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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Members Present:

Gardner Bunting, Tim Collins, Marc McFaul, Kristi Maravalli, Scott Mumford, Diane Tingle, Gene Langan, Bryan Reed and Pat Schuchman

***Absent:* Reid Tingle, Gabby Mancini, Merritt Burke**

***Public in Attendance:* Roy Williams, Virginia (Childers) Davidson (*Sea Shell City*)**

Flag Salute and Call to Order at 2:20 p.m.

Minutes:

Diane Tingle made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting, seconded by Gene Langan. Motion passed.

Items for Discussion:

Gardner Bunting began the meeting by pointing out that the discussion on banners at the March meeting had actually evolved from a discussion on utilizing the nautical lights used as holiday lights as seasonal lights along Coastal Highway during the summer months.

Tim Collins added that the lights are very popular over the holidays and could be just as appealing throughout the summer season.

Bryan Reed offered to research the electrical cost of the lights to give an idea what the cost would be throughout the Summer. Gardner added that it gets dark later at this time of year so the cost may be about the same.

It was agreed to request Town Council consideration at the next Town Council meeting to have Public Works install on every other light pole the nautical lights used during the holidays.

Bryan added that he would contact Jim Smith of Delmarva Power about installing better lighting along the commercial zone.

The items discussed at the last Business Development Committee meeting regarding signs will be forwarded to the Charter & Ordinance Committee for discussion at the May 5th meeting. These items are:

- Flags – one banner flag per business allowed:
 - Up to three flags for single building businesses
 - One flag per unit for a business in a subdivided building
- Extend allowance for A-frame to year-round
- Signage increased from 1 sq. ft. to 1.5 sq. ft. per lineal front footage of building

Gene Langan made a motion to request C&O proceed with the above proposed changes to the ordinance, seconded by Scott Mumford. Motion passed.

Marc McFaul asked if the Town has considered opening the Town Hall parking lot to the public after business hours. Gene Langan commented he would be in favor of asking Town Council consider this for public parking only from the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight throughout the Summer season.

Mr. Spiros Buas, the new owner of the Sands Motel, was in attendance at the meeting. He brought up that the motel is currently zoned for up to 39 sleeping units and would be interested in developing the property and such an investment would require an increase in density. He would be interested in 60-70 sleeping units with parking being both what is now existing and underneath a new building. He commented that the other two motels in Town already have 60 sleeping rooms each. Pat Schuchman explained that the ordinance was changed in 1986 to one sleeping room for each 1,000 sq. ft. of land area. Up until that date there was no restriction on the number of sleeping rooms for motels. Mr. Buas also mentioned that a new building would require an elevator that would need to exceed the maximum building height.

Tim Collins commented he would like to see the building codes changed to enable a property improvement that would enhance the commercial district.

The B/D committee asked that this matter also be discussed at the May 5th C&O meeting.

The next meeting of the Business Development Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

Diane Tingle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marc McFaul. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.