



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Planning & Zoning Board

Monday, September 23, 2024

5:30 PM

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM with Chairman Barris presiding

ROLL CALL

Board members introduced themselves for the new members.

Present 5 - Robert Barris, Michael Hendzel, Patricia Irwin, Philip Beauchamp, and Shelly Ladd-Gilbert

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[24-0194](#) Approval of June 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ladd-Gibert moved approval of the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hendzel.

Aye: 5 - Barris, Hendzel, Irwin, Beauchamp, and Ladd-Gilbert

GENERAL AGENDA

[24-0198](#) Sunshine Law Discussion and Refresher

Tom Trask, Town Attorney-introduced himself, provided contact information; spoke on Form 1 financial disclosure filing requirement; Sunshine Law which provides access to public meetings and documents; meetings must be open to the public, reasonable notice must be given, and minutes must be taken; provided examples of communications which would be a violation of Sunshine Law; fines imposed for violations both intentional and unintentional.

Mr. Barris requested clarification as to when items can be discussed; Attorney Trask stated anything can be discussed at a public meeting, however best to stick to the agenda.

Attorney Trask continued presentation by discussing public records; potential of receiving correspondence from public; legal obligation to maintain records in custody, best to forward to town clerk; spoke on exemptions; provided example of a record request; spoke on legal obligation to vote unless there is a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest; must disclose at meeting why not voting, form 8b must be completed; requested members to reach out if there are ever any questions.

Ms. Irwin commented on prior assistance she received from Mr. Trask; spoke on public records.

[24-0196](#)

Introduction of Town Historian and Archivist Joey Vars

Ashley Bernal-Assistant to the Town Manager- introduced Joey Vars.

Joey Vars-Town Historian and Town Archivist-introduced himself; spoke on work done by Kathy Gaston, taking over role; digitization being done for internal and public access; spoke on his background; prior historic reports; document on Florida Department of State guidelines on preservation available; commented on town plan being created by John Nolan; spoke on earliest streets and platted areas; Belleair Heights; Florida "boom years" and first mayor; most structure in town date from late 1940's; would like to compile a list of historic structures that include photographs and other items.

[24-0197](#)

2025 Centennial Year

Mr. Vars spoke on potential for a historic bike tour; brainstorming ideas, open to hearing from board; spoke on the Art Board in the 1920's which approved home styles and aesthetics; planning on upcoming lectures; available for questions

Mr. Barris asked about the golf course; Mr. Vars stated it is the first golf course at a hotel.

Mr. Beauchamp commented on Belleair Country Club archives and Morton Plant; offered to connect him with individuals who can provide access.

Mr. Vars spoke on Morton Plant development; historical information regarding Mr. Plant and his son.

Ms. Irwin questioned pools; Mr. Vars provided brief information regarding area originally to be a Pompeian pool, became a fish hatchery.

Ms. Irwin questioned a connection with Tampa communities and this community. Mr. Vars spoke on citizens from Tampa would visit at the Belleview hotel; they would be involved in Clearwater area; crossover in that sense.

Ms. Bernal stated seeking board input for ideas for the Centennial.

Mr. Barris suggested golf cart tours or a route. Ms. Irwin spoke on prior suggestion of a trolley tour that would finish at the hotel; spoke on area churches.

Ms. Bernal excited that Joey will be a part of the planning; set up meeting with him.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adj in due form at 6:38 PM

Ms. Ladd-Gilbert moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Beauchamp.

Aye: 5 - Barris, Hendzel, Irwin, Beauchamp, and Ladd-Gilbert

APPROVED:

Chairman