

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Special Called Meeting/Recycling Workshop
March 26, 2010
2:00 pm

Members Present

Mayor Ron Klein
Mayor Pro Tem Lou DeVita
Councilman Bob Bobinski
Councilwoman Karen Joseph
Councilwoman Carol Scott
Councilman Wilson Sherrill

Others Present

Gary Parker, Administrator
Cindy Nelson, Building Inspections Ass't.
Jeff Curtis, Building Administrator
Chris Barbee, Fire Chief

The workshop was called to order at 2:00 pm by Mayor Klein for the discussion with the Architectural firm Garner-Brown on the second fire station. Scott Garner stated the first step of design process is input from the Town. He presented a diagram of the site and answered council questions. Michael Morton discussed the special site characteristics, such as wetlands and encroachments, turn lanes, etc. No special egress requirements were needed.

DeVita asked about a traffic signal to signal people when the alarms goes off. Sherrill stated a traffic study may be needed.

Parker stated he would look into it and inquired if the bays would be set up for back in or pulling in. Garner said he could explore the option of a drive through station.

There was much discussion on how space would work with equipment, doors, etc. Garner confirmed this building would meet the mandates of the grant, though the size of the building could be a challenge to meet some of the requirement, but they could be met. Council stressed managing the project closely to help achieve points for the silver level. Garner stressed the building will be there 50 years or more. It would be designed for looks and maintenance.

Councilwoman Scott stated it should be built nicely as possible but as inexpensively as possible. She asked if it was worthwhile to see if a drive thru was necessary and how much would it cost to explore this without making additional land purchases.

Septic was questioned and Parker stated it will tie into the right of way under 904. All utilities, including water have been addressed.

Bobinski asked if this station would last 50 years. Parker replied this was more about response time. Bobinski asked whether this will ever need to be expanded and if so, could it be done on that property?

Scott stated another station would have to be built if needed as the town expands its' boundaries. Mayor Klein replied other districts would built stations.

Council inquired when the 2 designs would be ready to look at. Garner replied he would get with the fire chief on his equipment needs, along with Gary and Jeff Curtis' input. A design or approval will be ready in about 3 to 4 weeks.

Bobinski asked about change orders and cost. Garner replied it's sometimes unavoidable and part of the process.

Discussion of the Fire Station ended at 2:45 pm.

Bridge Ceremony:

Councilwoman Joseph spoke about an email she received from a couple in Sandpiper Bay that offered to completely organize a ceremony on the day the bridge opens. They felt the first cars to go across should be as "Americana" as possible, as in Corvettes, of which there are several in Sunset Beach and Sea Trail. They would carry over the appropriate officials. She stated these would need to be coordinated with the Police and D.O.T. to drive the cars over.

Councilwoman Scott asked if the old bridge will be gated when the new one opens. The reply was yes. She was concerned about it being in the middle of tourist season, and felt it should cause as little disruption as possible. Scott then stated she had spoken with Ron Watts (realtor) and he felt the traffic issue would not be a problem.

Joseph stated the appropriate thing would be to invite the Gore's (Town's list) and other D.O.T. officials on their lists. The D.O.T. pays for the signs and a replica to give the Gores. They pay for most of this.

Bobinski had spoken with a Dana Connelly, and Sea Trail offered to give the town the use of the Magnolia Ballroom (3 rooms) for the dedication reception at no charge

The dedication will be the day before the Sunset at Sunset festival. They were looking for sponsorships from area restaurants and then Council debated if that was appropriate. There was still a considerable amount of details to be worked out.

Moving on to another subject, Mayor Klein disclosed he had found out that a DVD might be available to acquire the ethics training required. If so, they could use it to acquire their points without having to travel.

After more discussion, Parker updated Council on the proposed donation of the Village Park Gazebo to be donated to the town. Klein asked if the green space is considered open space as required. Parke handed out a diagram of the proposed Veteran's Memorial and information on the project. Sherrill added that pool and amenity centers were not a part of the original plan. BB&T is going to finish the 3rd building but not build the fourth. Parker stated if the property is acquired, the POA there asked to meet on Friday once a month at the park.

The general Council consensus was there are no downsides to have this property donated. The format of minutes was also discussed. Parker stated he was in favor of the summary kind of minutes. Ron and Carol asked that this be discussed in an open meeting. Parker asked the Council to think about it and bring the topic back at another meeting.

Mayor Klein adjourned the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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Ronald F Klein, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

Minutes taken by Cynthia Nelson, typed by Kim Cochran, Town Clerk.