Town of Perdido Beach-Planning Commission Meeting  
November 6, 2013 6:30 PM – Town Hall

The Planning Commission of the Town of the Perdido Beach held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Town Hall-November 6, 2013. Chairman Love called the Meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Members present: Chairman Steve Love, Mayor Patsy Parker, Commissioners: Mr. Tom Bloxham, Mr. John Dobbs, Mrs. Priscilla Condon, Mrs. Freda Fleming and Mrs. Lynn Thompson-Secretary.
Members Absent: Mr. Bill McGrath and Mr. Gary Kiefer
Others Present: Members of the Town
Invocation: Mayor Parker Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. John Dobbs

ITEM: Approve October 2, 2013 Minutes
Motion by Mr. Dobbs seconded by Mr. Tom Bloxham to approve the October 2, 2013 minutes as presented. No discussion:
Roll Call:  “YES” “ABSTAIN” “NO”
Mr. Bloxham
Mr. Dobbs
Mrs. Condon
Chairman Love
Mayor Parker
Mrs. Fleming
Mrs. Thompson
All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Guest Speakers: None

ITEM: Officer’s Reports:  Report Attached
Mayor’s Report:  
Chairman’s Report: Chairman Love recognized Mayor Parker for being named to President O’bama’s task force as part of the Presidents Climate Action Plan to cut carbon pollution to prepare communities for the impacts of climate change.

Hearing of Applications: None

ITEM: New Business: Chairman Love asked that each Commission Member to be prepared to continue discussion on “Waterfront Buffer Zones”

ITEM: Unfinished Business: The Planning Commission reviewed the Land Use Disturbance packet that was finalized after the meeting between Planning Commission Chairman- Steve Love, Mayor Patsy Parker, Mr. Tom Bloxham and Mrs. Linda Lee-Baldwin County Planner and Mr. Seth Peterson-Baldwin County Subdivision Manager.

ITEM: Next Planning Commission Meeting Dates:
Regular Meeting December 4, 2013, 6:30 pm, Town Hall
ITEM: Motion to adjourn
Motion by Mr. Tom Bloxham, seconded by Mr. John Dobbs to adjourn.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

ATTEST:

Steve Love, Chairman

Lynn Thompson, Secretary
TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION

November 6, 2013

Mayor Parker’s Report to Commission

Action by Town Council during a Special Called Council Meeting on October 29, 2013.

- Resolution 2013-20 Adopting 2013/2014 Annual Budget (Unanimous vote to adopt)
  - Planning Commission allocated $2,000.00
- Resolution 2013-21 Entering into and Executing a Contract with John Abbott’s Lawn Care for Lawn and Landscaping Services for the Town (Unanimous vote to adopt)
- Resolution 2013-22 Entering into and Executing a Contract with Arnie’s General Contracting to Perform Rights-of-way Maintenance and Mowing for the Town (Unanimous vote to adopt)
- Resolution 2013-23 Entering into and Executing a Contract with Gene’s Dozer Service, Inc. to Perform Public Works Services and Grading for the Town (Unanimous vote to adopt)
- Resolution 2013-24 Entering into and Executing a Contract with Voyageur Enterprises to Perform Arborist and Trimming Services for the Town (Unanimous vote to adopt)
- Approval of the 2013/2014 Holiday Schedule
- Reschedule of Council Workshop from November 12th to November 19th at 4:30pm.
- Interviews with candidates to fill a supernumerary position on the ZBA
  - After talking with all candidates Mayor Parker will confer with ZBA Chairman Andrew Stewart and will make a recommendation to the Town Council for approval. (Policy established by the Town Council on January 27, 2011 to authorize the Mayor to appoint members to the ZBA, … with consent of the governing body.)
- Mary Kate Brown with The Nature Conservancy made a presentation to the Council offering to submit an initial proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a 100% grant to conduct a feasibility study relating to Town Resilience. (Unanimous vote to accept the offer).

The Town of Perdido Beach Coastal Resilience Team will meet in New Orleans, LA on November 12th and 13th. That meeting will conclude the team’s work under the Gulf Coast Community Resilience Program (sponsored by the Institute for Sustainable Communities).
MEETING WITH TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH LAND USE AND ZONING ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATORS, LINDA LEE AND SETH PETERSON – October 29, 2013

ATTENDING: Planning Commission Chairman Steve Love
Planning Commission Member Tom Bloxham
Mayor Patsy Parker
Linda Lee (Baldwin County Planning Department)
Seth Peterson (Baldwin County Subdivision Manager)

DISCUSSION:

Road and Rights-of-way damage caused by traffic as a result of construction projects: Mr. Peterson stated that it is difficult to show evidence that damage to the roads is done by construction related activity. If the damage is isolated and can easily be attributed to a particular construction activity it becomes less difficult to seek retribution. Pre-construction photos strengthen success.

Culvert installation: Linda suggested that the Highway Barn in Foley might be able to give the town some helpful advice on how to follow up on failures to comply with town permit.

Duties and Responsibilities of Administration at Town and County Levels:
In order to best serve the town it was discussed that administration could possibly begin at the town level with documents given to requesting individuals at town hall. The documents would then be taken to the Baldwin County Planning Department for further processing.

The document package would include:
  o Land Disturbance Permit Conditions and Considerations
  o Agent Authorization Form
  o Land Use Disturbance Application
  o Right-of-Way Access Permit Application
  o Culvert Permit Application
  o Contractor Letter (sub contractor list included)
  o Map of Town Limits

Also discussed Land Use Disturbance and Land Use permit conditions form and made necessary changes to it for presentation to the planning commission for approval.

Individual pulling a permit would complete forms at town hall. Copies would be retained by Town Clerk. Originals would be given to owner or owner’s agent to be taken to Baldwin County Planning Department for processing.
Perdido Beach mayor named to Obama Task Force

Staff Report | Posted: Monday, November 4, 2013 12:54 pm

PERDIDO BEACH, Ala. — In recognition of her leadership in preparing for the impacts of climate change, Perdido Beach Mayor Parker was selected today as a member of President Obama’s Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience to advise the Administration on how the federal government can respond to the needs of communities nationwide that are dealing with extreme weather and other climate impacts.

Obama established the Task Force today as part of his Climate Action Plan to cut carbon pollution, prepare communities for the impacts of climate change that cannot be avoided, and lead international efforts to address this global challenge. Parker will use her first-hand experience in addressing local climate impacts to inform the Task Force’s recommendations to the President and ensure they are responsive to the needs of places like the town of Perdido Beach.

In addition to bringing more frequent and severe storms, floods, heat waves and wildfires, climate change can also increase the risk of asthma attacks and other illnesses. Across America, states, cities and communities like the town of Perdido Beach are planning, innovating and preparing for the impacts of climate change and taking steps to protect themselves from extreme weather. The town of Perdido Beach, the state of Alabama and the Gulf Coast are already contending with the impacts and costs associated with severe weather events such as hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.

As previously reported, the town of Perdido Beach has taken action to protect their families and town from these and other climate impacts and is in the process of developing a Community Resilience Plan that will identify vulnerabilities and risks to the town and its citizens, establish policies and procedures that will serve to reduce risks and seek funding to implement the plan. The plan also will include a communication component that will employ two-way interaction between the citizens and the town officials.

According to Parker, the federal government can support local resilience efforts by promoting investments that bolster preparedness, strengthening critical infrastructure and public resources, supporting science and research on local climate impacts, and ensuring that Federal operations and facilities continue to protect and serve Americans in a changing climate.

“The state, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience will develop recommendations for the president on how the federal government can best support state, local and tribal leaders in their efforts to prepare for the impacts of climate change,” Parker said, adding that this will include recommendations for removing federal barriers to resilient investments, modernizing federal grant and loan programs to better support local priorities, developing the information and tools we need to prepare our communities and other relevant measures.