

JOINT MEETING NFM DESIGN REVIEW PANEL & COMMUNITY PLANNING PANEL

Held at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center

Minutes

February 2, 2016

Panel Members Present: Debbie Jackow, Dick Thomas, Gregg Makepeace, Jack Howerton, Mike Land, John Gardner, Charlie Krebs, Jack Hess, Terry Tucker, and Lee Cummins.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Dick Thomas.**
- 2. Agenda approved.**
- 3. Minutes of January 5th meeting were approved as corrected. (see item D. 2. under Old Business)**
- 4. New Business:**
 - A. Legends Gallery located at 5781 Bayshore Road Units # 111-112 in N.F.M. FL 33917.**

This project was presented by Keith E. Long, Attorney for the applicants. This is a zoning application for a Special Exception to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages at Legends Gallery in conjunction with the operation of a bar and lounge on the premises. The need for this request arises due to the applicant's premises being located within 500 feet of a residential dwelling. The property currently has a Community Commercial zoning designation. This would all occur inside the premises with a capacity for 80 to 90 occupants. There would be no outside seating. In the future they may want to add a full scale restaurant. They would host local artists and comedy club/music groups. Adequate parking is available. Concern raised by panel members as to late hours of operation and the close proximity to residential area. No public comments were offered from the floor. Gregg moved "no action" by the Panel. Second by Lee. The motion carried.
 - B. O'Reilly Auto Parts located on Pine Island Road south of Home Depot and west of Wells Fargo Bank. Site Plan was reviewed. This project will be 7,400 sq. feet and meet County building, landscaping, and buffering codes. Panel members raised concerns that they would like to see the exterior of the building reflect the "Old Florida" style architecture favored by our community. Suggestion made that the builder take a look at Bob's Storage on Business 41 as well as the Dollar Store on U.S. 41 for examples of awnings and roof line. Concern also noted as to landscape buffering and location of underground utilities. Gregg moved that no action be taken at this time and requested that the builder consider our concerns and return in March or a future meeting with visual designs that reflect our "Old Florida" style**

preference, and assurance that buffering and underground utilities have been adequately addressed. Second by Mike. The motion was passed.

- C. Appointment of a Secretary. Lee agreed to serve in this capacity until a new secretary is appointed.
- D. Town Hall Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, February 25th but may be postponed depending on the scheduling of surgery Mike is anticipating on his eyes. Brief review on items to be included on the Town Hall agenda: North Shore Park, (continued notices of water pollution), update on County hiring a consultant to work on NFM issues and future planning, update on County action concerning the Library.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Cummins, Secretary