

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE COMMITTEE (EDZC) MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

A G E N D A

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) October 17, 2017
- 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
 - A) Chairman
 - B) Vice Chairman
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) Appointment of a member from the Committee to attend the Centennial Committee Meetings – Requested by Jessica Hawkins
 - B) Rotary Fountain
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A) Update on Economic Development Plan
 - B) State Road 60 Traffic Calming
 - C) Lighting for the Parking Area across from Scott's Sporting Goods
- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE**
 - A) February 19, 2018
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 10:00 A.M.
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PRESENT: Joseph Cataldo, Chairman; Charles “Mike” Williams, Vice Chairman; Member: Garry Rooney, Alternate Member Bob DelVecchio and Alternate Member Nick Novak **Also Present:** Tim McGarry, Planning and Development Director; Kira Honse, Assistant City Attorney and Heather McCarty, Records Retention Specialist

Excused Absences: Terry Torres and Jessica Hawkins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Today’s meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) July 17, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) July 27, 2017 – Special Call Meeting Minutes
- C) August 21, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Rooney made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DelVecchio said they are in the process of forming a new group of business owners and property owners, which will be an official non-profit group. He said he would get them more details once it becomes official.

A) Update on Economic Development Plan – See Attached Plan

Mr. Cataldo said their Economic Development Plan needs to be updated and one of the questions would be what their budget is.

Mr. McGarry said there is about \$18,000. Mrs. Suzy Feeney said that it is just under \$19,000.

Mr. Cataldo questioned if there is anything they can do or want to do that they could recommend to Council.

Mr. Williams recommended they do something with the people standing on the sides of the roads holding signs. He commented that it would be solved quickly if there were to be people holding signs asking for food on the other side of the bridge. He added it is about to be season and that it is very embarrassing.

Mr. Cataldo said that one of his priorities that there should be for downtown is for it to be safe so people feel comfortable and he thinks lighting goes with that. Also, policing because if there are undesirables hanging around people will be reluctant to park and walk and spend time there. Also anything they can do to make it more attractive and lighting also falls in to that along with sidewalk improvements.

Mr. Novak asked about the lighting through the park and what they need to do. He asked if they have figured out the squirrel problem.

Mrs. Feeney said that the lighting program that they've started to put together with the business owners is not going to have an immediate launch and that it all depends on the individual business owners. She said that Mr. Scott Chisholm is very interested in doing it, but he needs to get his building painted first. She added there are close to 10 business owners interested in doing the lighting. She said that leads in to the park. She explained some of the business owners felt instead of spending the money down in the park first, the first step should be more up towards State Road 60 (SR60) so when people are going down the main route, it would be more noticeable. She referred to the lights around Blue Agave.

Mr. Novak asked if she is talking about the trees across the street in the parking lot. Mrs. Feeney answered yes. Mr. Novak asked if that is public property. Mrs. Feeney answered yes. She said they worked together with the City to be able to know what trees they would be able to light. Mr. Novak asked if that is an easier start at that location. Mrs. Feeney answered yes, and a more impactful one most of the business owners felt. She added that Mr. Chisholm would probably be one of the first to pull the trigger on his building.

Mr. Novak asked who it was that said that would be a better place to start. Mrs. Feeney answered Mr. Chisholm and some of the other business owners. She said they are willing to raise the money to put the lighting in Pocahontas Park, but there is a real infrastructure problem because of the roots. They are still till trying to find an electrical engineer who can show them how to do the lights up above. But if not, she said that Heritage has some other possible ideas that they want to do. They haven't gotten the exact quote, but it would probably go into five (5) to seven (7) of the trees there. She added that the money would come from the TIFF money, if they wanted to spend it that way.

Mr. DelVecchio asked if it is possible to get a grant to match what they have. Mrs. Feeney said they are starting to take a look at matching grants. Mr. Novak asked if they could do that now with Mr. Michael Naffziger. Mrs. Feeney said that yes, Mr. Naffziger would be the one doing all the lighting.

Mr. Novak asked how they are thinking the lighting would be. Mrs. Feeney said when Mr. Naffziger did the lighting plan, there were three (3) different kinds of areas. There was uplighting in the Oak Trees, the Palm Trees would be uplighted from the ground and the other ones would be the GOBO lights.

Mr. Novak felt that starting at that corner of SR60 was a really good idea because it would be super visible.

Mr. Novak made a motion to bring the idea of lighting up that corner to City Council. Mr. DelVecchio seconded the motion.

Mr. Cataldo said they should see if there are any other items they want to add to that request for the wish list.

Mr. Rooney asked about the cost for lighting that corner. Mrs. Feeney said she would be able to get the final quote from Mr. Naffziger at this point.

Mr. Novak asked if there is a root issue there. Mrs. Feeney answered not really. She said it is not like the roots by the Heritage Center, which are significant.

Mr. Novak said they could hit the side of the Furniture Mart with a GOBO and really light up the whole corner. He felt this was a really great idea.

Mr. Cataldo said they could request from City Council that one of the expenditures would be to light that intersection up and in the public park and any surrounding areas that they could hit through lighting to make that intersection attractive.

Mr. Rooney asked if they are recommending that they make the expenditure, or first find out what the expenditure is. Mr. McGarry recommended that they get a cost first before they go to City Council.

Mr. Cataldo said they need to see what they can do with their budget. Mr. Novak said there is no way that could cost more than \$18,000. Mr. Rooney questioned if they wanted to roll all their funds into one project.

Mr. Cataldo said that is why he was asking for any ideas of what else could be done with limited funds that would have an impact to help drive downtown and keep the momentum going, for example benches, lighting, plants...

Mr. Rooney commented that they have had a lot of great ideas, but some of them seem to fizzle. He said they have one (1) sign in place right now. He questioned what happened to that great idea. He referred to the kiosks. He said he put his deposit in personally and there is no sign yet. He said they don't have anybody out there on the streets and they need to get the information out to the business owners that might be interested.

Mr. DelVecchio asked Ms. Janie Hoover if she had any information on the kiosks.

Ms. Janie Hoover, from Main Street Vero Beach, said as far as the kiosks go, they are working to find someone else to manufacture them at this point in time because they have had a few issues. They do have some sponsors, but they need to make sure the one they had built is up to standard. Also, they have had some suggestions for some changes.

Mr. DelVecchio asked if those were changes were in the structure or where they are being placed. Ms. Hoover answered not in where they are going and that was all approved. She said some want the kiosks to be a little higher so that people can see them when they are driving. Mr. Rooney questioned if it was already approved and they are going to keep refining them, why haven't they come here to tell them what the problem is.

Mr. Williams commented that he is afraid the price is going to change if they bring in a new artist.

Ms. Hoover said that she needs to get the complete details on this and can report back to them.

Mr. DeVecchio said that he heard one of the locations was right next to the corner where they just had a car accident where a car flipped over in front of Scott's Sporting Goods. Ms. Hoover said that she didn't have the map with her, but she could send that to the Committee. Mr. DeVecchio thinks next to the bench on the other side where it would stay out of traffic is a better place than the corner, which seems pretty dangerous. Ms. Hoover said that Mrs. Elaine Jones, with Main Street Vero Beach, worked with the City officials to come up with the map and if there are going to be any changes, they would have to check with the City. The locations are approved, and if they wanted to make any changes, they would need to go back to the City to get those approved.

Mr. Rooney asked who the organization is that is putting those signs together. Ms. Hoover answered that Main Street got tasked with completing this project.

Mr. Rooney asked how many sponsors do they have so far. Ms. Hoover said that she did not come prepared with all of those details today. She said that she just came to listen.

Mr. Novak asked if they could come up with a number for the lighting for the corner that they would want to spend and see what they could get done with, for example, \$4,000 or \$1,800.

Mr. DeVecchio asked Ms. Hoover to get them whatever information she could on the signs.

Mr. Cataldo suggested they ask Mr. Naffziger for a bid for lighting just on that corner and not put a budget on him to start with.

Mr. Cataldo said if the City Council approves it, he thinks they could do it and that there will be extra money, which is why he wants to talk about other things they want to do, such as parking signs. He said he went to Deland this weekend and their Downtown and Main Street is one of the nicest that he has ever seen. It is walkable and all the store fronts are vibrant. He would like to see a smaller version of that in Vero Beach. He pointed out that the area where the vehicle ended up turned over is the same area that Mr. Larry Reisman, with TCPalm, said there wasn't a problem.

Mr. Rooney asked if anyone has ever invited Mr. Reisman and the people he speaks to to come to these meetings. He reads about people who object to the slowing, but nobody has come here to these meetings to object.

Mr. Cataldo said the Twin Pairs is a hot button issue with the Comprehensive Plan and the City Council. He said it makes no sense to him that the only place they have a super highway is to get them through downtown and then it is two (2) lanes to get to I-95. The issue is what can they do about it now. He commented that City Council seems to be going in a different direction and they don't take an official position. He said historically, the Twin Pairs have been a part of vision plans and the Comprehensive Plan, but there is a movement to take that out of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Williams commented that it seems the ones who oppose their plan are the ones who live on the beach.

Mr. Cataldo said there is not an evacuation issue, which the Kimley Horn study proved and capacity for the next 20 years is not an issue. The study went 20 years out and said there are no issues with

reduction. He doesn't know where it went off the tracks. They were making great progress with the study and the improvements to landscaping, sidewalks, bikeways, which is everything the Downtown needs. They need public support and need the business owners to come out and voice their concerns at City Council meetings. He said there are very few people who come to City Council meetings in support or against it. He asked Mr. McGarry if he thinks the revisions will stay in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. McGarry answered that the revisions are being taken out. He said that they don't have the money to do anything anyway and it will be there once the money becomes available. He does not think that it is catastrophic that it is coming out of the Plan. He noted they have never had full support and they have changes in Council. He said the previous City Council approved to do the Study. The new City Council approved doing the permit application, which has been prepared by Kimley Horn and the information has been updated. He said right now, they want it taken out, but he doesn't think it's the end of this project.

Mr. Cataldo said that he has heard that FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) would like to see the City's support. Mr. McGarry said that project will be in the FDOT five (5) year plan. That is the time they will need to get additional outside money to pay for what they would like. He said that getting approval now, there would still be no money.

Mrs. Feeney said that what Mr. McGarry is bringing up is a point that the naysayers are coming up with, which is that this is so far out and there is no money for it anyhow. She talked about what this Committee originally started when they put this economic plan together three (3) years ago. She said the problem that they have encountered as they have tried to collectively work together is that people are more than willing to blow it off and say the money is not there. They have a group of serious business owners who need to have the City's support so they can go out over the next couple of years and put together the educational campaign it needs to be able to show why this is valid and needed. This is about culture and how they want the community to be like. She said when they look at how hard they have been working with pulling everyone and all the issues together, there is a collective force other than this Board. She said all the little components need to be addressed together and they need to rally now.

Mr. Rooney said that makes sense to everyone in this room. Mr. Cataldo said they need to find a way to get it out of this room and on to a planning process so that when the FDOT is ready, they are ready. If there is a way to move this up, which is what he is hoping for, they will find some solution to do some improvements to create a walkable downtown before the FDOT project. But they need the City behind them.

Mrs. Feeney said FDOT wants to be able to help them and there is the possibility of getting more funds out of them. But she said they are not going to give them funds if it always a three (3) to two (2) vote. She said being able to know that it stays in the Comprehensive Plan is not going to change anything today, but it's going to lay a stronger groundwork for them to build on in the future, which is why they don't want it taken out.

Mr. DelVecchio referred to the list of some other improvements within their zone shown in their Economic Development Plan (on file in the City Clerk's office), such as additional bus stops and themed lighting, which they have already talked about. He suggested that each of the Committee members take a look at each one of the things on the list and report back at their next meeting what they think they can possibly do.

Mr. Cataldo pointed out with \$18,000, they can't widen the sidewalks. Mr. DelVecchio understands that, but they could do some research to find out what they can do, but basically they just keep looking at the list.

Mr. Cataldo said the lighting is something they would get accomplished. He thinks the other thing they could work on with their small budget is signage directing people to parking, mapping and following up on the kiosks. He feels that educating people on where parking is available is important because parking is an issue.

Mr. DelVecchio said they need to update this plan. Mr. Cataldo said that is what they are tasked with. He said it seems to him they have a couple items that are reasonable and achievable. In the longer version, he would like to spend money to build another bump-out to reduce traffic. He said they can lower the speed limit, but they need FDOT approval and FDOT sets the speed at what's comfortable, and if they re-did it, they would probably make it 55 mph.

Mr. Williams commented that bump-outs cause speeding because the minute someone gets passed the bump-out, they can cut back over and start speeding. He said another bump-out is just going to speed up traffic.

Mr. Novak said he did not know where they are going to put more bus stops downtown, which is on the list. He said the huge main hub is across the street from Filthy's on 17th Street and there is never more than a dozen people there. He doesn't think they need to put in more bus stops downtown. He added that people that are coming to downtown to shop and eat aren't coming by bus. He doesn't think additional bus stops should be on their list. He brought up sidewalk widening and questioned that if there are no people, why would they even talk about that. He thinks the order of operations on the list is off.

Mr. Cataldo said they could put outdoor cafes downtown and improve the sidewalk. He referred to a project Blue Agave was looking at doing outside their restaurant, which they had gotten verbal approval on. He said it would have been very attractive, but they would lose a couple of parking spaces. Mr. Williams said they can't afford to lose the parking spaces.

Mr. Novak said they can't put 25 outdoor restaurants downtown and expect them all to thrive. Mr. Cataldo said even just a few of those outdoor areas with umbrellas and some plantings would be eye-catching and might slow things down a little bit. Mr. Novak agreed it would be eye-catching, but said that it would not slow things down.

Mr. Williams questioned how they would widen the sidewalk on to SR 60.

Mr. Cataldo did not think the FDOT would let them do that. But they could widen it along 14th Avenue in key spots with lighting and plants to catch people's attention as they're driving by and those are not real expensive and aesthetically, it would be a big improvement.

Mr. Novak asked if they could get a cost on that corner for their next meeting. He feels that lighting there would be beautiful for downtown.

Mr. Cataldo said the bus stop downtown is by the court house and if it could be improved to be a turn-out, it would help reduce a lane because they actually park in the northern most lane, which is a safety issue.

Mr. DelVecchio said they should take this list and re-rank everything and start from the top and start working their way through it.

Mr. Cataldo said the bandshell, for example, was something that was a big item that went by the way-side. Mr. DelVecchio questioned where they would put it. Mr. Cataldo said he did not see it as a priority at this point. Mr. DelVecchio added that he could not think of a place where it could be put.

Mr. Rooney said it was a long-term concept, but it was never a project.

Mr. Cataldo said they need to stay focused on what is important, which is lighting, signage, kiosks and beautification projects.

Mr. Novak said they do need a bicycle patrolman down there. He said he refuses to take his son to Pocahontas Park even in the middle of the day because of the homeless problem.

Mr. Williams pointed out that problem is not just in Pocahontas Park.

Mr. DelVecchio asked about the bikes that they have on their list. He said there are supposed to be two (2) bikes at \$1,500 a piece that the Chief was working on.

Mr. McGarry said they have already done that and sent their Officers to do the necessary training and they should already be in the field.

Mr. Novak said about a year and half ago, he saw a female officer on a bike a few times, but that was it.

Mr. Rooney said that the Chief has been here for a couple of meetings in the past. He felt they should ask him for an update and the hours of patrol. Mr. Cataldo said they need to make that a priority because it is a safety issue.

Mr. Rooney pointed out that may be some of the reasons why some of places are hard to rent. He said when they were in the old courthouse building, he had to walk his staff out to the parking lot or they would get accosted. He said it is an issue.

Mr. Cataldo said since they are an advisory Committee to the City Council, it is up to them to offer ideas that could develop and enhance the economic viability of downtown and that are achievable. They have some money to spend. Some things don't cost money or may not cost much money and they need to allocate the funds. Cleaning up downtown and making it safe is a huge priority.

Mr. Rooney said everyone has been on that boat since the inception about safety and lighting. He had said the same thing two (2) years ago about not going to Pocahontas Park because of that issue and the bathrooms and the drugs and the prostitution. Mr. Cataldo said but it's fixable. He said Chief Currey said unfortunately it is a budgetary issue and they have to decide where they can deploy their forces.

Mr. Williams asked what happened to the bike patrol. Mr. Cataldo said that he has seen it on the beach. Mr. DelVecchio did not think it was there anymore. Mr. Novak said it was on 14th Avenue for a brief moment during construction.

The Committee agreed they needed to ask Chief Currey to attend one of their meetings for an update.

Mr. Rooney said they have had the same on-going issue with Pocahontas Park. It has been an issue with the safety and people sleeping there and drugs in the bathroom.

Mrs. Feeney said it sounds like a lot of the things that they are questioning are things that either the City used to do with the Police who have disappeared in some form or people holding up signs to beg. She assumed they might have a Code that doesn't allow that. She said if some of the things that have always been the mission of this Committee have sort of been pushed aside, they need to take a look at what needs to be done financially and re-prioritize what needs to be done and see where things might be falling through the cracks. She said there are safety issues. She asked if they can ask some of the City Council members to come and hear what their concerns are. They are trying very hard not to make it this side against that side, the beach. She said there needs to be a standard that is the same for everyone. She suggested they ask City Council or the Chief to come to their meetings to explain some of these things. She added that Chief Currey was really in favor of the lighting at Pocahontas Park. She said they need to start pushing these issues and getting answers.

Mr. Williams said it would not be tolerated on the beachside and questioned why they were tolerating it here.

Mr. Cataldo said they need a plan. They have some items already on their list. He encouraged them to think of any new items that are reasonable and achievable. He said their job is to recommend how to spend the TIFF money. They need a louder voice with City Council that makes downtown important. He added that it should be important to the City because it is a major attribute. He said Pocahontas Park is a beautiful park and very few cities have a park of that quality in their downtown. He said there is so much great about the bones of downtown. He said some people would take the position that it doesn't need help because it's better than it's ever been. He said it's better than it's ever been, but if you talk to shop keepers, they are struggling.

Mr. Rooney said particularly after 5:00 p.m. with the restaurants, they need to keep safety number one. He said if they have one shooting, one mugging, it's over and the restaurants are the ones who are going to be hit.

Mr. Novak said that as a business owner sitting at this table, they are going to keep going. He said it would be great to get some of this stuff accomplished. He said it would be nice to have some help and some things here and there. Mr. Cataldo said help is available and is there.

Mr. Novak stated that the Downtown is not being helped. He said the businesses are not seeing help. But he feels everything that is going in downtown is going to do well whether anyone helps them or not, based on their method and their product.

Mr. Cataldo said the lighting is something that he thinks they could accomplish and beyond the corner probably. They need to make it an issue with the Police Department and ask for policing. If it is a

budgetary issue, maybe they can reallocate funds. At some point, he thinks it might be worth spending some money to clean up Downtown.

Mr. Novak agreed 100%, but said it is important to say that nobody is going anywhere if none of this happens. Heels are dug in downtown. He said it's not going to get any worse. Buildings are becoming beautiful. Everyone's opening businesses down there. Restaurants are thriving down there for the first time in many years.

Mr. Williams said as far as the park, historically, probably every small park in the United States deals with the same problems that they do in their park. If they don't get someone in there on a regular basis, they aren't going to stop the problem. He said this is not just a Vero problem, it's a national problem with these parks. They have a bathroom and things there that they don't have in the woods. He said it is going to be hard to chase them out of there without law enforcement in there on a regular basis.

Mr. DelVecchio said they need to get Chief Currey in here and see what they can do and can't do and what they can do to help.

Mr. Novak said they should go through these things one by one at their next meeting and take a vote. Mr. Cataldo added they should think about anything else that they or anybody they know has suggested that is achievable.

Mr. DelVecchio said some of the items that are achievable are the lighting and the stamped crosswalks.

Mr. Novak feels like a lot of it is achievable, but in the eight (8) months he has been on this Committee, nothing has been achieved.

Mr. Cataldo said they were making good progress at one point with the Twin Pairs with going to FDOT and getting them in line with the lane elimination. He said the issue is they are waiting on them for the FDOT project.

Mr. Williams commented that it felt like City Council pulled the rug out from under them if they aren't even going to consider the Twin Pairs.

Mr. Cataldo agreed that was a setback in the momentum that was gained.

Mr. Rooney suggested they ask City Council what they see the future of the Downtown to be.

Mr. Williams expressed concern that they get new City Council members and they can't get a consensus whatsoever.

Mr. Cataldo pointed out that Keeping Vero Vero doesn't mean keeping what is wrong with Vero. They need to focus on the things that everybody agrees with, which is the idealic, seaside lifestyle, the low-density...

Mr. Novak said he did not know that everyone agrees with that.

Mr. Williams said part of the problem is that one side of the river and the other side of the river don't always go hand in hand. Mr. Cataldo said that is why they need voices.

Mr. Williams said with the Study and everything that they did, he thought the City was on board with it, but now he is hearing that they are not on board with it.

Mr. Cataldo said he heard that the Indian River Neighborhood Association (IRNA) is in favor or is probably going to be in favor of it. Mr. Williams said the IRNA is totally in favor of it.

Mr. DeVecchio said there have been a lot of people that are for it that attended previous meetings.

Mrs. Feeney said she thinks they are close with the votes. She agreed with everything they are saying. All of the things they have tried to encounter with this business group in the last couple months have been an eye opener, which is why they decided to form themselves as a 501C6 to be able to be the advocacy group for getting these things out and enacting them. She said there is a huge troop behind them. She pointed out that IRNA is a strong political group and they want to come behind and help because a lot of the things they care about are cared about by both sides of the bridge. She said they made a Resolution and voted unanimously to send it to City Council to ask them to consider the road calming, but it hasn't been to City Council yet. The Comprehensive Plan popped up instead. She said being able to get the Comprehensive Plan through brings more people behind them in support of this. They are trying to be the voice behind them and to do the educational campaign and teach people what the Twin Pairs are really about and all of the other nice things that would help their community. She applauded them and said she knows it is frustrating. She said she has all the minutes and you can see what the plan was each year and how things started to move off of that.

Mr. Rooney questioned when she says their goal is to educate people as to the issues and the Twin Pairs, who are they educating. He thinks everyone already has their opinion. He said the average voter doesn't care and they aren't going to come out and do anything.

Mrs. Feeney said an example of that is what happened with the Comprehensive Plan. She said they had people that were in attendance who could say what the facts are. She said people have their opinions about hurricane evacuations, but the facts are that it is not going to effect evacuation. Also, the fact is that Kimley Horn has done the report that says they aren't going to have to widen it again as more people come to Vero. She said they will sway some people, but just not everybody.

Mr. Rooney asked who are they trying to sway. Mrs. Feeney answered City Council.

Mr. Cataldo said at the latest meeting, the common thread with City Council was to clean up the prior Comprehensive Plan and make it less restrictive and use "may" rather than "shall." He added they are going to take out the Twin Pairs. He said it is not a requirement or an obligation, but a vision that prior City Councils had supported for many years. He said taking it out is a huge step backwards and a clear message that it is not a priority for this City. He felt that is a major problem and questioned if this Committee needed to speak to City Council to ask them to leave it in.

Mr. Novak said it seems like it is them removing something that they don't want to pull the trigger on. He added that nothing in the Vision Plan gets completed.

Mr. Cataldo pointed out that there is nothing in the Comprehensive Plan that requires them to do anything with the Twin Pairs. They haven't asked them to support the Kimley Horn plan. He said it is

not a specific plan in the Comprehensive Plan, but a conceptual plan for the calming of the Twin Pairs, which has been in there for 30 years. He said something has changed.

Mr. Rooney said that no facts have changed. Mr. Cataldo said the assumptions that they used in the study say there is not a problem. He thinks that most people would acknowledge that things are happening that will reduce traffic in the future.

Mrs. Feeney thinks that a lot of what's unfolded is that the issues that are important to this Committee got caught in the politics of the Comprehensive Plan. She said there is long period of time where things can be added to or taken out of the Comprehensive Plan. She thinks they should get the Comprehensive Plan going and keep fighting for what they need to be able to do and start to educate people because the facts haven't changed.

Mr. Cataldo said the issue is that they need to get City Council to support the concept.

Mr. Williams pointed out that in less than six (6) weeks, they could have a new City Council. He said they can't get anybody locked in because things change every 24 months.

Mr. Cataldo said that very few people come out and oppose the Twin Pairs. From what he has witnessed, everyone who has spoken for the most part is for it. He thinks it is a little bit educational. He feels that some City Council members believe they are going to need to widen it again in the future so they don't understand why they want to spend a million dollars to reduce the width of it and then another million dollars in the future to widen it. He said they haven't read the report and they haven't taken the time to study it and get informed. He stated that it's preconceived notions, including about hurricane evacuations. He said they are not informed as far as he can tell. The facts haven't changed, but he doesn't know that everyone understands the facts. He added that he doesn't think the facts have been presented to this City Council.

Mr. Novak said that everyone needs to look at the list and then come back to their meeting next month and go through them point by point and see what else they can start doing. He said he loves the idea of starting with lighting that corner up and thinks that would be huge. He said they should put a kiosk there and light the trees there.

Mr. Cataldo said one of the issues is if they as a group want to specifically ask that the Comprehensive Plan not be amended with regard to the Twin Pairs, or do they just let it go and deal with it later because he doesn't know that they would be successful with this City Council anyway.

Mr. Rooney commented that they could at least try. He said this Committee has tried to come up with solutions for the items on the list. He said that so many small issues can be solved by slowing things down. He said City Council asked for this Committee, which reached out to all the places in town, such as Main Street, the art councils and the not-for-profits. He said everyone came to these meetings and said they were behind them. He said that they haven't had anyone come to them and say it is a bad idea. He thinks it needs to be presented in a consistent voice to City Council.

Mr. McGarry said that the Cultural Arts Village is going through the same thing and is tied in to the Comprehensive Plan. He said he needs to get the Plan through, but it can always be changed and is not set in stone. He said staff is pulling the Twin Pairs out. He added that the Cultural Arts Village is not being taken off. He said the Mayor wants it off and that is what they are going with. He pointed out

there is a lot of support for the Cultural Arts Village. He said the Twin Pairs is something that the City Council has never had strong support of, even when they did the Study. He said there has never been a City Council who has totally supported the Twin Pairs.

Mr. Cataldo said he didn't want to mess up getting the Comprehensive Plan through.

Mr. McGarry said they won't. He said they need to voice what their opinion is because that is part of what their role is. Mr. Rooney added that it's the purpose this Committee was formed for. Mr. McGarry said a lot of people don't understand what their role is.

Mr. Cataldo made a motion that they ask City Council to not remove the Twin Pairs from the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. DelVecchio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. DelVecchio said there are two (2) new people who want to be on this Committee and have put in their applications. They are business owners in town and do have a say with what they have going on here with this list, particularly the Twin Pairs and the lighting and the safety issue that they all face.

Mr. Williams pointed out they have a full Committee now unless two (2) people step down.

Mr. DelVecchio thought there were two (2) people who were going off because they hadn't reapplied.

Mr. Rooney asked who the two (2) applicants were. Mr. DelVecchio said they were Nellie from RAW Space and Linda from Kilted Mermaid.

B) Appointment of a member from the Committee to attend the Centennial Committee Meetings – Requested by Jessica Hawkins

This item was not discussed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Road 60 Traffic Calming – See Attached Letter from Florida Department of Transportation

This item was discussed with item 4-A).

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

A) November 20, 2017

The next meeting was scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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