

Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Town Commission Workshop
February 9, 2004 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Town Commission Workshop on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Mayor G. Chuck Balius, Commissioners Longtin, Otterson and Garretson, Town Manager Doug Drymon and Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas.

Vice Mayor Balius called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Vice Mayor Balius led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas performed the Roll Call.

DISCUSSION:

Alternate Building/Restaurant at the Marina

Town Manager Drymon suggested that the Town solicit proposals for the usage of the alternate building. Town Manager Drymon stated that the meeting was intended to see if staff can find out the views of the Commission so that their desires can be carried out.

Town Manager Drymon introduced Patience Cohn as Harbor-Marina Manager and first employee of the Marina. He expressed that he is happy to have her on board.

Jamie Gentile, Calvin, Giordano & Associates, representing staff recommended the Town consider the current zoning as it pertains to the Marina which prohibits the consumption and sale of alcohol within 500 feet of a public building. Mr. Gentile suggested that the Town also look into the amount of parking spaces per slip. Mr. Gentile stated that rezoning of the area would be required if the Commission decided to have a restaurant that serves alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Garretson and Town Manager Drymon both agreed that the sale of alcohol would provide competitiveness. Town Manager Drymon stated that he would like to have applicants make proposals to the Town in that it has not been determined by the Town Commission that a restaurant is desired or wanted at the Marina.

The Commission agreed that the building will be one floor, but will allow provisions for a possible second floor. Vice Mayor Balius stated that he would like to see an agreement to reflect that in the event the applicants' business goes bankrupt, the Town would not lose the building. The Commission also discussed the need for music and noise restrictions.

The Commission desires to have the Town control the appearance of the building in that it should reflect a Mediterranean type finish as do other public buildings within the Town

of Lake Park. The general view of the Commission was to draw up a five (5) year lease, renewable for five (5) additional years. The Commission expressed that they do not wish to drag their feet on the issues of rezoning and would like to move forward with drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) similar to that of the City of Dania. (see exhibit A)

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Longtin, Mr. Gentile stated that the rezoning is not expected to take a very long period of time with the use of staff. He indicated that he will further investigate the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following person(s) addressed the Commission:

Ed Daly, 301 Lakeshore Drive stated that the residents in the Condo adjacent to the Marina would like to remain in a comfortable, quiet environment.

Peter Lawler, Lakeshore Drive requested that the Commission considers the residents that will be affected by the restaurant. He feels that the project has progressed too far along for the Commission to still be indecisive.

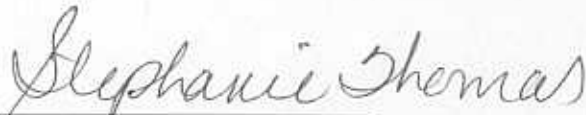
The Commission authorized Town Manager Drymon to put more money into advertising for the RFP. They suggested that he look into Restaurant/Marina/Trade Publications. The Commission agreed that if an offer is not made, the building will not be constructed and the item will be brought before the Commission again in August 2004.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Longtin, seconded by Commissioner Garretson, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Mayor Paul Castro



Deputy Town Clerk, Stephanie Thomas

Approved on this 18th day of February 2004.