

**COASTAL HERNANDO INITIATIVE PROJECT
COMMUNITY VISIONING WORKSHOP
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.**

ATTENDEES

Commissioner Rocco; David Hamilton; Carlene Riecse; Brenda Frazier; Pat Fagan; Susan Goebel; Roy Link; Dennis Dix; Paul Weizorek; John Druzbeck; Rick Foti; Joe Stapf; John Burnett; Doris Cupeles; and Royce Decker (facilitator of meeting). Please note that a large amount of Hernando Beach residents attended the meeting. The sign-in sheet is available for review.

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Rocco called to order the Community Visioning Workshop of the Coastal Hernando Initiative Project on April 26, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Building.

2. Introduction

Commissioner Rocco thanked all of the Hernando Beach residents that were present. She asked that all Hernando County staff members present introduce themselves. Mr. Hamilton provided an overview of the workshop format and purpose. He thanked everyone for coming out to the workshop. Ms. Goebel provided an update of the Hernando Beach Dredge project and addressed several questions from residents in the audience.

3. County Administrator David Hamilton & CHIP Member Fran Baird

Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Baird provided an overview of the Coastal Hernando Initiative Project (CHIP) mission and proposed planned projects identified by the group and Hernando Beach Community residents in the past year. Mr. Hamilton stated that CHIP was created in June 22, 2009. Mr. Hamilton described the areas for proposed improvements identified by the CHIP group. Mr. Hamilton indicated that the County Board is hosting a Federal Funding Workshop to identify possible funding and grant opportunities.

4. Workshop Facilitator Royce Decker

Mr. Decker thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He provided an overview and purpose of the meetings. He advised that the meeting would be open to community input. Citizen's present would identify their three most important issues that need attention in their community. Upon identifying their three issues they would be given the opportunity to come to the microphone and present their issues. The following citizen's relayed their top three issues: Valerie Shelter; Jerry Lawson; Joe Shurla; Harry Kaspick; Jim Rice; Erin Daly; Kathy Sullivan; Dr. Moss; George Kreol; Rod Anderson; Roger Davidson; Chuck Morton; Paul Levin; John Thomas; Wayne Dukes; Frank Santo; Dennis Allen; Donald Martin; Steve Lumb; John West; Kevin McCarthy; Bill Persons; and Larry Simpson. Mr. Decker advised citizens that didn't have the opportunity of speaking to drop off their index cards with a County staff member to ensure that their comments are considered.

Commissioner Rocco indicated that based on the citizens input a community plan will be developed. She also announced that the next regular CHIP meeting will be held May 17, 2010, at the Port Authority Building. She also announced that the next workshop meeting will be held on June 28, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. located at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Building. In addition, Commissioner Rocco advised that Patricia McNeese would be the new County Staff Planner assigned to the Community Initiative Projects.

5. Identified Issues

DREDGE/GULF ACCESS

Dredge (26)

Move the dredge equipment from in front of the Club

No chemicals in returned dredge water

State Road canal dredging

Dredge canals

Channel from central beach to Gulf

New boatlift

Repair boatlift (3)

Raise/re-build the bridge (14)

Do not raise the bridge (4)

Do not open canals to gulf in mid and south beach

PUBLIC SAFETY

Widen Shoal Line/sidewalks/bike path (28)

Trim trees on Shoal Line (canopy)

Make Shoal Line safer (2)

Lower speed limit on Shoal Line (2)

Do not widen Shoal Line or cut down trees

Enforce speed limits (3)

Widen Roads

Safety – Eagle Nest speeders

Safety – Calienta northbound traffic backup from boat ramp

Safety – Intoxicated people on Calienta late at night

Need speed bumps on Companero Entra

Sidewalks from Hernando Beach to shopping on U.S. 19 (9)

Sidewalks on Osowaw Blvd., Shoal Line from Tarpon to 50 (3)

Sidewalks/bike trails throughout coastal community (9)

Lighting on Shoal Line (6)

More lighting in area

Street lights from Hernando Beach to Walmart

When installing new lights – design them to accommodate “dark skies”

Fire hydrants – Weeki Wachee (2)

Fire hydrant for Gulf Coast Drive (4)

Fire hydrants (2)

Need more support for volunteer fire department

Crime watch at night

Leave community as is except for safety improvements (5)
Slow down traffic through Aripeka (2)
Drainage problem on road through Aripeka in front of store
Safety education and boating control

AESTHETICS/APPEARANCE

Odor from Treatment Plant (19)
Quaint fishing village (3)
Monthly trash pick-up teams (2)
Uniform code enforcement - burned out homes, degraded homes (4)
Clean up commercial properties on Calienta (5)
Clean up empty lots (3)
Hold landlords responsible for tenants and absent owners be responsible for maintaining their property
Use right kind of street lights to stop light pollution
Clean up and paint buildings (2)
Eyesores on Shoal Line (2)
Clean up, fix up and new business will follow
Annual brush pick-up
Repair docks
Require covers on trucks going into landfill
Enforce violations for littering along Shoal Line and Osowaw
Enforce no-wake zone
Loud music from cars/bar

CONSERVATION/DEVELOPMENT

Make development protect natural resources
Preserve nature – no boardwalks, etc
Preserve peaceful community/leave as it is (be careful what you ask for)
No new businesses on Shoal Line (3)
Conserve natural resources
Keep “chain” businesses out
Plant trees and vegetation
Stop development
No more needless development such as at corner of Shoal Line and Osowaw (2)
No street lights
No fire hydrants
No cell towers
Clean air, fresh water and controlled development
Limit street lights on Osowaw and none through Aripeka
Economic health/growth
Create a business district with more parking on Shoal Line
More parking for businesses
Need a good family restaurant
Master plan/community vision
Encourage Florida Friendly Yards

RECREATION

Walkway, trails, etc. through Preserve (not along roads)

Install wildlife walkway underpass from Preserve to facilitate wildlife movement

Boardwalk –Shoal Line to Pedersen Park (7)

Elevated boardwalk in “business district”

Reduce lighting in park when it is closed

Pine Island – fees – not a good idea

Parking and restrooms at Preserve

No fee for county residents to use Pine Island – only out of county residents should pay

Lifeguards at Rogers Park

A beach at Hernando Beach (6)

More parking for Pine Island

County swimming pool

Need a dog park

More parking at boat ramp

Allow dogs in Preserve and on boardwalk (if it is built) (2)

Make better use of Preserve for recreation

More artificial reefs

Create festive environment for Hernando Beach with parking

SERVICES

Change hours at Transfer Station (2)

Access to Transfer station – make left turn lane @ dump – right lane going

Into dump (3)

More responsiveness from county officials

Cell tower (11)

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.