

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
(LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY)**

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2024 MEETING

On January 12, 2024 at 9:00 AM, the Palm Beach County Planning Commission (PLC) met in the 1st Floor Hearing Room in the Vista Center, 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Stephanie Gregory, called the roll and confirmed a physical quorum.

John Carr, the Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

District	Name	Present	Absent
1	Penny Pompei	X	
1	John Carr – Vice Chair	X	
2	Varisa Lall Dass**	X	
2	Sarah Pardue	X	
3	Barbara Roth	X	
3	Dagmar Brahs	X	
4	Sam Caliendo	X	
4	Brian Stenberg	X	
5	Lori Vinikoor	X	
5	Rick Stopek	X	
6	Ankur Patel – Chair		X
6	Kiley Harper-Larsen	X	
7	Angella Vann		X
7	Vacant		
At Lg.	David Serle		X
	14 members on the Commission	11	3
Notes:	** Varisa Lall Dass arrived at 9:03 am		

Planning Staff Present: Kevin Fischer (Planning Director), Jeff Gagnon (Deputy Planning Director), Stephanie Gregory, David Wiloch, Khurshid Mohyuddin, Inna Stafeychuk, Kathleen Chang, Jerry Lodge and Peter-Gaye Gordon.

Other County Staff Present: Whitney Carroll (Executive Director of PZB), Cindy Hoskin (Deputy Executive Director of PZB), Darren Leiser (Assistant County Attorney), Dom Simeus (Traffic), Bret Hammell (WUD) and Mark Meyer (ERM).

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Proof of Publication - Confirmed by Kevin Fischer, Planning Director.

D. Postponements & Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the Agenda made by Penny Pompei, seconded by Lori Vinikoor, passed in a 10 to 0 vote.

E. Consideration of Minutes – November 3, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes made by Lori Vinikoor, seconded by Penny Pompei, passed in a 10 to 0 vote.

II. COMMENTS

A. By the Public on Non-Agenda Items - None.

B. By the Chair – No comment.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Round 24-A2 Large Scale Amendments

1. Utilities Element Revisions (County Initiated)

David Wiloch, Senior Planner, gave the staff presentation with a staff recommendation for approval.

The Commission asked questions regarding the applicability of the statutory requirements and whether additional legislative changes are anticipated.

There was no public comment.

A motion to approve, made by Barbara Roth, seconded by Lori Vinikoor, passed in an 11 to 0 vote.

2. Spring Haven MUPD (LGA 2024-005)

Inna Stafeychuk, Senior Planner, gave the staff presentation with a staff recommendation for approval with conditions.

The Commission commended the Elks Lodge for their charitable activities and expressed support for the project as a “win-win”. The Commission asked questions regarding surrounding densities, proposed access, height of the buildings and parking for both uses.

Four members of the public, all representatives of the Elks Lodge, spoke in support of the amendment citing the benefits to the community.

A motion to approve with conditions (as proposed by staff), made by Lori Vinikoor, seconded by Sam Caliendo, passed in an 11 to 0 vote.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Annual Reports

1. Planning Commission Annual Report for 2023

Jeff Gagnon, Deputy Planning Director, gave the staff presentation with a staff recommendation to retain the Commission. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the report including the summaries of voting outcomes for the proposed amendments.

V. UPDATES AND COMMENTS

A. Commission Members

Brian Stenberg thanked staff for a good job on the reports.

John Carr expressed thanks to Verdenia Baker, County Administrator and others for making great presentations during Palm Beach County Day in Tallahassee.

Kiley Harper-Larsen recalled the encouragement from Ms. Dolly Hand and the remembrance of her passing.

B. PZ&B Executive Director

Whitney Carroll introduced the new Deputy Executive Director of PZ&B, Cindy Hoskin to the Commission.

C. Assistant Land Use Attorney

Darren Leiser wished everyone a Happy New Year.

D. Planning Director

Kevin Fischer stated the February meeting will likely be cancelled and said farewell to the Commission as he will assume a new role within the PZ&B Department.

The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 9:57AM.

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This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary, or a designated nominee, of the Planning Commission and that the information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes for the January 12, 2024 meeting of the Planning Commission of Palm Beach County, approved this 8th day of March, 2024.


Jeff Gagnon, Interim Planning Director