# Town of Perdido Beach - Planning Commission May 3, 2017 - 6:30 pm - Town Hall

The Planning Commission of the Town of the Perdido Beach held its regular meeting at the Town Hall on April 5, 2017. Chairman John Dobbs called the Meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Members Present: Commissioners: Chairman, John Dobbs, Mayor Kae Hamilton, Council Member Andrew

Stuart, Secretary Patti Larsen and Commissioners, Christi Koehle, Jerry Reagan, Lynn

Thompson, and new commission member Glenna Hutchings Smith

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Darrell Crase, Jerry Reagan, Chris Head, and Bob Gross Mrs. Leslie Johnston - SARPC, and Members of the Town.

Invocation:

John Dobbs

Pledge of Allegiance: John Dobbs

Hearing of Applications:

None

ITEM: Read and approve the (March 1, 2017) Regular Meeting Minutes.

Minutes were corrected to delete the "Neumann" name from the Mayor's report

Motion by Christi Koehle to approve the March 1, 2017 minutes with the above correction

Motion seconded by Kae Hamilton

Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL** 

YES

**ABSTAIN** 

NO

John Dobbs

**Glenna Hutchings Smith** 

Kae Hamilton Christi Koehle

**Andrew Stuart** 

Lynn Thompson

Motion carried.

ITEM: Read and approve the April 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Lynn Thompson to accept the April 5, 2017 minutes as read.

Seconded by Andrew Stuart

**ROLL CALL** 

YES

**ABSTAIN** 

NO

John Dobbs

Glenna Hutchings Smith

**Kae Hamilton** 

Christi Koehle **Andrew Stuart** 

Lynn Thompson

Motion carried.

#### **Public Comments:**

Ted Crockett asked if there were any town rules on how to place his storage container on his property. The commission replied that as long as the placing of the container followed town ordinances and "set back" rules, there should be no problem.

Robert and Stephanie Palmer asked about the details of the Town purchasing land on Soldier Creek for a town boat launch. Andrew Stuart explained to the Palmer's that the land was purchased by the town hall with the intention of building a boat launch and that the land is currently being cleared. A public hearing will be held when the lot is to be rezoned.

**Guest Speakers:** None

Officer's Reports:

Mayor's Report: none

**Chairman's Report:** Discussion and review of restrictions related to shipping containers.

(SARPC) Representative Report: none

### Discussion

## Item 1-metal storage containers used as storage

There is currently no ordinance of any kind regarding storage containers as long as they fit the "set back" definitions. The storage containers fall under the definitions of "accessory structure". The Council has asked

the Planning Committee to report back on the Council as to how to approach metal

storage containers to be used as storage.

Motion by Andrew Stuart The Planning Committee has determined that metal storage containers used for storage purposes is covered under the definition of "accessary structures".

Motion seconded by John Dobbs

#### Motion carried

### **Unfinished Business:**

## Item 2- Metal storage containers used as dwellings

John Dobbs shared his research on metal containers and the commission discussed the many pros and cons of using metal containers as a dwelling. The outcome of the discussion was that the cost of being in compliance with the county and town codes with a storage container would be extremely expensive. However, the commission decided to do some more research before sending a final report to the Town council.

Motion by Christi Koehle The Planning Commission needs further information before making a final determination on using metal storage containers as dwellings. Therefore, the Commission recommends a moratorium on using metal storage containers as dwellings

Seconded by Kae Hamilton

#### Motion carried

New Business:

None Identified

**Announcements:** 

Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting is June 7, 2017.

Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mr. John Dobbs, Chairman

Vice Chair - Christi Koehle

Patti Larsen, Secretary Lynn Ih ompsor -Member