

# **JOINT MEETING**

## **North Fort Myers Design Review Panel**

## **North Fort Myers Community Planning Panel**

**Held at the N.F.M. Recreation Center**

**Minutes**

**April 7, 2015**

**Panel Members Present: Mike Land, Debbie Jackow, Dick Thomas, Jack Howerton, Charlie Krebs, Lee Cummins and Wayne Daltry.**

**Lee County Representative: Tony Palermo, Senior Planner**

**Presenters: Ronald Corey, Property Owner and John Pennington, Manager of Classic Auto Sales**

**Greg Stuart, Stuart and Associates representing Gasparilla Marine of Port Charlotte  
Mike Brines, Ingham Marine**

**Guests: Al Giacalone, John Gardner.**

**Dick Thomas called the meeting to order.**

**Agenda was accepted as printed.**

- 1. The Minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.**
- 2. New Business: Ronald Corey presented plans to make several upgrades on his property located at 126 Pondella Road, (between U.S. 41 and Business 41). Pennington Classic Auto Sales is now located at this site. Landscaping and irrigation will be installed and will be in compliance with Lee County code. No mechanic work will occur on this site. Access will be on the side street adjoining the west end of the property. As there were no objections by the Panel members to these improvements being made Mike Land moved approval. Second by Debbie Jackow. Carried.**
- 3. Greg Stuart presented the project for a Boat Sales lot located immediately south of Northern Tool and Equipment on N. Cleveland Avenue. Currently a vacant gas station is on this property. The project is to rezone this one acre site from Neighborhood Commercial to General Commercial. The objective of the CG zoning will be to support Boat Sales. As it stands now the Neighborhood Commercial does not support that use. The development program is to demo the gas station canopy, restore and readopt the gas station building to support boat sales, and landscape the property to meet code. The site has obtained a Clearance Letter from FDEP and the subsurface tanks have been sealed.**

Access will be from Judd Road. No substantive structural changes of the current building are planned. The Panel members suggested that they take a look at two projects, (Bob's Storage and Majestic Enterprises on Business 41) completed recently, to see some efforts that have been made to incorporate the "old Florida look," which we believe enhances commercial property in our community. Mike Land moved that we approve this project, subject to their including some "old Florida Style" features as they "restore" the gas station building. Second by Lee Cummins. The motion carried.

**Community Planning Panel Business:**

Mike Land Assumed the Chair. Mike noted that we need to affirm the current membership of both the Design Review and Community Planning Panels as well as elected officers of each Panel.

**N.F.M. Civic Association:** Mike Land, Lee Cummins, Gregg Makepeace, and Jack Howerton.

**N.F. M. Chamber of Commerce:** Charlie Krebs and John Gardner.

**Members at Large:** Wayne Daltry, Dick Thomas, and Debbie Jackow.

As both Panels meet concurrently Mike Land moved that a vote be taken acknowledging the willingness of all persons named above to continue serving on both Panels. Second by Lee Cummins. The vote was unanimous.

**Planning Panel Officers:**

Chairman	Mike Land nominated and elected
Vice-chair	Dick Thomas nominated and elected
Secretary	Lee Cummins nominated and elected

If the Secretary is absent Wayne Daltry agreed to serve as Sec. pro-tem.

**Design Review Panel:**

Chairman	Dick Thomas nominate and elected
Vice-chair	Mike Land nominated and elected
Secretary and Sec. Pro-Tem	same as above.

**Other Business:** Report given on the Town Hall Meeting. See attached Handouts. It was noted that there was a good positive energy present in the Panel discussion, by the Panel members and participation by those in attendance.

Mike reported that there has been considerable effort to recruit more businesses to join Business 41 Merchants, sparks, but no fire yet.

Wayne Daltry will report on issues related to Pine Island Land Use Plan as this matter unfolds.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lee Cummins*  
Secretary