

MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING WITH SARASOTA COUNTY COMMISSION
APRIL 27, 2022
SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1660 RINGLING BLVD
SARASOTA, FL 34236

Town of Longboat Key

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

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

Not Present: Commissioner Mike Haycock

Sarasota County

Present: Chair Alan Maio, Vice Chair Ron Cutsinger, Commissioners Nancy Detert, Michael Moran, and Christian Ziegler

Also Present: County Administrator Jonathan R. Lewis, County Attorney Frederick J. Ekbrecht

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sarasota County Chair Maio called the April 27, 2022, Joint Meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. County Commissioner Cutsinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Maio noted an additional opportunity for the public to speak would be provided between items 2B and 2C.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Update on County Library Services

Following comments by Longboat Key Mayor Schneier, Sarasota County Director of Libraries and Historical Resources Renee Di Pilato commented on the following topics/issues:

- Longboat Key kiosk/digital library
- exploring new locations for a library on Longboat Key
- COVID service shifts
- library methodology
- Sarasota County online survey to cardholders/results of survey
- pick-up locker model
- kiosks and vending machines
- pop-up libraries
- County's community needs assessment/strategic plan
- Manatee county residents' access to Sarasota County library services
- Florida Library Standards
- bricks and mortar facility on Longboat Key
- Manatee County costs toward a library
- Sarasota County/Sarasota County School Board partner on capital cost
- Manatee County/Sarasota County partner on operating costs.

B. Status Update on Longboat Key Town Center Project

Following comments by Longboat Key Mayor Schneier, Longboat Key Town Manager Tom Harmer commented on the following topics/issues:

- Sarasota County efforts/services to the Town of Longboat Key
- Town Center background
- Town Center stage
- Phases 1 and 2 of the Town Center
- potential future building pads
- early architectural examples
- Town Center Phase 3 - library options
- current efforts of advancing concept of Sarasota County Public Library
- requests for a Sarasota County Library at the Town Center/Community Center
- recognizing Longboat Library as a County Capital Project
- County being single district voting system
- cost of design/construction of library/overall project
- State funding
- private funding options/naming rights
- operational needs
- Town's taxpayer revenue to Sarasota County.

The following individuals commented on library services and the Longboat Key Town Center:

- Mr. Dave Levine, Longboat Key
- Mr. Irwin Pastor, Longboat Key
- Mr. Carl Shoffstall, President of the Lido Key Residents Association.

C. Mobility OnDemand Update

Director of Sarasota County Area Transit Jane Grogg commented on the following topics/issues:

- new system design implemented June 2021
- OnDemand ridership
- changes to Longboat Key service
- outcome of OnDemand implementation
- mobility system next steps
- rebranding and marketing
- coordination with Manatee County/public transportation island-wide
- transportation from airport to Longboat Key
- transportation for hospitality staff working on Longboat Key
- unified transportation on Longboat Key
- demographics of individuals utilizing OnDemand service
- trolley service
- airport parking
- Siesta Key trolley service.

D. Barrier Island Traffic Study Priorities and Gulf of Mexico Corridor Plan

Longboat Key Public Works Director Isaac Brownman commented on the following topics/issues:

- Barrier Island Traffic Study (BITS) priorities
- informational signage (dynamic or static)
- technology solutions (phone app)
- water taxi/water shuttles
- pedestrian bridges over U.S. 41
- pedestrian managers at St. Armands Circle
- Gulf of Mexico Drive (GMD) Complete Streets Corridor Plan
- multi-use trail
- Broadway roundabout
- pedestrian crossing concept
- left turn-lane analysis
- speed reduction areas not currently being pursued
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) improvements, North Shore Road, Bayfront Park, and Country Club Shores in 2023/2024
- on-island Town priority project endorsements by the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization)
- public outreach session scheduled for May 3, 2022, at Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. relating to the GMD Corridor Plan.

E. Update on the St. Regis Development

Longboat Key Planning, Zoning, and Building Department Director Allen Parsons commented on the following topics/issues:

- project/site history
- the former Colony Beach and Tennis Club
- approved development by Unicorp National Development
- one residential unit unsold.

3. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No items were presented.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

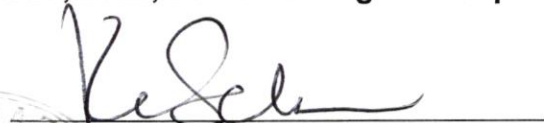
No items were presented.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Sarasota County Chair Maio adjourned the April 27, 2022, Joint Meeting at 3:15 p.m.



Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk



Kenneth Schneier, Mayor

Minutes Approved: 6/6/2022

