

Town Board/Plan Commission Meeting August 18, 2010

James Parent called a joint meeting of the Baileys Harbor Town Board and Baileys Harbor Plan Commission to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Barbara Anschutz, Robert Schultz, Cal Oldenburg, James Schorer, Gene Stanis, Dan Krowas, Roberta Thelen, Peter Thelen, Douglas Smith, Jeffrey Sanders and 15 visitors. Peter Jacobs arrived at 6:20PM. Kenneth Uhlhorn was absent.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to accept the agenda. Carried.

Discuss/decide methodology for reviewing draft chapters of Smart Growth/Comprehensive Plan – Jeff Sanders went through what some of the other communities he's worked with have done. His one request is that all recommended revisions come from one person. He explained how changes can be made and the options to use in communicating them. He then went over the options of how to approach the actual update itself. He was leaning towards that option, but it proved difficult to get a hold of a good electronic, editable copy. Also, the original consultant was protective of the original process. That's how we ended up at the third option, that being creating an amendment as a separate document. We can change the direction, but there will be some challenges. Jeff then explained his methodology behind the creation of the amendment chapters. The Implementation chapter will be the one the Board/Commission will want to spend the most time going over. One question that arose was how the various exercises (survey, mapping, etc.) were weighted. The survey has the most weight because it went to more people and more people returned it. All are important, however.

Jim Schorer mentioned the Coastal Byways program should be mentioned in the Transportation chapter. Jeff will gather information on it. He will also be adding the information regarding the bicycle path plan that is in development right now. Jeff explained that by including certain things in the plan, you are more likely to receive grant money. Just because something is included, it doesn't mean it necessarily has to be completed, so long as the implementation chapter doesn't say "we will do" something.

As far as reviewing draft chapter, Jeff has found what works best is that each Town Board and Plan Commission member take the chapters home and read them, highlighting or marking anything they want to talk about. Then when we come to the review meeting, we just start at page one and go through the document. Peter J. has a bit of concern with that kind of process. He'd rather see some kind of process where big issues are on an agenda specifically. Joan Holliday stated she has the same concern. Jeff mentioned that the problem is people may think certain things are agenda worthy that maybe the Board or Commission doesn't.

Cal suggested everyone take the three chapters home, review them closely and we'll talk about them at the next meeting.

Grace Frudden asked what procedure is there to make sure things are being implemented. Jeff explained that it's the responsibility of the Plan Commission, buy state statute, to

implement the Comp. Plan. Jeff suggested that the Commission have an item on the agenda once a year to review the Comp. Plan. At that point they can review progress or see if things have changed. It's the responsibility of the Town Board to make sure that the Plan Commission is taking care of what they're responsible for.

Mitch Leavitt mentioned that if there are any contradictions to the old plan in the amendments, they should be indicated in some way.

After learning about everything tonight, the Board/Commission felt more comfortable addressing the first chapters at a meeting sometime next week.

Set date for next meeting – Monday, August 23rd, 2010 at 6:00PM to review chapters 1, 2 and 6.

Motion made/second Bob/Barb to adjourn at 7:56PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Town Board and Plan Commission meetings.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk