TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of The Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
HELD ON MARCH 13, 2001 AT 5:01 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Local Planning Agency was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Jack McDonald in the Town Council Chambers. Upon roll call the following elected officials were found to be present: Mayor Lesly Smith, President Jack McDonald, President Pro-Tem Samuel McLendon, Councilman William Brooks, Councilman Norman Goldblum, and Councilman Allen Wyett. Also attending were Town Manager Peter Elwell, Town Attorney John Randolph, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building Robert Moore, Planner/Projects Coordinator Timothy Frank, and Town Consultant William Brisson, of Adley, Brisson and Engman, Inc.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved through motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Councilman Wyett, and carrying unanimously.

III. PROCEDURES FOR COMMENTS BY GENERAL PUBLIC

President McDonald explained that the public could comment at the appropriate time for a 3-minute period each.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-01 TRANSMITTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR REVIEW

Consultant Brisson summarized that the proposed amendments had been heard at the Town Council meeting of January 3, 2001. There were three proposed amendments:

1. The addition of a future land use element of Objective 13, and its associated policies. The State required statutory language in Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes, to

designate land use categories where public schools were an allowable use, and to incorporate criteria for their location.

2. Clarification in the future land use element to ensure that it was clear that public and private schools were considered appropriate uses in the private group use category.

3. New policies in the intergovernmental coordination element to address requirements of FS Chapter163 relating to joint planning areas, recognition of campus master plans, and voluntary dispute resolution process.

Mr. Brisson explained that the language in numbers 1 and 3 had been prepared by the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC), and had been reviewed by the Florida Department of Community Affairs for other municipalities in the county.

Town Attorney Randolph read Resolution No. 24-01 by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TRANSMITTING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES.

Councilman Wyett moved approval of Resolution No. 24-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brooks. On roll call the motion carried unanimously.

In response to President Pro-Tem McLendon, Mr. Brisson explained that the amendments related to schools were essentially criteria requirements by the State of Florida; from a practical standpoint, while the issues were permitted within the Town in the land use categories, the zoning code still listed the schools as special exceptions, and they would have to meet all zoning requirements. If, for a practical purpose, the special exception criteria were not me, it would not have to be approved.

President McLendon referred to the recent newspaper articles concerning the consideration of a new public school by the School Board, nothing that 98% of the children attending the school in Palm Beach were bussed to the island.

Mayor Smith commented that she would not want to see the school built elsewhere, since the taxpayers contributed so much money to the school district; she noted that one of the school buildings happened to be a landmark, and questioned if the request to tear any of them down could be contested?

Mr. Brisson replied that if the location met the criteria listed in the Comprehensive Plan amendment, and also met all of the special exception criteria, it would have to be handled just as any other special exception request.

Town Attorney Randolph advised that the landmarks ordinance would apply, and the building could not be torn down absent a demolition permit from the Town of Palm Beach.

Director of Planning, Zoning & Building Robert Moore commented that the School District would contact the Building Department regarding building questions.

IV. ANY OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Brisson noted that the requirements for a Comprehensive Plan amendment required that an announcement of the Town Council Public Hearing in this regard be announced at the meeting of the Local Planning Agency.

President McDonald announced that the Special Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan amendments would be held at 5:10 p.m.,on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in the Town Council Chambers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Local Planning Agency was adjourned at 5:09 p.m

Mary A. Pollitt, Town Clerk

Jack McDonald, Town Council President