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PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD/LOCAL
PLANNING AGENCY

February 27, 2019
Wednesday

City Commission Chambers

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A. Call to order by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Fred Stacer at 6:05 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL:

Fred Stacer
Joan Kovac
Richard Klosiewicz
Carla Coleman
Darlene Smith
Anne Marie Groblewski

Also in Attendance:

Martha Lawson, Department Head Secretary
Pamela McCleod, Assistant Planner
Daniel Keester-O'Mills, Principal Planner
Paola West, Principal Planner
Wade Collum, Urban Forester
Jennifer Gomez, Assistant Development Services Director
James McLaughlin
Julian Maxwell Stein
Harlan Kuritzky

C. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the meeting on December 19, 2018.

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Klosiewicz nominated Fred Stacer for Board Chair.

The nominations were closed.

All those voted to elect Mr. Fred Stacer as Board Chair.

Mr. Klosiewicz nominated Joan Kovac Board Vice-Chair.

The nominations were closed.

All those voted to elect Ms. Joan Kovac Board Vice-Chair.

7. Landscape Code Amendments

Mr. Wade Collum, Urban Forester, presented himself to the Board. He stated that he's excited to be presenting the proposed amendments to the Landscape Code and that they have spent a lot of time working on these changes. The amendments seek to make the requirements clearer to both City staff as well as to developers.

Ms. West commented how two forums were held to obtain input from the development community on the landscape review process. This data was analyzed in effort to streamline the requirements. She stated that the City Commission has already adopted the first round of these amendments, and that the second round is before the Board tonight.

Ms. West and Mr. Collum walked the Board through the information provided to them in the staff report. They showed a diagram depicting how the landscape screening requirements are proposed to be updated for properties with a retro-active outdoor storage landscape plan, stating that they are proposing a simple 10' requirement around all sides of the property.

Mr. Collum stated that they have relaxed the tree protection requirements for single-family and duplex properties.

Ms. Coleman asked how a "specimen" or "historic" tree is defined.

Mr. Collum responded that a "specimen" tree comes from the Broward County definition and is a tree with a diameter of 18" or greater.

Mr. Collum noted how the way trees are to be appraised is proposed to change. Lastly, he noted how paying into the Tree Canopy Trust Fund will now be formalized in the code.

Ms. Smith asked if this applies to condos.

Ms. West responded that it is proposed to apply to anyone.

Ms. Coleman asked if a permit is needed when a tree in someone's yard dies.

Ms. West responded that as long as they have the minimum number of required trees that a permit would not be needed. She added that currently, under certain conditions, a permit is not required.

Mr. Collum briefly explained the difference between the caliper and trunk formula methods, stating that the proposed caliper method is much simpler for home and business owners to apply.

Ms. West stated that the Development Services staff is requesting that the Board support the proposed text amendments. She added that they have received support from Broward County and from the City's Economic Development Council on the proposed changes.

Mr. Stacer commented that he earlier provided to staff technical comments regarding some grammatical typos as well as a substantive comment that would modify the required base planting areas. This change would require one additional foot of required base plantings for every two feet of building height above 15'.

MOTION by Richard Klosiewicz and second by Darlene Smith to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments per the staff report as amended. All voted in favor.

K. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

There was no one who wished to speak.

L. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Mr. Keester-O'Mills discussed the two proposed changes to the Board's procedures. The first change would designate a specific alternate member to each meeting so that they would be the first option to be contacted should a regular member not be able to attend.

Mr. Stacer asked about the procedural wording that makes it seem like staff will start asking each Board member to confirm their attendance in advance.

Mr. Keester-O'Mills stated that the expectation is that regular Board members will attend unless they notify staff that they cannot.

Ms. Coleman commented that based on her previous role as a Board alternate and the fact that she was often requested to attend multiple meetings in a row, it seems like it would be helpful to assign alternate members to meetings. She noted that it would be important for alternates, however, to still be aware that they might be requested to attend even outside of the months they have been assigned as a "primary" alternate.