

CITY COMMISSION



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA WORKSHOP MEETING - TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 2:30 PM DELRAY BEACH CITY HALL OR WATCH ON YOUTUBE: HTTPS

Mayor Shelly Petrolia
Vice Mayor Adam Frankel
Deputy Vice Mayor Juli Casale
Commissioner Ryan Boylston
Commissioner Shirley Ervin Johnson

Workshop Meeting at 2:30 PM

The Workshop Meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

The roll call was taken by Katerri Johnson, City Clerk, and the following were present:

Present 5: Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Vice Mayor Adam Frankel, Deputy Vice Mayor Juli Casale, Commissioner Shirley Ervin Johnson
Commissioner Ryan Boylston attended remotely

Others present were:

Terrence Moore, City Manager
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to allow Commissioner Boylston to attend the meeting remotely. Vice Mayor Frankel seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following vote:

YES 5: Mayor Petrolia, Vice Mayor Frankel, Deputy Vice Mayor Casale, Commissioner Boylston, Commissioner Johnson

WS.1. A PRESENTATION OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FOR THE ATLANTIC AVENUE CORRIDOR FROM I-95 TO OCEAN BOULEVARD/AIA

Ms. Michelle Hoyland, Principal Planner, introduced Richard Heisenbottle of RJ Heisenbottle Architects (RJHA), who was retained to complete a historic resource survey of the Atlantic Avenue Corridor, from I-95 to North Ocean Boulevard. Together they gave a presentation on the results of the Historic Resource Survey, which included historic documentation from city

staff, criteria for historic eligibility, architectural styles, types of properties, and various maps.

Two areas were recommended as new historic districts: Atlantic Avenue Historic District and Ocean Park Historic District. Some of the benefits of preservation were discussed such as educational, cultural, heritage tourism, aesthetic purposes, social, jobs, property value, environmental, sustainability, and downtown revitalization. The economic impact of preservation is that the value of historic buildings stayed the same or increased rather than decreased during the recession and are desirable for people to own because they are so close to the downtown districts.

Having a property listed as historic, both locally and nationally, on a property that is income producing, qualifies for a 20% income tax deduction. This deduction is spread out over 5 years for rehabilitating or adding onto a historic structure. Low interest loans and grants are a couple of other benefits related to a historic property. Other benefits and potential benefits were also discussed. The next steps were outlined if the Commission gave direction to proceed with the designation of the new historic districts.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the Weiman Building, which is located on Atlantic Avenue and in dire need of rehabilitation. Mr. Heisenbottle stated that the Weiman Building can be designated as an individual listing, which will require the approval of the property owner. He continued by discussing the boundaries of the proposed historic area, which were determined by the results of the survey.

Deputy Vice Mayor Casale recommended that the northwest and southwest areas, particularly the SW 5th Avenue area, also be considered as an historic area. Ms. Hoyland commented that the southwest area (Frog Alley) is currently being studied and recommendations will be presented to the Historic Preservation Board for further direction. The areas need to be studied to determine if there is enough concentration for the area to qualify as an historic area.

Ms. Hoyland also noted that the area of North Swinton area, and possibly South Swinton, will be studied in a future survey.

Further discussion ensued.

The Commission supported the request to move forward with the designation of the new historic districts.

WS.2. FOLLOW UP TO THE GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD 2022

ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COMMISSION

Mr. Kent Edwards, Sustainability Officer introduced Ms. Mary Wozny, Assistant Sustainability Planner, who gave a presentation regarding the issues raised by the Green Implementation Advancement Board (GIAB) during the 2022 Annual Report to the Commission.

Ms. Wozny presented on plastics and solid waste issues and discussed how the city is addressing these items through purchasing policies and educating consumers by providing a Sustainable Food Service Ware Guide and other educational methods.

WS.3. PRESENTATION OF THE FINDINGS OF THE TREE INVENTORY STUDY AND URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Edwards gave a presentation regarding the tree inventory. The presentation included the subject of trees, education, greenhouse gases, and the green building ordinance.

Mr. Edwards introduced Kyle Abney, Vice President of Abney Green Solutions, located in Palm City, FL, who answered questions from the Commission.

Further discussion ensued.

Mayor Petrolia discussed issues such as recycling, tree canopies and its effect on the possible costs for workforce housing, and incentives as it relates to the sustainability of the city's future.

Deputy Vice Mayor Casale discussed the Green Building Ordinance, workforce housing, and offered thanks to Mr. Hal Stern for his tireless dedication as a member of the Green Implementation Advancement Board (GIAB), as his term is coming to an end.

Commissioners Boylston and Johnson discussed plastics, recycling and the green building ordinance.

Vice Mayor Frankel suggested including recycling in the trash RFP.

Mr. Edwards received the direction from the Commission to move forward with the sustainability initiatives.

Mr. Edwards introduced Mr. Brian Voelker, Senior Environmental Scientist, (formerly from E

Sciences) of Chen Moore and Associates, 500 W. Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, who gave a presentation on the urban forest management plan. The plan summarized the historical background, gave an overview of current tree management practices, described the status of the city's urban forest, and provided recommendations designed to maintain and expand canopy coverage.

Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Johnson commented that the tree canopy on Atlantic Avenue is being damaged by trucks driving at a high rate of speed and recommended that those drivers be heavily fined.

Mayor Petrolia discussed the invasive trees and stated that our goal is to continue down the path of becoming a tree town.

There being no further business to discuss, the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.