



City of Anna Maria

MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING
CITY OF ANNA MARIA COMMISSION CHAMBERS
October 9, 2018, 4:00 PM

Pledge of Conduct:

**We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another. We will direct all comments to the issues.
We will avoid personal attacks.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crane called the meeting to order at 3:58 PM.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Crane, Board member Monika Beard, Board member Jim Conoly, Board member Jose Erbella, Board member Jeff Rodencal, Board member Margaret Jenkins, and Board member Bob Carter.

Staff Present: City Planner Robin Meyer and Administrative Assistant Liz Cleary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

3. Public Hearing regarding proposed amendments to Section 114-420, "Plantings- Landscape and Trees"

City Planner Meyer walked the board through the proposed changes to the Landscape Ordinance. The ordinance is changing the requirement of native plants to "Florida Friendly" and modifying the plant list and some of the standards accordingly.

Chair Crane questioned the procedure of the Commission giving the P&Z Board the ordinance after the 1st reading and then allowing only two days before the 2nd reading to give any meaningful recommendations. He also noted that the Comprehensive Plan uses the terms native and non-invasive instead of Florida Friendly, so this would make the ordinance incompatible with the plan.

Board member Beard inquired about the definition of "Florida Friendly" plants and suggested a definition needs to be somewhere in the ordinance.

Board member Rodencal thought further research needed to be done still. While re-establishing the canopy level is great goal he's not sure this ordinance addresses it. The amount of tree planting (5 as put forth by the commission) for a standard size lot seems difficult to achieve (citing side yard infiltration trenches, pools etc.). He mentioned that Miami has tree requirements based on lot sizes. He also expressed concern about hurricane events with a large number of trees around houses.

Board member Carter thinks that enforcing this ordinance would prove difficult.
Board member Jenkins doesn't think the city should tell people what to put in or take out of their yard.
Board member Erbella thinks the tree requirement could be a burden to homeowners.

The Board did note that this ordinance only applies to new construction going forward. However, they would like the ordinance to have a table for lot size, and address enforcement issues (e.g. a waiver process, paying into a tree fund instead of planting).

The Board would like more time to review and make recommendations.

Motion: To not approve the Landscape Ordinance for the above reasons.
Action: Motion passed by Board member Beard and seconded by Board member Jenkins.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of shrubbery in front of the Museum

Although Public Works has trimmed the shrubbery, Board member Jenkins thinks it is still a hazard and would like to see it removed. City Planner Meyer will have another discussion with Dean Jones, Public Works Director. To be continued next month.

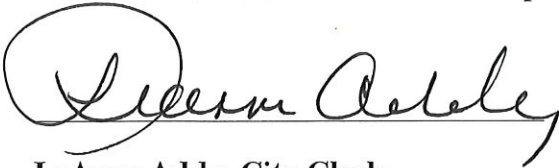
MINUTES

Meeting of September 11, 2018
Motion: To approve the minutes of September 11, 2018
Action: Motion passed by Board member Beard and seconded by Board member Erbella.
The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting November 13, 2018

Adjournment at 4:31 PM on motion made by Board member Carter and seconded by Board member Rodencal. The motion passed unanimously.



LeAnne Addy, City Clerk



Liz Cleary, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved: 12-11-18

SHOULD ANY INTERESTED PARTY SEEK TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THEY WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS BE MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON

WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.



(FSS 286.26) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND FLORIDA STATE STATUTES, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK FOR ASSISTANCE AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING (941) 708-6130.