

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
SPECIAL WORKSHOP
APRIL 4, 2022**

Present: Mayor Ken Schneier, Vice Mayor Maureen Merrigan, Commissioners B.J. Bishop, Sherry Dominick, Penny Gold, Mike Haycock, Debra Williams

Also Present: Town Manager Tom Harmer, Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Cobb

Not Present: Town Attorney Maggie Mooney

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schneier called the April 4, 2022, Special Workshop to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida. Commissioner Haycock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pledge of Public Conduct

Mayor Schneier noted the Town's Civility Policy and read the Pledge of Public Conduct.

3 Public to be Heard

Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

Mr. Rusty Chinnis, Longboat Drive East, commented on the condition of Sarasota Bay and Longboat Key's efforts in outreach and education on water quality.

4. Goals and Objectives: Civic Organizations, Churches, and Association

A. Attendance Confirmed – Written Comments Submitted

1. Harbour Circle Homeowners Association

Not in attendance, written comments submitted and on file.

2. Federation of Longboat Key Condominium

Federation of Longboat Key Condominiums representative David Lapovsky commented on the following topics/issues:

- structural integrity of buildings on Longboat Key
- requiring inspections on buildings over three stories high and older than 20 years
- beach preservation
- uninterrupted beach access
- sea level rise
- traffic
- Town Center project
- Surfside Condominiums/guidelines on building inspections
- One County Initiative.

3. Longboat Key Turtle Watch

Longboat Key Turtle Watch representative Tim Thurman commented on the following topics/issues:

- education/awareness for the public
- efforts on new ordinances by Planning, Zoning, and Building Department Staff

- efforts and leadership of Town's Code Enforcement Officer Chris Kopp
- partnership with Longboat Key Garden Club.

Longboat Key Turtle Watch representative Cyndi Seamon commented on an incident with a resident regarding trespassing on private property while turtle monitoring on the beach.

4. Sleepy Lagoon Homeowners Association

Sleepy Lagoon Homeowners Association representative Marie MacGregor commented on the following topics/issues:

- canal maintenance
- drainage issues on streets in the Sleepy Lagoon neighborhood
- Lyons Lane drainage project
- mangrove trimming in canals.

5. Longboat North

Longboat North representative Pat Kaufman commented on the following topics/issues:

- quality of life on Longboat Key for people and natural habitat
- North Shore beautification project
- littering at North Shore Road and Broadway beach accesses
- public safety on beaches and roads
- enforcing No Wake Zones
- restoring all damaged/lost buoys
- long-term vision for Gulf of Mexico Drive
- repair/rebuild of Longboat Pass Bridge
- Broadway roundabout project
- adding crosswalks on Gulf of Mexico Drive
- beach restoration
- density/tourism units.

6. Green Team

Green Team representative Terri Driver commented on the following topics/issues:

- Gopher Tortoise Day, expressed gratitude for proclamation issued
- reducing gas-powered lawn maintenance equipment
- replacing Town vehicles/equipment with electric powered vehicles/equipment
- maintenance at Quick Point Nature Preserve
- side effects of gas-powered equipment
- fund to subsidize costs for commercial contractors/businesses to switch to electric equipment
- evaluate use of solar panels on Town buildings
- initiate additional water quality projects
- mitigate stormwater runoff throughout the island.

7. Longboat Key Garden Club

Not in attendance, written comments submitted and on file.

8. Paradise Center

Not in attendance, written comments submitted and on file.

B. Confirmed Attendance – No Written Comments Submitted

1. Longboat Key Rotary Club

Longboat Key Rotary Club representative Jeffrey Driver commented on local activities to support humanitarian efforts and water quality.

5. Other Organizations in Attendance

A. All Angels Church

Commissioner Bishop noted All Angels Church representatives were in the audience.

B. Emerald Harbour

Ms. Susan Jones, Emerald Harbour, commented on canal dredging and red tide clean up.

Individual comments followed on funding and issues with red tide clean up.

C. Town Center

Ms. Sarah Karon, Gulf of Mexico Drive, commented on a building for an Education, Cultural, and Arts Center at the Town Center and creating a vision for the project.

Mayor Schneier noted Paul and Sarah Karon's donation toward a Town Center stage and her role as Vice-President of the Sarasota County Library Foundation.

6. Town Commission Comments

A. Business Community

Commissioner Bishop commented on the local business community's shortage of employees.

Individuals comments followed regarding affordable housing and efforts in helping the business community.

B. Public Works

Commissioner Gold inquired about the Gulf of Mexico Drive project. Town Manager Tom Harmer noted Florida Department of Transportation's plan and timeframe of advancing each phase of the project.

C. Public Works

Individual comments followed on reducing gas-powered lawn equipment.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Schneier adjourned the April 4, 2022, Special Workshop at 11:33 a.m.


Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: 5/2/2022


Kenneth Schneier, Mayor