

Note from the Clerk's Office: On May 1, 2007, The Town Council held a workshop with members of the representatives from the Town's Advisory Committees. At the June 4, 2007 Town Council meeting, minutes from the May 1, 2007 workshop were presented for adoption. Council deferred these minutes and requested additional information. At the June 11, 2007 these minutes were presented with an addendum as provided by Vice Mayor Larry Kiker. At the June 11, 2007 Town Council meeting, the Council further deferred these meetings from adoption seeking a verbatim record of a portion of the May 1, 2007 workshop. Provided here are the minutes from the May 1, 2007 Workshop along with those presented at the June 4, 2007 and June 11, 2007 Town Council meeting and the requested verbatim section.

MINUTES

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH WORK SHOP AGENDA ON COMMITTEES 2523 Estero Boulevard Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

May 1, 2007
6:00 PM

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Boback opened the workshop at 6:08 PM.

Present: Mayor Boback, Vice Mayor Kiker, Councilmember Acken, Councilmember Meador and Councilmember Shenko. Town Manager Gary Parker, Town Attorney Anne Dalton, Public Works Director Jack Green, Town Clerk, Michelle Mayher

Advisory committee members: Charles Hester, MRTF; Tom Babcock, LPA; Jim Rodwell, AAC; Linda Beasley, PSTF; Pat Smith, TMA; Lorrie Wolf, CELCAB

Public Comment:

~~Frank Schilling benefit of talent of people who are NOT year round residents.~~

~~Bob Raymond — LPA and HPB feels HPB should be more active in the town, and asks how committed the Council is toward historic preservation.~~

~~Jeff Werner — Staff was very active with the committees, MRTF and AAC. Staff management and direction is worth taking a look at.~~

LPA: Tom Babcock: provided comments, and then prioritized, separating into improvement opportunities for LPA, and improvement opportunities for all advisory committees. ~~Combined workshops with town council re: legislative changes. Consider giving the LPA power as a zoning board. Town Council could be an appeal board. Budget to hire consultants. Personnel should have high degree of objectivity.~~

~~Vice Mayor Kiker questioned re: money for outside resources. LPA member does not have the ability to spend town funds, the process of LPA to council to LPA to get approval is time prohibitive.~~

~~Mayor Boback questioned planning and review of topics deemed needing attention.~~

~~Councilmember Meador: committee updates at council meetings is a great idea. Personally would like to put committee reappointments out to June. Volunteers have been suggested twice in the past. Need for a real comprehensive look at LDC.~~

~~Councilmember Shenko agrees with Councilmember Meador's comments, and a joint meeting w/ LPA is a great idea. Specifically, regarding the 1960 coastal construction control line. Application fees for variances, etc. are almost negligible compared to other costs.~~

responded for the Task Force who
Public Safety Task Force Member Linda Beasley ~~voted to not have a recording secretary; that should be a staff function to free members for participation and unbiased recording.~~

~~Council should decide what roles to what committees to avoid duplication. Closer liaison w/ other county agencies: sheriff's office, fire, etc.~~

Charles Hester voiced his feelings relative to the Marine Resources Task Force. ~~He would like to see an extended term limits; structured w/ staggered terms for continuity; a larger membership; a requirement for monthly memos, but also be agenda items for council discussion.~~

Alexis Galarza spoke regarding the MRTF, that they provide an important function — ~~various points of view, provide additional feedback. The lost members felt committee members' points of view were disvalued.~~

Pat Smith spoke for the Traffic Mitigation Agency. ~~There is a strong consensus re: some of the members feel there hasn't been adequate two-way communication. Several~~

~~requests to council have not been responded; i.e. jay walking ordinance, curbing for trolleys i.c. The committee expects acknowledgement.~~

Jim Rodwell spoke for the Anchorage Advisory Committee. ~~Their areas of concern: terms of membership; minutes; a perception of an apparent lack of council interest in the meetings. AAC likes the idea of council "mentoring committees". Feedback from council would be very helpful. The AAC is trying to be more proactive; running the mooring field is a business.~~

Lorrie Wolf spoke for the Cultural and Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board. ~~Because of the volume of paperwork this committee receives, it's not in the best interest to change out committees every two years. CELCAB feels that being charged with taking minutes makes it impossible to participate in a meeting as well as take minutes.~~

Councilmember Meador asked Attorney Dalton to explore the legal ability to take advisory committees out from under sunshine law requirements. ~~He supports communication between committees and council, review frequency of meetings.~~

~~Town Council sought the committees' input regarding possibly merging some committees.~~

~~Jim Rodwell, feels that the AAC is very focused, and MRTF is more diverse. The committees addressed this issue in the past, and expressed concern of issues on AAC's plate. MRTF agreed and recommended to Council not to merge these two.~~

~~Charles Hester, MRTF, agrees, and spoke to the expertise and time requirements needed for the Anchorage management. MRTF would have a hard time taking it back in.~~

~~Jack Green, Public Works Director, mentioned that with changes in the last 6 months, the operation of the mooring field has changed significantly.~~

~~Vice Mayor Kiker is not in favor of merging these two committees. Vice Mayor also offered to consider adding a committee: a super committee, a steering committee, perhaps a representative from each committee to set priorities.~~

~~Councilmember Acken was in favor of this idea and offered that perhaps technology exists to take the burden of minutes off of the committees; perhaps a pod cast.~~

~~Councilmember Shenko believes another committee will compound the problem. He suggests perhaps revisit in 6 or 8 months, but leave it alone at present.~~

~~Councilmember Meador believes another committee will increase staff burden.~~

Mayor Boback recapped:

- 1) Number of committees: leave it alone.
- 2) Committee membership number: discussion regarding the definition of quorum. It has been suggested to send the required number of members back to the committees to determine how many each committee needs.
- 3) Non resident members – residents and property owners need to be the ones to make the decisions in this town. Plenty of opportunity to bring expertise to the meetings w/out them being voting members.
- 4) Term limits – General consensus is to have staggered, two year terms, similar to the LPA.

5) Appointments (time of year) – Vice Mayor Kiker suggests right after budget. Councilmember Acken is in favor of the Fall. Councilmember Meador discourages having appointments back up against elections. Mayor Boback is okay with after the budget. Councilmember Shenko does not want to shorten terms of current members.

Council encourages increased communication between committees and the Council. Committee Chairs may request being on a council agenda to discuss their issue(s). Monthly reports to council are good, quarterly at least. If more communication is necessary, revisit.

Transcription of minutes could be accomplished by alternate appointment to committees; get a volunteer to do the minutes with a guarantee of placement on that committee. Get with committees to see if they are willing to do this type of work. Staff will look at a staff position.

Any committee member who wants to address the council can be scheduled through the Town Manager regarding budget items.

LPA's policies and procedures manual can be a useful tool for other committees.

Adjournment: 10:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle D. Mayher
Town Clerk

ADDENDUM

TO
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ON COMMITTEES
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Clerk's Note: The May 1, 2007 Workshop minutes were presented to the Council for approval at the June 4, 2007 Council meeting, and were tabled to the June 11, 2007 meeting for approval. On June 7, 2007, Vice Mayor Kiker submitted the following editions to these minutes. They are provided here for your adoption.

May 1

Under LPA:

Consider LPA as zoning (*board of adjustment*)

Give them budget with power to spend money without further Council approval

To be discussed at joint meeting with council

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Mayor Boback recapped:

Should be 10 items there, I think these are them, but you should review the meeting to make sure, the Mayor very specifically went over the items and I believe there were these ten.

If there are not candidates to fill a membership opening, the council can consider and off island citizen that has appropriate expertise or interest.

The term limits have been increased to 2 years with staggered participation, as designed with LPA. Staff is to write up this criteria.

Each committee should discuss and recommend quorum comparing to 'their recommended' maximum/minimum attendees to hold a legal meeting. These should be rolled up for council consideration.

Create a list of volunteers with expertise and interests for future consideration for short projects.

Discuss with each committee to consider doing some of the labor intensive efforts for their own committee until future staff resources are identified to perform those functions. Example would be Anne Babcock does photocopies for LPA.

Committees should put together a proposed budget for Council approval. These funds would be available for spending without further approval from Council. Perhaps reviewed at joint council/committee meeting.

Schedule-

Workshop with committee/council, one during the year.

Review from each committee – presented at council meeting. Stagger for council meetings (only one). Limit time with a copy of presentation in the meeting package.

Committees should provide a written report on a monthly basis.

Distribute the LPA policy and procedures manual to all committees for their review and recommended changes. These should be the basis for all committees after that point. Tom Babcock has volunteered to make appropriate changes and recommendations. He is available for consultation for each committee as well.

LPA/council joint meeting should discuss the pro's and con's of making the LPA a formalized "zoning board".

7-9-07

Motion by Councilmember Meador

passed 4-1, Councilmember Aiken
dissented

Michael Meyer
Town Clerk.