

MINUTES

BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

December 4, 2014

MEMBERS Anne Castro, Chair

PRESENT: Commissioner Michael S. Long, Vice Chair
Commissioner Richard Blattner
Neal de Jesus
Commissioner Michelle Gomez
Mary Graham, via telephone
Dan Hobby
Lynn Kaplan
Mayor Daniel Stermer
Mayor Michael Ryan

MEMBERS School Board Member Patricia Good

ABSENT: Commissioner Martin D. Kiar
Commissioner Michele Lazarow
Commissioner Rita Mack
Nicholas Steffens

ALSO Barbara Blake Boy, Planning Council Executive Director

PRESENT: Andy Maurodis, Legal Counsel
Mr. Vincent Boccard (former Mayor of the City of Coral Springs)
Florida State Representative Bobby DuBose (former Fort Lauderdale City
Commissioner)
Sharon Williams, Pembroke Pines
Nancy Cavender, The Laws Group

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council, Broward County, Florida, was held in Room 422 of the Government Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 4, 2014.

(The following is a near-verbatim transcript of the meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Anne Castro called the meeting to order.

CHAIR CASTRO: Good morning, everyone. We're going to call this Broward County Planning Council regular meeting and Public Hearing for December 4th, 2014 to order. If you would all first stand up, we're going to do a Pledge of Allegiance, please.

Allegiance. My feedback. Commissioner Long.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY COMMISSIONER MICHAEL LONG.)

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR CASTRO: Going to go ahead and have the clerk call the roll this morning. It might be easier if we just shouted out our names, and you checked us off, because we have a few band of brothers and sisters who are here today. But if, Nancy, you'd please call the roll.

THE REPORTER: Yes, ma'am. Commissioner Richard Blattner.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Neal de Jesus.

MR. DE JESUS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michelle Gomez.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Here.

THE REPORTER: School Board Member Patricia Good. Mary -- Ms. Mary D. Graham. Mr. Dan --

MS. GRAHAM: Here.

THE REPORTER: Here?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Dan Hobby.

MR. HOBBY: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Lynn Kaplan.

MS. KAPLAN: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Martin Kiar. Commissioner Michele Lazarow. Commissioner Michael S. Long.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Rita Mack. Mayor Michael Ryan.

MAYOR RYAN: Present.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Nicholas Steffens. Mayor Daniel Stermer.

MAYOR STERMER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Anne Castro, Chair.

CHAIR CASTRO: Here. Thank you.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

CHAIR CASTRO: Sorry. Switching positions because we have a little sad but exciting business to do this morning, and that's our Certificates of Appreciation for service to the Planning Council. As the Chair, obviously, it's one of my pleasures, and, again, it's also sometimes a little sad. Personally, I have to say I have been on the Council for about seven or eight years now, maybe nine. I don't really remember. And I was thinking about it this morning as I was thinking about these two gentlemen, and I was thinking, you know, there's not one person that I've served with that I haven't liked personally. And I mean that sincerely.

We may disagree, may come in from different perspectives, but that's why I think I like this group so much. No matter who comes, who goes, I've already respected everybody. Everybody's come in with their knowledge, their skills, their background, their baggage, everything. And it's been a pleasure. And these two gentlemen are no exception. I want to thank both of them for contributing, not only to the communities and to South Florida, but to the Planning Council. And personally, I've spent time with Commissioner DuBose up there in down time, talking about family and politics and political strategy on campaigns, and who's who in the zoo, and all kinds of things, and it's always been a lot of fun.

And with Mayor Boccard, I've discussed everything from, again, family, to what are the great things that are going on in Coral Springs, to his sister's personal battle and how that's affected the family and, frankly, a whole community, and the hard work they do on her behalf. So with that, age or beauty first, and who's who?

(Laughter.)

CHAIR CASTRO: Gentlemen, join hands and come on up. And I think if I do them in alphabetical --

MAYOR BOCCARD: Wait a minute. Age goes here.

CHAIR CASTRO: And if I do them alphabetical by last name, and I'm just going to read one certificate, if you gentlemen don't mind --

COMMISSIONER DUBOSE: Not at all.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- because they basically say the same. On behalf of the Broward County Commissioners, this is a Certificate of Appreciation presented to former Mayor Boccard and Commissioner Bobby DuBose in recognition of your dedication to our community and the public service that you've voluntarily provided to benefit the people of Broward County, for serving on the Broward Planning Council. So with that, congratulations. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIR CASTRO: State Representative DuBose, congratulations. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER DUBOSE: Thank you very much.

CHAIR CASTRO: Mayor, thank you.

MAYOR BOCCARD: Thank you so much.

CHAIR CASTRO: And if you each would like a word, we will hold these up.

MAYOR BOCCARD: Okay.

CHAIR CASTRO: And then we'll let you have a word.

COMMISSIONER DUBOSE: Okay. I'll be brief. I know you guys have to take care of business. You know, I always tell people my mother taught me two very important words, and that's, thank you. I think it goes a long way. It's definitely been a pleasure serving with all of you. Somewhat bittersweet. I will still continue to serve in a different capacity. But I want to thank you for all you do. And I feel like I personally have had an opportunity to really get to know you all. And I tell people you judge people best by their character. And I can tell you all have a true love for Broward County.

And I also want to address the best staff. You guys have done a phenomenal job keeping us on track. And, you know, each year you guys continue to do more with less. Hopefully, that will change, and we can give them more to continue to do more. But just want to say, thank you. It's been a pleasure. And my doors in Tallahassee are always open to all of you, and hopefully, we can continue to work together and do great things in Broward County.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

MAYOR BOCCARD: I'll be much briefer. First of all, I want to thank you for the opportunity for being here. It was a pleasure and an honor, truly, to serve with such a great group of people. You're truly dedicated to Broward County, and your passion shows through. And, for me, it was a great experience, and I'd like to say that it will be a 10:00 Thursday morning appointment that I will miss once a month, because I felt like I'm walking away not only with the inspiration that I've received from this group, but I've made some friends, as well. So thank you very much, and continue your great work.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you, gentlemen.

REAPPOINTMENTS

CHAIR CASTRO: Just real quick, some reappointments. We have School Board Member Patricia Good who has been reappointed.

OATH OF OFFICE

CHAIR CASTRO: And now, the other great nice thing about being a Chair is to swear in a new member. Normally after we do the swearing in, we do the Chinese fire drill photo op, but because we're not a full class yet, we thought we'd postpone that until the next meeting, so everybody can kind of stay in their seats for this one. And, Commissioner, if you would join me up here, we're going to go ahead and swear you in. If you don't know, this is Michelle Gomez, new Commissioner for the City of Tamarac.

(Applause.)

CHAIR CASTRO: Let me get my glasses today. I have an eye problem, but anyway. Just repeat after me and I'll take you through it.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Thank you.

CHAIR CASTRO: I do solemnly swear --

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CHAIR CASTRO: -- that I will support --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- that I will support --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- protect, and defend --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- protect and defend --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- the Constitution and government --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- the Constitution and government --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- of the United States --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- of the United States --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- and the State of Florida --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- and the State of Florida --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- that I am duly qualified --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- that I am duly qualified --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- to hold office --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- to hold office --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- under the Constitution --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- under the Constitution --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- of the State of Florida --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- of the State of Florida --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- and the Charter of Broward County --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- and the Charter of Broward County --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- and that I will well and faithfully perform --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- and that I will well and faithfully perform --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- the duties of a member of the Broward County Planning Council --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- the duties of a -- as a member of the Broward County Planning Council --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- of which I am about to enter --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- of which I am about to enter --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- so help me God.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: -- so help me God.

CHAIR CASTRO: And there you are.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Me and a microphone. I'm not exactly a fan, but I will say thank you very much. First, I'd like to thank Commissioner Stacy Ritter and the Broward County Commission for appointing me to this great honor. I look forward with working with everybody. I am familiar with some of the members. I look forward to getting to know some of the members I do not know, looking forward to working with the staff and everybody, and I think it's a great honor, and I'm looking forward to helping. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM C-1 - APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 4, 2014

AGENDA ITEM C-2 - DECEMBER 2014 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE

AGENDA ITEM C-3 - APPRPOVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2014

AGEMDA ITEM C-4 - EXCUSED ABSENCES

PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA ITEM PH-1 - RECERTIFICATION PCR 14-29

AGENDA ITEM PH-2 - RECERTIFICATION PCR 14-26

AGENDA ITEM PH-3 - RECERTIFICATION PCR 14-25

AGENDA ITEM PH-4 - RECERTIFICATION PCR 14-27

AGENDA ITEM PH-5 - RECERTIFICATION PCR 14-28

AGENDA ITEM PH-6 - RECERTIFICATION PCR 14-24

AGENDA ITEM PH-7 - AMENDMENT PC 14-10

AGENDA ITEM PH-8 - AMENDMENT PC 15-1

AGENDA ITEM PH-9 - AMENDMENT PC 15-4

CHAIR CASTRO: All right. We're moving on to the regular agenda --

MAYOR STERMER: Madam Chair?

CHAIR CASTRO: Yes, sir.

MAYOR STERMER: Move Items C-1 through C-4, PH-1 through PH-9, understanding Commissioner Blattner needs to recuse himself on two matters, so I'd ask that he make that announcement first, and then move the balance of the agenda.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Second.

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MR. DE JESUS: Second.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Yes, thank you. I need to recuse myself from PH 4 and PH 8. I have filled out the forms.

MR. MAURODIS: Just state the reason for a recusal.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: A family member is a member of the firm representing the applicant.

CHAIR CASTRO: So we have a motion from Mayor Stermer, a second by Member de Jesus, and with the add on that Commissioner Blattner's recused from PH 4 and PH 8.

MAYOR STERMER: And understanding the approvals are subject to any and all conditions and recommendations from Planning Council staff and acknowledgments thereto with regard to voluntary contributions.

CHAIR CASTRO: We have a motion and we have a second. Any discussion? Would you please call the roll, Nancy?

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Richard Blattner.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Yes, with the --

THE REPORTER: Oh, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: -- I'm recused.

MR. MAURODIS: You can vote yes with noted exceptions.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Yes. Yes, with the noted exemptions -- exceptions.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Neal de Jesus.

MR. DE JESUS: Yes.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michelle Gomez.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Yes.

THE REPORTER: School Board Member Patricia Good. Ms. Mary D. Graham.

MS. GRAHAM: Yes.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Dan Hobby.

MR. HOBBY: Yes.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Lynn Kaplan.

MS. KAPLAN: Yes.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Martin Kiar. Commissioner Michele Lazarow. Commissioner Michael Long.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Yes.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Rita Mack. Mayor Michael Ryan.

MAYOR RYAN: Yes.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Nicholas Steffens. Mayor Daniel Stermer.

MAYOR STERMER: Yes.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Anne Castro, Chair.

CHAIR CASTRO: Yes.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY WITH COMMISSIONER BLATTNER ABSTAINING FROM VOTING ON ITEMS PH-4 AND PH-8.

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM R-1 - COUNSEL'S REPORT

CHAIR CASTRO: With that, we're going on to the Regular Agenda reports. Counsel's report?

MR. MAURODIS: No report today.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

AGENDA ITEM R-2 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CHAIR CASTRO: Executive Director's Report?

MS. BOY: Good morning. Good morning. I just want to briefly welcome Commissioner Gomez to the Planning Council. We had a meeting yesterday to go through the duties of the Planning Council, and I think she's going to be a great addition to the Council. Thanks to everyone for coming this morning. I'm sorry that I bothered everyone so early, but I was a little bit concerned about the quorum, so I can assure you that I won't

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always be emailing you at, you know, 7:30, 7:45 the morning of a meeting.

The main thing that I have for just the Executive Director's Report is I was just going to give you all a quick update on the Browardnext effort. You know, we talked about it in October, and we just finished the -- or we were just getting ready to finish the focus area meetings. Now we've completed those focus area meetings, and we've posted all of the notes from those meetings on the browardnext.org website. And the next step of the process is we're actually preparing a survey to send out to our email list and interested parties ranking the input that we received at those focus area meetings.

And that's going to help guide the actual proposed amendments and changes to the Land Use Plan that we see probably starting next summer. So in the interim, we're working on the survey. We're going to be sending out a newsletter in the next couple of weeks, just a one-page kind of informational item. The ad hoc committee, I'm going to be polling them in the next week for a meeting date the end of January. We'll give them the -- have the results of the survey at that point, so we'll let them know how people have prioritized the different topics. And then we're going to actually have a series of meetings in February.

The City of Weston has graciously agreed to host a physical meeting as well as a webcast. It'll be in the evening, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., so we'll announce those dates. Then we're going to have a meeting in this chambers, also 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., you know, to try and get people that this isn't their everyday job, get people, you know, hopefully more involved. We'll also have a daytime meeting from 2:00 to 4:00 for municipal planners and for people who it is their job to kind of review this stuff. So that's what's happening, and I just wanted to give you an update on that.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. As a reminder, please use your social media email. Elected officials, if you can make sure not only that your cities are engaged, but if you can host regional meetings at your city location to invite other cities in, that's very, very helpful.

MS. BOY: I should have mentioned, we've also been doing outreach meetings to different organizations. We've been to the realtors' group, some of the cities. We've been invited to several cities. Smart Growth, Growing Broward, Sustainability Stewards, we've been going to all these groups, giving an overview of the process and also receiving additional input at those meetings. So I forgot to mention that. And we're available to come to homeowners' association meetings. Just get in touch with me and we'll find a time.

CHAIR CASTRO: And we know from working with this month to month that this will shape the future of the County, so what we're trying to do, not that it's going to happen, because it never does, but it would be nice at the end of the process if we didn't have anybody complain that they didn't know about it, hadn't heard about it. And I know they will. Been there, done that. But, you know, we're trying to make sure that we've covered every avenue, every aspect, every profession, every resident, and giving

everybody the opportunity to participate in the process and really take a look at this stuff. So we appreciate your support. And unless there's anything else, I think it's time to say I hope everybody had a nice Thanksgiving, and we --

MS. BOY: Happy holidays.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- we wish you happy holidays and a happy new year, because we will not see each other again until January. So I hope you and your families stay safe and enjoy it and have a happy holiday and a happy new year.

MAYOR STERMER: Same to you.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. Stand adjourned.

(The meeting concluded at 10:18 a.m.)