

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 – 6:30 PM



MINUTES

Call to Order 6:33 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Chris Gay, Secretary Lesley Davidson, PE, Kevin Hurley, Daniel Nichols, Donna Snelling, Janey Fox, Gerry Casale, Pam Lewis.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: No staff was present.

GUESTS: Ramona and Raymond Ferrara, Debra Gay, Jack Randall (Clay Today)

Chairman to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CAC did not have quorum. As such, no voting of minutes, applications, or issues was held. Approval of September CAC 2023 minutes will be voted on along with October CAC 2023 minutes during the November 9, 2023 meeting.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Marketing Subcommittee update:
 - a) Chris Gay presented for the Marketing Subcommittee. The VIA award issue has been closed and sent to City Council as VIA is ready to re-take over the property improvement awards.
 - b) A discussion to sunset the Marketing Sub-Committee will be moved to the Nov 9, 2023 CAC meeting.
2. Beautification Subcommittee update:
 - a) Discussion over the Aesthetic Review Board or ordinance occurred with Chris Gay summarizing that there is no current ordinance that answers, "What does Green Cove Springs was to look like?" Aesthetic Review Board or ordinance is to provide guidelines or standards for the historical center or "quarter" of Green Cove Springs in order to preserve a style consistent with the 1870s to 1939 era, separate from the Form Based Code as a stand-alone standard for the Exterior of buildings. Discussion over when the standards would become effectual, ie at a sale, change of use, or change of lease, or when a permit was issued occurred. Discussion will continue in November.
 - b) Discussion about the Magnolia Point Tower parcel that is for sale, adjacent to Harbor Road, regarding its use for the Welcome to Green Cove Springs monument or other purposes occurred. Guest Raymond Ferrara would like the CAC to ask city council to consider the parcel.

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- c) Member Lesley Davidson gave an update on her activities working with the city spearheading the restoration of the historic circa 1887 Judge Thomas Judson Rivers house. A Friends of the Rivers House landscaping clean up day occurred on Oct 9. A plan to create a charitable 501c3 tax free fundraising account is also in the works. Kevin Hurley donated a sign saying, "Judge Thomas J. Rivers circa 1887 house Restoration Project. City of Green Cove Springs. For more information, call (904) XXX-XXX." The sign will be erected in October. The city will be adding Christmas trees to the property and lights.
3. Old Business
- a) We have received 2 CAC membership applications. One applicant does not meet the requirements. Sharon Wright's application will be voted on in November.
- b) Discussion regarding the city adding a storm water retention pond on city owned land between Palmer and Walnut streets and Magnolia and St. Johns Avenue for as yet to be undetermined future growth was discussed. Member Kevin Hurley criticized the plan as detrimental to the historic center and Spring Park.
- c) Member Lesley Davidson advised Kim Thomas received a request for a speaker (Mike Daniels) from the city about the planned parking lot and pond at St Johns Ave and Walnut/Palmer, city properties, and Sesquicentennial (150) celebration plans for Green Cove Springs.
4. New Business
- d) Member Donna Snelling advised that the FDOT will be having a meeting regarding changes to US17 Orange Avenue on October 26.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Lesley J. Davidson, PE, Secretary, CAC



Charles Sohm, Chairman, CAC