

BY LAWS

LITTLE GASPARILLA ISLAND ADVISORY BOARD

1. NAME.

The name of this board is “The Little Gasparilla Island Advisory Board”. (Hereinafter referred to as the Board)

2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of the Board is to discuss matters of concern to the island residents including but not limited to the development of a community plan, emergency medical services, fire suppression services, right-of-way and access issues, the development of recommendations regarding island infrastructure and environmental issues, the development of the findings of the prior Little Gasparilla Steering Committee and to advise the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (herinafter) referred to as the Board of Commissioners) on said matters.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

The Board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. One member shall represent the Hideaway Beach Club Owners Association, one member shall represent the Placida Beach Club Owners Association, one member shall represent the Gaspar’s Hideaway Homeowners Association, one member shall represent the Little Gasparilla Property Owner’s Association, Inc., and three members will serve as at-large positions. No member shall serve as an officer or director of any organization represented on the advisory board unless he or she is the representative from that organization. The initial membership of the Board shall consist of all members of the previous Little Gasparilla Island Steering Committee, who shall be reappointed. All members shall serve without compensation.

4. TERMS OF OFFICE.

Terms of office shall be for two (2) years with the exception that during the first term, four (4) members will serve for one (1) term the additional three (3) members will serve two (2) years. Appointments shall be deemed effective as of January 22, 2005. One (1) year members are Rande Ridenour, at large member, Dick Stickle, Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association representative, Barry Hurt, at large member and Ken Bond representing Placida Beach Condominiums. Two (2) year members are Bob Hill, at large member, Jim Lewis representing the Hideaway Condominiums and Mac McCarthy representing Gaspar’s Hideaway Owners Association.

After the initial one (1) year period, all appointments shall be for two (2) years.

5. MEMBER REQUIREMENTS.

Each member must be able to devote the time necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Board.

6. VACANCIES.

In the event a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Chairman shall notify the Chairman of the County Commission and ask that a replacement be appointed as soon as the process can reasonably be accomplished.

7. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

(a) Any member of the Board may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

(b) In the event that any Board member is absent from three (3) consecutive Board meetings without a satisfactory excuse acceptable to the Board Chairman, the Board Chairman shall state such fact at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and shall thereafter notify, in writing, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of the Board member(s) failure to attend without satisfactory excuse. The Board of County Commissioners shall review the Board Chairman's notification at a County Commission meeting and may declare the Board member(s) position to be vacant if the County Commission concurs that the Board member was absent from three (3) consecutive Board meetings without a satisfactory excuse and shall promptly fill the vacant position. The Board member shall not serve at any meetings after his or her position is declared vacant.

(c) If any member of the Committee is absent for more than one-third of the Board(s) meetings in a given fiscal year, it shall be deemed that the member has tendered his/her resignation from such Board. The Board of County Commissioners shall as soon as practicable after such resignation, declare the position to be vacant and shall promptly act to fill the vacancy. The Board member shall not serve at any meetings after his/her position has been declared vacant by the Board of County Commissioners.

8. OFFICERS.

Annually the membership of the Board shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and a secretary from among the members. Officer's terms shall be for one (1) year, with eligibility for reelection.

9. QUORUM.

The presence of four (4) or more members shall constitute a quorum of the Board necessary to take action and transact business. In addition, an affirmative vote of a majority of members present and voting, after quorum requirements have been met shall be necessary in order to take official action. A tie vote shall not be considered an

affirmative vote. In addition, approval of a revision to the bylaws to forward to the Board of County Commissioners for approval shall require a two-thirds vote of Board members present and voting.

10. WRITTEN RECORD.

The Board shall keep a written record of meetings, resolutions, reports, findings, determinations, and exhibits. Copies of all Board minutes, resolutions, reports, findings, determinations, and exhibits shall be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners. All meetings shall be open to the public and shall be subject to Chapter 286, Florida Statutes.

11. PROCEDURAL RULES.

The Board, its members, and all its proceedings shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Florida Sunshine Law, Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, the Florida Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Ethics Code, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and any other State or County statute, ordinance, or rule. The Board, its members, and its proceedings shall be governed by and conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, insofar as they do not conflict with any other provision(s) of these by-laws.

12. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties upon approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

13. MEETINGS.

The Board Chair shall determine the frequency of meetings. Meetings shall be scheduled to facilitate the attendance of such county personnel as may be necessary for items under discussion.

14. NOTICES.

The Board Chair shall take necessary steps to cause the publication of notice of Board meetings, to make a record of the meetings and actions of the Board, and to report the activities of the Board from time to time or upon request of the Board of County Commissioners.