

**Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2004**

The Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) of the City of Titusville, Florida, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, on Wednesday, May 5, 2004

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Chairman Dean Pettit called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Present were, Members Tony Koromilas, Al Gutierrez, Alex Chamberlain, Karen Mills, George Mosakowski and Ron Thorstad. Vice Chairman Christine Ryba was excused. Also in attendance were Planning Administrator Keith Cunningham and Recording Secretary Tammy Holton. It was determined that a quorum was present.

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Presentations and Public Comments:

Walter Pine, Titusville – Told TEC how they should conduct their meetings when all agenda items are not discussed. All items should be carried forward to allow the public present to speak on these items.

Old Business:

Vision Statement - Member Gutierrez made a motion to table discussion of the vision statement. Member Thorstad seconded the motion. Discussion followed. There was a unanimous voice vote approval.

Discussion of Michael Myjak's Presentation – Mr. Myjak informed TEC that he is scheduled to speak to City Council about his proposed Rural Overlay District presentation. Discussion followed. Mr. Myjak discussed sizing of lots and minimum number of units per acre. Discussion followed. Mr. Myjak stated that the purpose of the overlay district is to have developers plan in the current zonings instead of requesting rezoning changes. Ground water recharge areas need to be preserved and protected. Discussion followed.

Walter Pine, Titusville – Stated that he does not oppose environmentalism. Concerned that an ordinance can be amended. Could effect valuation of homes in the Titusville area, which is directly related to salaries not being marketable in Titusville. Planning should not trump zoning. Zoning is a historical preservation of a community. Zoning should implement planning. Asked TEC not to support the overlay district until something is in writing to know what is being endorsed.

Gloria Heiden, 3612 Thal Road – Spoke in favor of Ordinance #24-2004, she polled her neighbors and they are in support of the ordinance. Agreed with Mr. Pine that TEC should see something in writing before any action is taken. Discussion followed.

Maureen Parent, Titusville – Supported Mr. Myjak’s ideas. He is just asking TEC to support the general idea and not what he is going to present to City Council. Would like to see a lot more Green Space preserved.

Member Mills told Mr. Pine that the value of homes in Titusville is not an issue that is appropriate for TEC but could be addressed with City Council. Member addressed the comments Mr. Pine made about planning before zoning, she told TEC that does not work as was apparent by the rape of the land at Sisson Road. There needs more planning if people continue to build, Mr. Myjak’s proposal should be manual. Citizens need to take back control of the city and land. Mr. Pine stated that the scrub jay and alligators are not seen in the constitution. Stated TEC is on the committee by being appointed by City Council and represents the citizens as a community, not the trees, birds or other little animals. TEC must focus on how things affects the whole community, environment should be considered but is not the only consideration. Discussion followed. Member Gutierrez stated that there were some elitist attitudes on the board.

Member Thorstad made a motion to support Mr. Myjak’s concept. Member Mills seconded the motion.

Member Koromilas – yes

Member Mosakowski – yes

Member Thorstad – yes

Member Mills – yes

Chairman Pettit – yes

Member Gutierrez - no

New Business:

Ordinance #24-2005 and #25-2004 – Chairman Pettit stated that they would discuss the ordinance separately and reviewed the ordinances with TEC. Member Gutierrez suggested tabling these ordinances until the next meeting in order to discuss each one in length. Chairman Pettit told TEC that these ordinances are scheduled for the next City Council meeting so TEC would need to address these items at their current meeting. Discussion followed. Member Koromilas recommended to Member Mills if she felt strongly about taking wetlands out of the build able areas that she should address that issue with City Council. Discussion followed.

Gloria Heiden, 3612 Thal Road – Gave TEC a history of the rezoning for the area and how the residents worked with the City and developers to come to some type of agreement. Stated she supported the ordinance.

Walter Pine, City of Titusville – In favor of ordinance but there are areas that need improvement, such as areas of enforcement. Secondly, an interlocal agreement should be in place with Brevard County.

Michael Myjak, Titusville – Supports effort, not the best but it is something. Encouraged TEC to address with City Council the conditional use permit for this ordinance.

Member Gutierrez suggested a 50 percent reduction of permit fees and having permits fast-tracked to a three-day maximum.

Member Gutierrez made a motion to table Ordinance #24, #25 and #26-2004. There was no second. Motion died. Discussion followed.

Member Mosakowski made a motion for approval of Ordinance #24-2004 with the stipulation that any amendments needed could be made at future meetings. Member Thorstad seconded the motion.

Member Thorstad – yes

Member Mills – yes

Chairman Pettit – yes

Member Mosakowski – yes

Member Koromilas – yes

Member Gutierrez – no

Ordinance #25-2004 – Discussion followed.

Michael Myjak, Titusville – Stated that the math does not work.

Kathleen Burson, 385 Delespine Avenue – Ms. Burson told TEC that she had done the math and it does not work. Anything less that RE does not work, cluster does not work or make sense. Discussion followed. Cluster option has to start with a low density.

Walter Pine, Titusville – Density is very important, this is about environmental issues. If too many people are placed in these areas then you are not saving the environment; you are defeating your purpose.

Member Mosakowski left at 6:30 p.m.

Member Thorstad made a motion to deny Ordinance #25-2004. Member Mills seconded the motion. Discussion followed. TEC suggested starting with RE zoning across the board. Discussion followed.

Member Thorstad – yes

Member Mills – yes

Chairman Pettit – yes

Member Koromilas – yes

Member Gutierrez – no

Ordinance #26-2004 – Discussion followed.

Member Mills made a motion to accept Ordinance #26-2004. Member Koromilas seconded the motion.

Member Koromilas – yes

Member Thorstad – yes

Member Mills – yes

Chairman Pettit – yes

Member Gutierrez - yes

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Reports:

Member Gutierrez made a motion to table member reports until the next regular meeting. Member Mills seconded the motion. There was a unanimous voice vote.

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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.