



**TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 17, 2012

Having been duly advertised as required by law, the **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach, Florida, was held on **Tuesday January 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Redington Beach Town Hall at 105 – 164th Avenue, Redington Beach, Florida.

Mayor Simons called the **Regular Meeting** to order and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Dorgan	X	
Commissioner Will	X	
Commission Deighton	X	
Vice Mayor Steiermann	X	
Mayor Simons	X	
Town Attorney Daigneault	X	
Town Clerk Patrus	X	

AGENDA – Motion made by Commissioner Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Will to approve Agenda;
Agenda approved with all ayes.

Public Participation - *Leslie Peck Epstein, 16308 Redington Drive* – spoke of an article on the proposed FDOT pedestrian crossing project from the Beach Beacon.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Commissioner Dorgan

- Nothing to report.

Building – Commissioner Will

- Nothing to report.

Finance – Commissioner Deighton

- The Town audit has started this week. They expect to be finished in Town Hall this week, with a final report in a couple of months.

Public Works & Parks - Vice Mayor Steiermann

- Nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Simons

- Nothing to report.

Town Clerk Patrus

- Presidential primary will be held in Town Hall; Tuesday Jan. 31, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wells Fargo is hosting free ‘financial advice’ chats in Town Hall; Monday Jan. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Town Clerk Patrus created a form - ‘REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT AND/OR LIEN SEARCH’ and presented for Board review. In an effort to streamline the amount of paperwork Public Works Director Davis handles, this form could be processed through clerk’s office. Since annual request are minimal recommendation was not to attach a fee. Board consensus was all ayes, to upload the form to the Town web site.

Attorney Daigneault

- Nothing to report

No Board and Committee Reports

CONSENT AGENDA - Motion made by Commissioner Deighton and seconded by Commissioner Will to approve the Consent Agenda; with discussion on the Public Works/Code Enforcement work sheet summary.

- a. Board Workshop and Regular Meeting minutes from January 3, 2012
- b. Bill List for week ending January 13, 2012
- c. Public Works/Code Enforcement work sheet summary for ending date January 12, 2012

Vice Mayor Steiermann said the summary sheet would be adequate for Board review, if the back- up log was maintained in the office as backup. Town Clerk Patrus, reviewed the log sheets and tracking reports for Commissioner Deighton. Board consensus was that the summary sheet would be satisfactory as presented. **Consent Agenda approved with all ayes.**

OLD BUSINESS

a. **FDOT proposed pedestrian crosswalks, Gulf Blvd.** – Mayor Simons the Board work shopped this FDOT proposal at the last meeting. The FDOT initially presented the plan to the BIG C; the plan is to achieve consistency in the pedestrian crossings on Gulf Blvd. from Sand Keys through St. Pete Beach and parts of Walsingham Road. Work has started in St. Pete Beach and Treasure Island. The crossing ‘flag’ project is being discontinued as not the right solution. Commissioner Deighton reported on the FDOT webinar he attended in Treasure Island. Mayor Simons opened for Public comments.

Tom Weidenhoph, 16400 Gulf Blvd. Redington Reef - presented to the Board, a display that he is submitting to the FDOT, regarding the location of pedestrian walkways on 164th and Gulf Blvd. FDOT is proposing to move the present 164th Ave. crosswalk to 163rd Ave. Due to Reef building location, residents need to walk further north to use the N. Redington Beach crosswalk or wait in the middle median of Gulf Blvd. to cross the road.

Paul Warren, 16007 Gulf Blvd. – distributed information he recently obtained in Orlando; from a road project where pedestrian lights were embedded into the road surface. These lights are solar powered and illuminate the crosswalks. This was proposed as a possible solution to the Redington Beach pedestrian crossing issues.

Maureen O'Connor 15800 Gulf Blvd. – supported the concept of road embedded pedestrian lights. She said she appreciated the Town taking a stance on this project and communicating with the FDOT on behalf of Town residents.

Leslie Peck-Epstein 16308 Redington Dr. - read Florida statistics, as related to traffic accidents and pedestrian injuries. She expressed concern for not having medians on Gulf Blvd. and the danger it posed for pedestrians.

Board discussion ensued. Comments were made that Redington Beach is a residential community, with private homes on both sides of Gulf Blvd. The present middle lane is used for vendor parking, passing and/or vehicle turns. The proposed concrete islands would create a safety hazard for turning vehicles; pedestrians using them as a ‘safety’ island, when in fact they are small blocks of unlit concrete and would create a hazard to vehicles as well as pedestrians. There would be no lighting or landscaping on these concrete blocks, thereby making them blend with the road. It was said that the present pedestrian crossing signals should use red blinking lights replacing the present yellow lights. The primary concern is for the safety of town residents, all the pedestrians that use our cross walks and for drivers using Gulf Blvd.

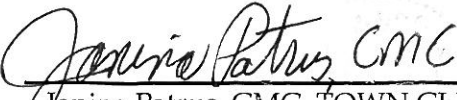
NO NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

a. **Board discussion of beach access on 155th Avenue.** Per survey the area belongs to Madeira Beach, with sand access belonging to Redington Beach. Commissioner Will spoke with Mark Davis; any infringement onto the sand or disruption of sea oats will bring DEP intervention. Vice Mayor Steiermann said he would discuss with Madeira Beach Mayor Palladeno. Redington Beach has no ‘owners’ right to the space.

There being no **OTHER BUSINESS**, **Motion** by Commissioner Deighton and seconded by Vice Mayor Steiermann to adjourn. Regular Meeting adjourned at 8: 50 p.m.

Adopted: February 7, 2012


Janina Patrus, CMC TOWN CLERK