



**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS  
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Founders Park Community Center  
87000 Overseas Hwy  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
Thursday, December 18, 2014  
5:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Mike Forster called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The following Council members were present on roll call: Mayor Mike Forster, Vice Mayor Deb Gillis, Councilman Jim Mooney, Councilman Chris Sante and Councilman Dennis Ward. Also in attendance were Village Manager Maria Aguilar, Village Attorney Roget Bryan, Village Clerk Kelly Toth, Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari and all other appropriate personnel.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Ken Philipson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Acknowledgment of Mary Belle Gresh for Service on the Youth Council**

Mayor Mike Forster acknowledged Mary Belle Gresh's services on the Youth Council.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Randy Seldon spoke in support of Tab 4: Application for Alcoholic Beverage Use Permit (AB-15-01) by Florida Keys Brewing Company, LLC.

Dave Purdo spoke in support of more workforce housing and offered rezoning suggestions.

Jim Bellizzi spoke of the need to repair Venetian Boulevard and spoke against only adding asphalt to the existing road during the repaving.

Stan Marguiles spoke in support of replacing Venetian Boulevard due to the condition of the existing road. He spoke in opposition to just resurfacing the road.

Councilman Chris Sante suggested Council consider restoring Venetian Boulevard. Mayor Mike Forster suggested the discussion be held during the wastewater update.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

**V. AGENDA: Request for Deletion / Emergency Additions**

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis added discussion regarding housing in industrial districts to section XIV Mayor/Council Communications.

Councilman Dennis Ward added discussion regarding Local Planning Agency appointments to section XIV Mayor/Council Communications.

**VI. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Pete Bacheler, Chairman of the Local Planning Agency (LPA), provided an LPA update. He stated that there were four members present at the last LPA meeting. Mr. Bacheler stated that of the three items addressed by the LPA, two were tie votes which resulted in the items not being passed. He suggested Council speak with the Village Attorney regarding the quorum requirements so that tie votes do not occur in the future. Councilman Chris Sante acknowledged that there was currently one opening on the LPA.

**VII. VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**A.** Councilman Chris Sante requested updates pertaining to establishment of an affordable housing down payment program and "Lot Swaps". Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated that pertaining to the down payment program, the November Workforce Affordable Housing Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting occurred, but that the affordable housing down payment program was not discussed as there was a change in staff liaisons to the committee. She stated that she expects to provide an update to Council in a month. With regard to the "lot swaps" item, Ms. Cioffari reported that the item could move forward upon completion of the mapping project currently underway.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes:**

November 10, 2014 Community Workshop COAST Sea Level Rise  
December 4, 2014 Regular Village Council Meeting

**B. Resolution Approving Purchase of Playground Equipment for Founders Park Beach**

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve Tab 1 & Tab 2. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Tab 3 was pulled for discussion from the Consent Agenda by Councilman Chris Sante.

**C. Resolution of Intent for Levy of a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment in the Remaining Service Area to Repay Grinder Pump Program Lateral Connection Loans**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Chris Sante requested background information pertaining to this item. Village Manager Maria Aguilar stated the Village was paying the full cost of the purchase and installation of the grinder pumps. She stated the owners pay for the lateral connection and the Village was providing financing for the grinder pump lateral connections. Ms. Aguilar explained the Village Council made the decision to offer financing when owners expressed they could not afford the costs. Councilman Sante expressed opposition to financing but stated that if financing is provided for one, it should be provide it for all.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Ken Philipson stated the previous Council voted to offer financing to make costs equal for grinder pump owners. He stated that the Village isn't financing the grinder pump lateral connection costs; rather the Village is providing the mechanism for the associated costs to be reflected on the property owner's tax bill.

Brad Dougherty stated that currently property owners were not allowed to make the connection to the sewer themselves and that they had to pay a plumber to make the connection for them. He requested that Village Council reconsider this and stated that Monroe County as well as many other cities across the state of Florida allows property owners to make the connection.

Dave Purdo expressed concern for senior citizens with limited incomes.

Village Manager Maria Aguilar explained that the purpose of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will be to assist low income families with sewer connection costs.

Jim Bellizzi stated that the financing option should be offered to everyone.

Village Manager Maria Aguilar explained that the Village could not obtain an SRF loan to pay homeowner's lateral connection. She clarified that the SRF loan is tied to the DBO contract.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

## **IX. WASTEWATER MATTERS**

### **A. Wastewater Project Update**

Wastewater Program Manager Greg Tindle stated the North Plantation Key (NPK) re-pump station has been operating for approximately two months and site restoration and cleanup of this facility is virtually all that remains to be completed. He stated that 105 vacuum pits had been replaced in NPK. Mr. Tindle stated that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) conducted a site visit that went well. He provided a construction update and reported on the salinity issues. He explained that the salinity levels are trending downward but are still not at an acceptable level.

Councilman Chris Sante asked if it was too soon to see the results of the recent repair near Tavernier Creek Bridge. Mr. Tindle explained that they have been testing that area and it has not shown a high level of salinity. He stated that they will continue to test that area as the tides have not been extremely high.

Discussion ensued regarding the target date for completion of the Middle Plantation Key Plant and budgeting for the replacement of the remaining vacuum pits. Mayor Mike Forster requested, and Council agreed, to staff preparing a replacement schedule for the vacuum pits categorized as ones and twos.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Larry Barr expressed concern over the minimal improvement in salinity levels with regard to the number of vacuum pits that have been replaced.

Mayor Mike Forster stated that he expects to see the salinity levels drop with the influx of winter visitors to Islamorada.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Councilman Chris Sante began discussion on restoring severely dilapidated roads within the Village. Discussion amongst Council ensued resulting in staff direction to provide Council with costs associated with repairing Venetian Boulevard.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Dave Purdo spoke in support of repairing Venetian Boulevard.

Jim Bellizzi spoke in support of repairing Venetian Boulevard and the need for funding of future road repairs within the Village.

Stan Marguiles suggested setting a time frame for the completion of Venetian Boulevard.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

## **X. ORDINANCES**

## **XI. QUASI-JUDICIAL**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the quasi-judicial statement and requested that anyone not having been sworn in raise their hand. Village Clerk Kelly Toth swore in the witnesses.

### **A. Application for Alcoholic Beverage Use Permit (AB-15-01) by Florida Keys Brewing Company, LLC**

Mr. Bryan read the title of the resolution and requested Council disclose ex-parte communications. Mayor Mike Forster disclosed that he had spoken with Craig and Cheryl McBay. The remaining Councilmembers reported no ex-parte communications.

Planner Thomas Skidmore presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Forster invited the applicant, Craig McBay to speak. Mr. McBay explained, in brief, the intent of the project.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

### **B. Administrative Appeal (AA-15-01) by Lisa and Julian Siegel of a Pre-Application Conference Summary**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and requested Council disclose ex-parte communications. All Village Council Members stated that they had not had any ex-parte communications.

Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari presented the staff report recommending denial of the administrative appeal.

Councilman Chris Sante asked if the building had a full bath. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari confirmed that the structure did in fact have a full bath.

Mayor Mike Forster invited the applicant to speak.

Julian Segal stated he and his wife purchased the Red Cross home approximately six months ago and considers the structure to be a home. He stated his historical research depicts this structure as a home.

Mayor Forster opened public comment for those speaking in favor of the application.

Don Horton stated he assisted the Siegel's in their research and that he searched for a certificate of occupancy that reflected a change in use and did not locate one. Mr. Horton requested the Council find in favor of the structure being designated as a house.

Dave Purdo spoke in support of the structure being designated as a house and Council approving the application.

Buddy Pinder stated he recalled individuals living in the structure as a home in the 1960's.

Mayor Forster opened public comment to those opposed. Seeing none, public comment was closed.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis made a motion to approve the structure as a residence. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Dennis Ward voting in opposition.

#### C. Application for Administrative Relief (15-01) for Miles Teach

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and requested Council disclose ex-parte communications. All Village Council Members reported that they had not had any ex-parte communications.

Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari presented the staff report.

Mayor Mike Forster opened Council discussion; seeing none, he invited the applicant to speak. The applicant was not present.

Mayor Forster opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Councilman Dennis Ward asked if there were any property owners ahead of the applicant in the BPAS. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated that there were 36 property owners ahead of this applicant and provided an explanation of the BPAS ranking process.

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve one BPAS allocation award. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

## **XII. RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. Resolution Approving the Market Rate Residential Building Permit Allocation System Ranking and Awards for Quarter 4 of 2014**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Senior Planner Shane Laakso presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Jim Bellizzi stated that he was next on the BPAS allocation list and that he was 15 days late applying for his deferral. Mr. Bellizzi stated that he asked the planning department if someone else on the list could be moved up to which the planning department responded that they did not have a remedy to do this. Mr. Bellizzi suggested that applicants be notified individually of their impending allocation.

Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari explained the requirements of the Village Code and the purpose of the Building Permit Allocation System (BPAS).

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis asked if it was possible to provide a deferral to Mr. Bellizzi. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated that there was not any language in the Code that would allow this.

Councilman Chris Sante spoke in support of allowing the deferral for Mr. Bellizzi.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan explained that there is no explicit mechanism in the code that addresses what can be done when an applicant misses a deferral opportunity.

Councilman Jim Mooney asked if anyone had ever missed their deferral opportunity in the past. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated yes, other people had missed their deferral opportunity. She explained that in these situations they had to take their allocation or if they did not take the allocation the Village recaptured it and was able to use it for administrative relief. Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding the allocation process of BPAS awards. Mr. Bellizzi stated that the Director of Planning was absolutely correct, that the department did not have a mechanism to provide him relief. He stated that he was not trying to abuse the system, but rather trying to encourage Council to correct the system.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis stated that she would like to provide a deferral but expressed concern for compromising the integrity of the BPAS. She also expressed concern that this would encourage others to request a deferral at the last minute.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated the applicant will have 180 days to pick up the permit from the date the notice is mailed.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis suggested notifying applicants of the BPAS rankings and reminding them of the deferral procedure.

Councilman Dennis Ward asked if there was a notification problem. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated that there was not. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis stated she wished to add another level of notification to the existing process.

Councilman Chris Sante requested that Council consider a rule that would allow Council the ability to defer a permit before it is voted on and requested the item be added to a future agenda for discussion. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari asked if Council wanted to allow a longer time frame. Mayor Forster

asked if there was Council support for this item. Seeing none, Councilman Sante withdrew his request for future discussion.

Mayor Mike Forster clarified that Council was directing staff to send out a letter to future recipients on the list reminding them of the ranking.

**B. Resolution Approving the Nonresidential Building Permit Allocation System Ranking and Awards for Quarter 4 of 2014**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Senior Planner Shane Laakso presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

**C. Resolution Adopting Zoning in Progress- Development of Structures Greater than 10,000 SF**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari presented the staff report recommending adoption of the resolution.

Councilman Dennis Ward asked if the zoning in progress was a result of the referendum and Community Character Task Force recommendations. Mayor Forster said yes. Councilman Ward stated he was under the impression that the definition of community character was to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that he thought the intent behind placing the definition in the Comprehensive Plan was to provide direction in the event of development related legal action. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis explained that it was decided the definition would go into the budget book and be placed on the website.

Mayor Mike Forster spoke in support of placing the item before the voters again at a special call referendum. He stated that the language of the referendum item should be modified to remove any unintended consequences. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis stated that she would support a special call referendum. She stated that with a zoning in progress they have up to a year, but that they do not have to keep it in place for an entire year.

Councilman Jim Mooney suggested Council discuss the overall allowable amount of commercial square footage that is allocated. He stated that he would not be opposed to a special call referendum.

Councilman Chris Sante stated that he did not think there was a need for a referendum. He suggested the Village craft an ordinance with better verbiage and suggested that with this type of item the public would be present to voice their opinion.

Councilman Jim Mooney spoke of the ability to rebuild a structure if the structure was destroyed. He spoke in support of Councilman Sante's suggestion regarding clarifying the verbiage through an ordinance.

Councilman Ward stated he thought the purpose of the item being placed on referendum was so that it could not be changed by an ordinance at a later date. Councilman Ward spoke in support of placing the item on referendum.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Ken Philipson stated that the reason the referendum was worded that way was because Council did not draft the referendum. He urged Council to conduct a workshop when they begin to craft the language for a referendum item or an ordinance.

Larry Barr spoke in support of an ordinance and against spending the funds on a special call referendum.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Mayor Forster reiterated that he supported a special call referendum and that he wanted to give the voters another chance.

Councilman Jim Mooney made a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan clarified staff direction that this would be a future agenda item for discussion.

**D. Resolution Approving Amendment to Village Attorney Employment Agreement**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and presented the staff report.

Mayor Forster opened public comment.

Ken Philipson provided an explanation regarding the previous Council's intent when approving the language in the Village Attorney's contract.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

**E. Resolution Considering a Petition for Dedication / Conveyance of Private Roads Iroquois Drive and Sunset Drive to the Village**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis spoke in support of the resolution.

Councilman Chris Sante expressed concern over the acceptance of these roads and stated that the roads were in really bad shape. He suggested that the property should be given to the homeowners and then the homeowners could provide a utility easement to the Village.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated that he was not aware of any desire on the part of the homeowners to take ownership of the roads. He clarified that the Village was under no obligation to bring the roads up to standard and stated the Village would be accepting the roads as is.

Mayor Mike Forster stated that he had heard from the Sunset Drive Homeowners Association over the past two years and that would not do what Councilman Sante was proposing. He stated that one option with regard to wastewater would be to make the area a cold spot.

Councilman Sante expressed additional concerns regarding accepting other private roads.



Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated that the owner of the road has no desire to convey an easement, as they do not want the road.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis spoke in support of approving the conveyance. Councilman Dennis Ward stated that the Village has the easements for Thompsonville Road whereas the Village does not have them for Sunset Drive and Iroquois Drive. Mayor Mike Forster commented that the Village has very few options and that this is the least expensive.

Mayor Forster opened public comment.

Jim Bellizzi spoke against the Village Council approving the conveyance of Sunset Drive and Iroquois Drive and quoted Supreme Court case Smith v. Horn.

Brad Dougherty stated he lives on Iroquois Drive and that per his survey the road is 24 feet wide. He stated that he would not provide an easement unless the Village accepts the conveyance of the road. He explained that the easement shown on Sunset Drive is for a water line and that he was unable to find any easements for the water line on Iroquois Drive. He requested Council support the dedication.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Councilman Chris Sante stated that if the Village accepts conveyance of these roads, then the Village has the right to request property owners remove items from the right-of-way.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **F. A Resolution Approving the Purchase and Acquisition of a Wastewater Utility Easement on Key Honey Lane**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Wastewater Program Manager Greg Tindle presented the staff report.

Wastewater Program Manager Greg Tindle explained that the Village did negotiate and that the owner was very familiar with the costs associated with eminent domain. Councilman Sante and Councilman Mooney expressed concern other owners would want to sell easements to the Village. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated that, with the conveyance of Sunset Drive and Iroquois Drive, the Village would have five roads for which easements had not been obtained. Mr. Bryan provided a history of the subdivided area. Discussion ensued regarding eminent domain and cold spots.

Mayor Forster opened public comment.

Jim Bellizzi spoke against the Village purchasing the Key Honey Lane easement and addressed the legal costs associated with eminent domain.

Larry Barr expressed concern that if the Village pays for this easement, they would be setting the precedent for the purchase of future easements.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated that if the Village proceeded with the construction of the wastewater lines on Key Honey Lane without obtaining permission the owner could challenge the Village's decision

as they are the record title owner of the road. Mr. Bryan stated that there were three options before Council: purchase the easement, eminent domain, and a wastewater cold spot.

Mayor Mike Forster asked approximately how much eminent domain would cost the Village. Wastewater Program Manager Greg Tindle stated at least \$50,000 in legal costs and potentially significantly more. Mr. Tindle stated that there could also be costs associated with remobilizing the wastewater construction equipment. Mayor Forster expressed concern about the escalating costs associated with eminent domain.

Councilman Dennis Ward spoke in support of making the area a cold spot. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis stated that previous Council made a decision to sewer the entire Village.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated that there had been extensive negotiations pertaining to this offer. He said that the question before Council was whether to pay for the easement without having to go through eminent domain. When asked by Mayor Forster, Mr. Bryan could not immediately provide an answer to whether there would be legal exposure associated with a cold spot. Mr. Bryan stated that if the Village chose the cold spot option, the parcel owners would be required to install an anaerobic septic system on their property. He stated that in theory the Village could refund the wastewater assessments paid by these property owners.

Councilman Chris Sante stated that Key Largo had several cold spots and commented on the laws associated with ingress and egress.

Councilman Jim Mooney commented about the overall costs of the wastewater project as it relates to this item.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis made a motion to approve. Councilman Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis and Councilman Jim Mooney voted in favor. Councilman Chris Sante, Councilman Dennis Ward and Mayor Mike Forster voted against purchasing the easement. The motion failed 3-2.

### **XIII. MOTIONS**

#### **A. 2015 Schedule for Regular Village Council Meetings**

Mayor Mike Forster asked if Council had any interest in changing meetings to once a month. Discussion ensued with Council agreeing to keep the current schedule of two meetings per month.

Councilman Chris Sante moved to approve the 2015 schedule. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

### **XIV. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **A. Discussion Regarding December 9, 2014 Legislative Meeting- Mayor Forster**

Mayor Mike Forster reported regarding the Interagency Staff Meeting sponsored by State Representative Holly Raschein on December 9, 2014 pertaining to future allocations of state funding.

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis reported regarding the December 10, 2014 Monroe County Board of Commissioners meeting in which future appropriations were discussed and stated that future funding allocations were not discussed.

Village Manager Maria Aguilar briefly explained the state budget and funding process timeline. She stated that if it takes a year for the process to occur, the funding would not be beneficial to the Village

because there would be very little the Village could submit that would be eligible for reimbursement. Vice Mayor Deb Gillis stated that it took the Village approximately a year and half to receive the first 20 million dollars.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding allocations in the interlocal agreement and the need for a joint approach to the State for future funding.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Larry Barr stated he understood that the Village was not going to receive future funding for wastewater and that property owners were looking at another assessment. Village Manager Maria Aguilar stated that a future assessment is not being considered, and explained staff had developed a financial forecast that did not include future grants so there was not a financial void that needed to be filled.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

#### **B. Discussion Regarding Federal Action Strike Team & FAST Fly-in Participation**

Village Manager Maria Aguilar provided an explanation of the Florida League of Cities Federal Action Strike Team & Fast Fly-in to Washington D.C.

Ms. Aguilar advised Council of a different trip to Washington D.C. on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to accompany Federal Lobbyist Jim Davenport in an effort to garner support for the Army Corp of Engineers wastewater funding under the Florida Keys Water Quality Improvement Program work plan. She stated that Vice Mayor Deb Gillis would be attending as well as representatives of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District. Ms. Aguilar suggested the Village Manager and Village Attorney attend with Vice Mayor Gillis. Council agreed that all three should attend.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

#### **C. Discussion Regarding Allowance of Affordable Housing in the Industrial District**

Vice Mayor Deb Gillis spoke in support of allowing affordable housing in the areas zoned as an industrial district. Councilman Chris Sante expressed support for this idea.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Jim Bellizzi provided examples of industrially zoned areas and cautioned Council not to move forward with this change.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Council directed staff to draft a text amendment allowing affordable housing on top of existing structures in industrial zoned areas.

#### **D. Discussion Regarding Local Planning Agency Appointments**

Councilman Dennis Ward initiated discussion on LPA appointments. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated that per Village Code 30-103, an appointing councilmember could replace an LPA member with or without cause at any Regular Village Council Meeting and that the new appointee would serve out the remainder of the term. Councilman Ward stated he would like to remove Allen Wood from the LPA and appoint Ted Blackburn.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Jim Bellizzi spoke in support of diversification on the Local Planning Agency.

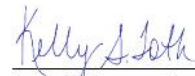
Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Councilman Dennis Ward added a discussion pertaining to parking in the art district to the next agenda.

**XV. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Mike Forster seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 P.M.



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Kelly S. Toth  
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2015.