

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Thursday, September 1, 2016  
5:00 P.M.  
Special Meeting

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM, BUT DO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE PROCEEDINGS.

Members attending: Chair Barb Habegger, Members Darrin Moore, William Hackett and Stephanie Renner

Members absent: Tom Edens and Reddick Bowman with prior notice. Wanda McCarley who arrived after the meeting adjourned.

Staff attending: Building Administrator Patrick Brown, Code Enforcement Officer Natalie Kantz and Secretary of Planning Commission Margaret Green

Chairperson Barb Habegger called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Quorum noted.

**Review of Minutes:**

Minutes from August 23<sup>rd</sup>: Chair Barb Habegger noted a minor correction to insert a comma after Reddick Bowman's name in the "Members Attending" section. William Hackett moved to accept the minutes with the correction. Darrin Moore seconded the motion, which was **approved unanimously**.

**Special Meeting Business:**

Fontaine Lot Line Adjustment – 3728, 3729 and 3730 Dock Site Road

Darrin Moore made a motion to table the Fontaine Lot Line Adjustment. William Hackett seconded. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Goddard Lot Line Adjustment – 1602 Palmetto Boulevard

Chair Barbara Habegger pointed out the additional information provided to the Commission being a copy of the Quit Claim Deed and a memorandum regarding lot line adjustment from Town Attorney Bert Duffie. Darrin Moore moved to approve the lot line adjustment. William Hackett seconded it. Ms. Habegger opened the matter for discussion. Member William Hackett made a brief statement which he submitted for inclusion in the minutes and follows in italics.

*There are a couple of issues that I would like to discuss regarding the motion and the reason we are here for this special meeting. While there are certain instances where serving on the Planning Commission can be time consuming, difficult and tedious as a whole we have a very easy job due to one important fact. If an item brought in front of us doesn't violate Town or State law there needs to be a yes vote and if it is in violation of Town or State law there needs to be a no vote. This is very simple and personal opinion very rarely if ever should factor into a decision for items brought to us. We are also very lucky to have two excellent sources to guide us if there are questions as to whether or not an item brought in front Planning Commission follows Town and State guidelines. One of those sources is our towns Building Department headed up by Patrick and the other is our town's attorney Bert Duffie. When you look at the lot line abandonment for 1602 Palmetto Blvd and this commission's decision to make our tax paying property owner obtain unnecessary documentation I believe we have done an injustice to not only this property owner but our town as a whole. We made this a more difficult time consuming process than it should have been for all parties involved, needlessly expended our town resources which as you know cost the town monetarily and prolonged this property owner from making a legally allowable change to their property along with causing them to incur an additional fee to pull the irrelevant quick claim deed. It is my opinion that as a whole this commission needs to do its best to not repeat these mistakes in the future as it can only lead to an additional loss of time, resources and potentially open us up to a lawsuit.*

Chair Habhegger thanked Building Administrator Patrick Brown and Bert Duffie for providing the information which proved to be educational and will be useful for future reference. There being no further discussion, Chair Habhegger called for the vote, which was passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

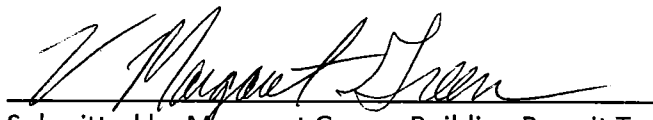
No one was signed in to speak.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn. Member Renner seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

The Freedom of Information Act, § 30-4-80(3) was complied with.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

  
Submitted by Margaret Green, Building Permit Technician

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A quorum of Council may be present.  
No discussion or action on the part of Council will be taken.

