



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Planning & Zoning Board

Monday, March 10, 2025

5:30 PM

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM with Mr. Hendzel presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Michael Hendzel, Patricia Irwin, and Shelly Ladd-Gilbert

Absent 1 - Robert Barris

Excused 1 - Philip Beauchamp

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-0021](#) Approval of January 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Shelly Ladd-Gilbert moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Patricia Irwin.

Aye: 3 - Hendzel, Irwin, and Ladd-Gilbert

Absent: 1 - Barris

GENERAL AGENDA

[25-0017](#) Centennial Updates

Mr. Hendzel requested update on centennial. Ms. Irwin stated she was not able to take the bike tour yet.

Joey Vars-Historian and Archivist-stated he can provide a digital map to members of the tour route; spoke on potential for route being divided into two segments; will stick to bicycles and not golf carts; potential for liability; tours would be sponsored by Planning and Zoning.

Ms. Ladd Gilbert questioned Jolley Trolley; Mr. Vars stated if a member has a contact and would like to get a quote, it could be a VIP event.

Mr. Vars spoke on tour route; 14 stops divided by areas built; estimates entire route will be an hour and 45 minutes to two hours.

Ashley Bernal-Assistant Town Manager-spoke on ability to do self guided tours.

Mr. Hendzel suggested a tour video that can be watched on the website; a digital map could have video clips/segments for each stop; potential for sponsors for it; questioned timeline.

Mr. Vars spoke on timeline; guided centennial tour and a permanent version; spoke on sign posts.

Mr. Hendzel spoke on trolley; ability to obtain a sponsor.

Ms. Bernal spoke on having Mr. Vars give guided tour along with the trolley.

Discussions on potential for free trolley for Belleair residents; timeline for trolley potential in late fall.

Mr. Hendzel questioned centennial timeline; Ms. Bernal stated events ongoing.

Mr. Vars stated idea is to have VIP trolley around December due to weather; public bike tours can get up and going much sooner.

Continued discussion of bike tours versus golf cart tours and safety; trolley tour and stops; potential to meet with RPD regarding permission to enter area with trolley.

Mr. Hendzel spoke on hotel; Ms. Bernal spoke on historic documents at hotel; would like to obtain items if possible.

Ms. Irwin spoke on potential to have a party at the inn after the VIP trolley tour.

Mr. Hendzel questioned tour along Indian Rocks Rd.; Mr. Vars addressed; Mr. Hendzel would like to take the tour, Mr. Vars requested an email to schedule.

More discussion on potential for pre-recorded audio tours; board members are all residents that grew up in the area; memories of past events and buildings around town; the old casino discussed; resharing historic Facebook posts to help promote; Mr. Vars spoke on the centennial not being celebrated on one day, it will be the full year of events hoping to inspire civic mindedness.

Ms. Bernal stated staff will work on developing information for each stop and bring back to next meeting; Mr. Hendzel will reach out to Jolley Trolley and regarding the historic items at the hotel. An email will be sent out regarding next dates.

Discussion on timeline and when ready to go; earliest is probably end of June, early July, website compliance must be met for online materials; tour route is 7.5 miles in total.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, meeting adjourned in due form at 6:10 PM.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN