

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021- 1:30 PM
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

PRESENT: Chairman, Steven Lauer; Members: Jeb Bittner, Jose Prieto, Theodore Perry, Alternate Member #1, Richard Cahoy and Alternate Member #2, Elliese Shaghnessy **Also Present:** Planning and Development Director, Jason Jeffries; City Attorney, John Turner and Deputy City Clerk, Sherri Philo

Excused Absence: Robin Pelensky

Today's meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A) Agenda Additions and/or Deletions

None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Regular Meeting – January 21, 2021

Mr. Prieto made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Planning and Zoning Board meeting. Mr. Bittner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[Legislative]

- A) An Ordinance Of The City Of Vero Beach, Florida, Amending The Land Development Regulations By Amending Chapter 60 (Appendix. Definitions) To Add Or Amend Definitions Related To The Cultural Arts Village Districts; Creating Chapter 61, Article VII, Cultural Arts Village Districts To Add Regulations For The Cultural Arts Village; Amending Section 64.44 Of Chapter 64, Article III, Temporary Uses, To Add Temporary Uses For The Cultural Arts Village Districts; Amending Sections 38.02, 38.13 And 38.14(A) Of Chapter 38, Article I, Signs, To Add Sign Regulations For The Cultural Arts Village Districts; Providing For Codification; Providing For Conflict And Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date**

The Chairman read the proposed Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Jason Jeffries, Planning and Development Director, went over staff's report accompanied by a Power Point presentation with the Board members (attached to the original minutes).

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 2:01 p.m.

Mrs. Barbara Hoffman, Director of the Cultural Arts Village Leadership Team, said that her presentation would first be what she read to the City Council six (6) years ago on the Vision for the Arts Village and then she would close with an update on where they were today. She then read a prepared statement (attached to the original minutes).

Mr. Linwood Fuller said that his family purchased a home in the Village when they heard the vision and goals of the neighborhood. He said what they think they are going to see in 20-years is that he will be able to sit on his front porch and have coffee with other artists. He said they will be able to bring people from around the world to stay and do their artwork here. He said they are already starting to see things happen in the Village. People are starting to put new roofs on their homes, flowers are being planted in front yards, trees are being planted, etc. He said people are moving into the Village with the idea that this has already happened. He said they are basically just waiting for the ability to start doing their art.

Ms. Dawn Miller said that she has been a resident of Indian River County for 20-years and a resident of the Art Village for the past six (6) years. She said that she has worked for the Vero Beach Museum of Art for the past 12-years and art is important to her. She then read a prepared statement on the value of the arts. She said that she is an artist and this is significant to her. This will allow her to open her home to teach, to show her work, and show her student's work. It will allow her to build an accessory structure on her lot to house other artists. She thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

Mrs. Susan Grandpierre, former Chair of the Cultural Council and a member of the Cultural Arts Village Leadership Team, said they started with the idea of the Arts Village to preserve the neighborhood and to create an environment for artists so they could live, work, and sell their art from their homes six (6) years ago. She said the Leadership Team has historic preservationists, urban planners, artist, architects, etc. There are a lot of people who are interested to see how they can help the Edgewood neighborhood thrive and have a home where artistic things can happen. She said it has been a great group effort and she feels that the residents of the Village have been a good influence. They have held cleanup events, planted trees, etc., to improve the neighborhood's appearance. She said this has been a long journey and they hope the Board will give them their support in moving this forward.

Ms. Gayle McGee said that she has lived in Vero Beach for over 50-years and purchased her home in this neighborhood 28-years ago. She said it was old and rundown, but it had good vibes and she has put all her heart and soul into her home. She said that she is not an artist, but she does value it. She said that she has seen a change in the neighborhood and everyone is behind this.

The Chairman closed the public hearing at 2:19 p.m., with no one else wishing to be heard.

Mr. Bittner said it was mentioned in the Power Point presentation under the building design that metal materials were prohibited. He asked was there any thought about having a pattern book for the neighborhood. He asked how would they maintain an architecture that is in keeping with their goal.

Mr. Jeffries said that the 2016 Cultural Arts Village Report would serve as the "pattern book." He said as they move forward it could be modified. He reported that the Planning and Development Department would do an annual review of the regulations and would prepare an annual report that would be provided to the Board.

Mr. Jeffries asked the Board for their recommendation to the City Council. He reported that this Ordinance is putting the text in place and the actual changing of the official zoning map will be before the Board at their March 4th meeting.

Mr. Bittner made a motion that the Board accepts, approves, and recommends to the City Council the Ordinance to create Chapter 61, Article VII, Cultural Arts Village Districts to add regulations for the Cultural Arts Village. Mr. Prieto seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Cahoy voting yes, Mr. Perry yes, Mr. Prieto yes, Mr. Bittner yes, and Mr. Lauer yes.

V. PLANNING DEPARTMENT MATTERS

None

VI. BOARD MEMBERS' MATTERS

Mr. Lauer welcomed Mr. Perry to the Board.

Mr. Cahoy said that he would like the Attorney to give the Board an opinion or an update on the advertising issue relative to public meetings that is before the Legislation.

Mr. John Turner, City Attorney, asked what the Bill was.

Mr. Cahoy reported that it was House Bill 35.

Mr. Turner said that he would research this.

Mr. Cahoy questioned the proposed short term rental changes being proposed in the Legislation.

Mr. Turner reported that the City Council recently voted to direct the Mayor to send a letter to our Legislative Delegation expressing opposition to the Bills and asking that they oppose it.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

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