

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY/
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chairman Hoz Compton called the regular meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Local Planning Agency/Board of Adjustment to order on Monday November 21, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Hoz Compton
Commissioner J. Eddie Oxe
Commissioner Ken LeBlanc
Commissioner Jack Edgemon

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Planner Steve Josephson

Chairman Compton introduced Steve Josephson, who has taken Sue Buchan's position on the Highlands County Planning Department and will be assisting the Town.

Chairman Compton stated the items listed on the agenda were items left pending at the last LPA meeting. They were:

1. Closing of the alleys in Town
2. Permitting more stringent Zoning in more liberal zonings in the Commercial/Industrial Zonings.
3. Permitting Commercial Parking in Residential Areas
4. Permitting Residential in conjunction with Commercial.
5. Multi-Path Trails

Town Council Member Mike Waldron stated he has been talking with Pete Pollard, of the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and feels the Town of Lake Placid should look into possibly forming a CRA. Council Member Waldron stated Mr. Pollard told him we should contact the Florida Redevelopment Association and ask for a representative to present a program to the Town Council concerning CRAs.

Commissioner LeBlanc stated he felt the Town should definitely look into a CRA and forming a plan for the future of the Town. The LPA felt all the pending matters could be addressed during a discussion of a CRA. Commissioner Edgemon made a motion to recommend to the Town Council to have the Florida Redevelopment Association provide the Council and LPA with a presentation on a date Mrs. Tuck can coordinate with them to assist us with studying up on a CRA to meet the challenges of our New Business items: A) Closing of the alleys in Town; B) Permitting more stringent Zoning in more liberal zonings in the Commercial/Industrial zonings; C) Permitting Commercial Parking in Residential Areas; and D) Permitting Residential in conjunction with Commercial, and various other things to improve historic downtown Lake Placid; motion seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc. On roll call, Commissioner Edgemon, Commissioner LeBlanc, Commissioner Oxe and Chairman Compton voted yes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The LPA spoke a little about sidewalks and felt the Town needed sidewalks. They said they would like to see sidewalks placed on South Main Avenue, down W. Interlake Boulevard, down Tangerine. They especially wanted to see sidewalks to Lake June Pointe because there are several children who lock their bicycles at the gate of Lake June Pointe and walk to school. If there were sidewalks or a multi use path they could bike all the way to school.

Mrs. Tuck stated she had recently attended the Community Traffic Safety Committee meeting in Sebring and FDOT stated the Town had received a Safe Route to School Grant that is stated to be put in within the next five years. FDOT stated they cannot guarantee it will happen. If there is money, it will probably happen.

Commissioner Edgemon made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Commissioners LeBlanc. Chairman Compton, hearing no objections, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.