

ROYAL POINCIANA STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes

April 17, 2008 Steering Committee

Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Mayor Smith at 2:25pm.

Chair Leslie Smith, Gerry Goldsmith, Elizabeth Dowdle, Rebecca Owens, Jim Ryan, and Planning Director John Paige were present.

Marcela Cambor, project manager with TCRPC, gave an update on the following topics:

Charrette Report: Review and Adoption Dates. At the time of the meeting, the TCRPC was in the process of receiving comments from different elected officials, board members, staff, and residents regarding the report submitted on April 7th. Comments would be received through April 21, 2008. Committee members were informed that anyone requiring special arrangements to submit comments was asked to contact TCRPC before April 21. Three steering committee members requested a hardcopy of the report. The conceptual Citizens' Master Plan is to be considered for adoption/acceptance on May 12, 2008.

Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendations: On April 1, 2008, TCRPC presented the Citizen's Master Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission. During that meeting, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend to the Town Council to accept the Charrette report and move forward with Phase II of the contract with TCRPC (minutes of this meeting and verbatim motion are available through the following link: <http://www.townofpalmbeach.com/webdata/TownDocLib.nsf>)

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). At the April 7 meeting, the Town Council unanimously voted to initiate conversations between the Town, TCRPC, FDOT and the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The intent is to discuss FDOT projects that impact the recommendations of the Citizens' Master Plan (i.e. the extension of the multi-modal path under the Flagler Memorial Bridge, and the intersection of Coconut Way and Royal Poinciana Way). The first meeting, which included MPO, FDOT, County Commissioner Jeff Koons, Michael Busha (Executive Director TCRPC) ,and TCRPC and town staff, was held on April 17. John Paige gave a brief update on the topics discussed during the meeting.

Publix. Representatives from Publix have contacted the Town and TCRPC to initiate discussions regarding implementation of the grocery store as proposed by the Citizens' Master Plan. Town staff and TCRPC are awaiting Town Council's instructions on how to proceed with this request.

Ms. Cambor informed the Committee that on May 12, the Steering Committee is expected to express their opinion and give a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the Citizen's Master Plan. The attending members decided to postpone this discussion until a further meeting on May 7/8 (date to be confirmed).

The Committee discussed what their role should be after the May 16 meeting. Acknowledging that they had served an important role to date, it was decided that it would be up to the Town Council to determine whether to have this Committee continue to meet, and if so, what their role would be, or simply conclude with it.

There were no Member or Public Comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.