

City of St. Petersburg

PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Meeting of July 16, 2009 – 9:15 a.m.

City Hall, Room 100

Members and Alternates: Chair Karl Nurse, Vice Chair Herbert Polson, Council Member Jeff Danner, Council Member Leslie Curran, and alternate, Council Member Jim Kennedy.

Others present: Council Member Wengay Newton, Council Member James Bennett, Dave Metz, Tish Elston, Jackie Kovilaritch, Rick Mussett, Amelia Preston, Rick Craft, Mark Winn, Julie Weston, Dr. Will Michaels and Mary Ann McGrath.

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda: *Agenda was approved*

Approval of Minutes: *Minutes of June 18, 2009 were approved*

1. New Business

- a. ***Strengthening LDR's as they relate to Historic Preservation*** – Julie Weston provided an overview of the historic preservation regulations, particularly the Historic Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. Dr. Will Michaels provided a proposal to strengthen Land Development Regulations (LDR's) as they relate to historic preservation from Saint Petersburg Preservation. Mary Ann McGrath, representing the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, indicated their group would need to talk more about the proposed changes to the TDR's.

Action Item: Staff was directed to research and discuss with the Community Preservation Commission, the development of a LDR ordinance as it relates to impacted historic resources and historic TDR's and return to the Public Services and Infrastructure Committee.

- b. ***Extending the no panhandling zone*** – Council Member Nurse introduced the idea to extend the no panhandling zone to include the 600 and 700 blocks of Central Avenue and the Mirror Lake Circle. Mark Winn reminded the committee that we are in the middle of a very large suit challenging most ordinances we have with regards to panhandling except for this one. Mark indicated that to defend an expanded zone, the area must be vital for the city's well being.

Action Item: Committee asked for a member of the Police Department to attend the July 30, 2009 Public Service and Infrastructure meeting for further discussion regarding enforcement of the panhandling ordinance, specifically within the current no panhandling zone.

2. Continued/Deferred Business

3. Next Meeting – July 30, 2009, 9:15 a.m., Meeting in Room 100.

a. *City Trails Update Report*, referred by staff (Kubicki)

b. *Review Policy regarding repeat Code Violators* (referred by Council Member Curran)

c. *Extend the no panhandling zone* (referred by Council Member Nurse)

4. Adjournment