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MINUTES: TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY AD HOC COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Community Center Advisory Committee

DATE OF MEETING: February 5, 2004 – 8:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brown, Vice Chairman Shapiro, Committee Members Barbara Kerwin, Andrea Frank, Corinne Silver-Ragheb, Walter Hackett, Ralph Hunter

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Kerwin, Candidate Dawson, Manager St. Denis, Mark Litwhiler, Bayfront Park Recreation Center Manager

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM.

2. Public To Be Heard

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Proposed Community Center – Presentation to Town Commission Candidates

Chairman Brown welcomed Town Commission Candidate Robert Dawson; Candidate Dawson expressed concerns about community center operating costs; opined it was not feasible to construct the new center with conceived ideas; suggested the project was fast-tracked. Member Silver-Ragheb proposed people would participate in a state-of-the-art facility. Member Frank said the Island warranted an upscale facility; Town employees were housed in newly constructed facilities; additional programs could offset operating costs; proposed income would be doubled. Recreation Manager Litwhiler said summer day camp was successful, and providing adequate programming was difficult. Commissioner Kerwin said the Town Commission discussed mandatory community center usage fees; rental space limitations; additional activity facilities. Chairman Brown proposed Committee Members adequately researched the proposed structure. Member Hackett said Florida entities had lower participation during summer months. Member Kerwin said facilities offering acceptable acoustical/lighting for lectures were not available on the Island. Member Hunter reviewed historical community center activities.

Candidate Dawson expressed concerns about responsible fund expenditures; inquired about County involvement. Manager St. Denis said Sarasota County provided operation services only (not construction costs); Manatee County might contribute nominal funding. Member Hunter said Longboat Key wanted and deserved a community center. Candidate Dawson opined the Commission agreed to the project just to get it on the ballot; did not disagree with the concept; however, his concerns were with utilization, cost, income, and service to this community. Chairman Brown suggested the CCAC should be given the benefit of the doubt by Candidate Dawson. Walter Hackett reviewed Michael Saunders' comments from the 8-21-04 CCAC Meeting. Commissioner Kerwin discussed plans of the proposed Community

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Center; agreed \$6,000,000 was a lot of money; however, the facility would be completely equipped. Mr. Dawson voiced his lack of support for the Community Center, and wished the CCAC well.

5. Discussion of Public Presentations

Chairman Brown said opposition was not expressed at public presentations; discussed operating costs, income, and budget allocation. Recreation Director Litwhiler said the Bridge Club presentation was rescheduled to February 10, 2004. Chairman Brown asked Members to inform other Committee Members if they could not fulfill their presentation commitments. Member Kerwin said the Democratic Club invited the CCAC to speak at the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Back Event on February 17, 2004, at Harbourside (11:30 AM); Longboat Harbour presentation time was changed from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Mayor Redgrave said the Episcopal Church held a coffee hour after services (10:30 AM); suggested the Community Center model be displayed on February 15, 2004; however, political issues were prohibited; complimented CCAC Members for their outstanding efforts; reported favorable community impressions; suggested the public be informed that repairs to the existing Community Center structure could exceed \$2,000,000-\$3,000,000 dollars.

6. Board Comments

Member Hackett displayed the Community Center promotional logo; discussed sticker costs (2" diameter- \$290 per thousand); additional promotional buttons and brochures were ordered. Member Kerwin suggested including "*A Day In the Life of the Community Center*" written by Vice Chairman Shapiro in the FAQs.

Member Hackett asked members to unify and discontinue wearing/displaying political paraphernalia. Member Silver-Ragheb alleged that Manager St. Denis encouraged Candidate Dawson to ask her to discontinue wearing political paraphernalia at CCAC informational presentations; opined she had a right to wear whatever she wanted. Chairman Brown agreed that Member Silver-Ragheb had a right to wear whatever she wanted, but asked for the sake of group unity, that she refrain from wearing political paraphernalia. Member Silver Ragheb suggested that Member Kerwin was an advertisement for Commissioner Kerwin.

It was moved by Frank, seconded by Hackett, that CCAC Members do not display or voice partisan views at Community Center informational presentations. Motion carried 5-2 on roll call vote: Shapiro, aye; Hackett, aye; Frank, aye; Brown, aye; Kerwin, aye; Silver-Ragheb, no; Hunter, abstained.

There was consensus to publish the article written by Vice Chairman Shapiro, *A Day in the Life of the Community Center*, in the Longboat Observer as soon as possible.

7. Public Comments

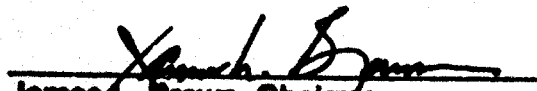
8. Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.



James L. Brown, Chairman

Submitted by: Barbara Wahl, CLO, Deputy Town Clerk

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