair Hill** went on to say the Tri-Board Committee is proposing the Island raise approximately \$35,000.00 to buy and supply the County with an EMS boat which would substantially increase response times. They are contemplating the best location to dock the boat and are requesting the Island provide signage and the maintenance of fire equipment for use by County Personnel. In addition, they are also proposing the County relocate a Marine Captain to Station 14. They are expecting the County to accept the arrangements made for docking the boat, to agree the boat will be used only to service Little Gasparilla Island, to engage in training personnel on the Island, to provide one (1) EMS vehicle, and to contribute to the signage. A question and answer period followed and concerns were addressed. **Chair Hill** spoke further on the importance of pledges and advised on funds that have been contributed to date.

Zoning Ordinance Sub-Committee Update

Chair Hill spoke on the Little Gasparilla Island Community Plan and the Sub-Committee established to help finalize the LGI Zoning Ordinance. A draft copy of the Sub-Committee's final report was provided to members and it was stated the final draft will be voted on by the Committee before going to the Planning and Zoning Board for approval and to the Board of County Commissioners for final adoption. Additional input is desired and a public workshop is planned for March 28, 2009. **Jie Shao** advised she will be unable to attend the workshop but stated she did agree with the changes. An overview of the Ordinance was provided and **Mrs. Shao** addressed questions and concerns. A discussion ensued. **Chair Hill** proposed the Sub-Committee re-word the Ordinance to satisfy both the Committee and Growth Management and to comply with the Comprehensive Plan and State Regulations. Discussion continued and resulted in the following actions:

ACTION: Chair Hill entertained a motion with regard to Item H and Item I under #7 of Special Exceptions, page 5. The motion was presented by _____ and seconded by Carolyn Dupree that, with respect to barges and ferry landings, an attempt be made to establish criteria that would be acceptable to the County and to the Islanders in terms of the regulations of those items. Following additional discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed _____.

ACTION: _____ presented a motion to recommend that Item I, Outdoor Storage, be deleted from the draft LGI Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by _____ and a discussion followed. (Due to technical difficulty, the vote was not recorded.)

***ACTION:** Chair Hill entertained a motion to approve the LGI Zoning Ordinance draft with corrections and for it to be presented to the Islanders at a meeting to be held on Little Gasparilla Island on March 28, 2009, beginning at 10:00a.m. _____ made the motion and it was seconded by _____. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.*

V. COMMENTS

Chair Hill announced there would be a change of date for the April meeting and advised it will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, April 17, 2009.

Jie Shao commented that, following public input, she will forward the approved draft to the Attorney's office for a final review and will reformat the Ordinance to comply with and become a part of the existing Land Use Rewrite.

Chair Hill acknowledged **Ken Bonds'** resignation from the Committee and stated today would be his last meeting. He further conveyed his appreciation to **Mr. Bonds** for his service to the Advisory Board and for the time, effort, and energy he has expended since the inception of the Committee. **Mr. Bonds** confirmed a replacement has been recommended to fill his vacancy.

Chair Hill announced **Randy Ridenour** has mentioned the possibility of resigning. He will contact him to discuss the matter further and stated he has been a valuable asset to the Committee. This is an At-Large position and would need to be advertised if it becomes vacant.

Chair Hill addressed a question from **Jie Shao** regarding the correct expiration date for Carolyn Dupree's term.

_____ commented on the Ordinance process and the talent he has seen in Little Gasparilla Island with regard to public input.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at __3:30__p.m.