BIKE-PED COUNCIL

PALM BEACH COUNTY





Organizations

Bicycle Clubs

- ➤ Treasure Coast
- **≻Club Scrub**
- ➤ Cycle Science
- ➤ Greenway Alliance
- ➤ Bill Bone Racing
- **≻**BRBC
- ➤ Treasure Coast Cycling
- ➤ Bicycle World
- ➤ North Palm Beach
- ➤ Lake Bicycles
- Greenway
- Safe Route to School
- Runner's Club
- Jupiter Walkers
- Jupiter Inlet Associations
 - ➤ Jupiter Dune
 - **≻**Estuary
 - ➤ Suni Sand
 - ➤Ocean Trail
 - **≻**Ocean Walk
 - ➤ Jupiter Inlet
 - ➤ River Walk

<u>Disclaimer</u>: The Bike-Ped Council is representing the interests and rights of the above organizations in an informal way.

For more information please refer to: Pedbikeinfo.org

Mayor Karen J. Golonka Town Council, Town of Jupiter 210 Military Trail Jupiter, FL 33477

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 2012

Re: Public Hearing: Lighthouse Cove Mini Golf November 13th, 2012

Dear Ms. Golonka:

Following the Zoning Meeting Public Hearing on November 13th, and the letter of opposition sent to Ms Walker (see enclosure), I would like to bring the following to your attention.

- 1. **Notification:** Local residents and associations in the area of concern were not notified properly of this public hearing.
 - The public at the Zoning meeting expressed near unanimous opposition. The Zoning Council forced the issue and approved the modification without giving credits to the concerns expressed. The agent used a very questionable mode after the meeting to obtain approval.
 - The Chair of the Zoning Hearing expressed a need for additional meetings with people present at the hearing, but did not follow-up or made a very questionable attempt. (see letter to Bristol Mng)
- 2. **Traffic Study Error**: Council did not see that the Traffic Consultants made an error in the intersection. They reported on the cross section at the Beach Resort rather than Beach Road.
- 3. **Traffic Issues**: This plan would worsen rather than resolve traffic.
- 4. **Mixed Use**: The land in question is mixed used, and could fully be used for a beneficial purpose since the area remains primarily a residential area. A spot zoning exception would not improve the life of the residents or offer social benefits.
- 5. **Detrimental:** It is against good town zoning and planning and would represent an additional detriment to local residents rather than an enhancement.
 - A significant amount of land has been devoted to town wide interest for this
 purpose and this would infringe on the right of residents to enjoy and affect
 the value of their property significantly.
- 6. **Federal Grant**: This plan endangers the significant Federal Grant received for this road.
- 7. **Conflict of Interest**: This plan presents significant conflict of interest between residents needs and

8. **Historical Incongruence**: This plan is not in line with the real significant historical resources of the area and trivializes the Lighthouse's Mission and it's Museum.

We are confident and hope that the position shared on the Palm Beach Post of: "If you don't like it move..." is not what the Town would like to foster in Jupiter. The entire area is accessible to the public and shared by residents with grace and most democracy, despite all it's weekends and special holiday issues. Residents have been on the giving end.

In this light we would like to request the following:

- 1. That a new hearing with proper notification be schedule in 2013.
- 2. That the Town Historical Committee be involved and approve of this project
- 3. That the traffic consultants correct their oversight and resubmit a new report.
- 4. That the Town or Zoning Council requests or do it's own analysis of traffic improvement with adding local stores for residents. As an urban designer, I am confident that you subscribe to decentralization, as a solution for traffic issues. Ref.1.
- o A traffic light does not seem to offer a pedestrian friendly appeal to the area, but pointing to problems.
- 5. That Town Council advises the Zoning C. to have the owner's agent consider resident's wishes expressed at CRA meetings and or perhaps a meeting with the owner of the land for a collaborative effort.
- o Residents wish to be able to walk to local stores on A1A and not drive. They wish to see produce stores such as fresh produce, meat and a fish market... (see Appendix A) they do not have needs for souvenir shops. Most of Route 1 and A1A North have been dedicated to the town's and tourism needs, this last remaining piece of land close to Dubois Road, accessible to all local residents would fit best to accomplish their wishes. Some residents have expressed interest in investing.

As pedestrian advocates their wishes and ideas <u>should be given serious consideration</u>. If one could provide residents with their daily needs, the number of car trips by local residents, estimated between 700-1400, would significantly reduce the issue of concern. (See Appendix A + letter of November, 2012 to Ms Walker) Likewise, it would also add the Town's chances of obtaining the Bike as well as Business Friendly Appellation that would bring National acclaim to this town.

We hope that the town will give credibility to the residents of the associations involved and consider this request.

Sincerely yours,

Judy Dow, Secretary

Judy Dow

CC. Brenda Arnold, CRA Manager, Commissioners: Phillip Cipolla, Wendy Harrison, Jim Kuretski, Thomas J. McCarthy Thomas J. Baird, Commission Attorney, Bret Baronak, MPO Senior Planner, Palm Beach County

Enc: Letter of opposition to Planning and Zoning Commission

Letter To Steve Inglis, Bristol Management

Appendix A: CRA Report pages from the Public Opinion section

Ref. (1) Walking the talk about walkable urban places, Mark Hinshaw, FAIA, Crosscut-News of the Great Nearby September, 19th, 2012

Appendix A

Residents had participated in the workshop organized by the CRA and taken a very active participation. They also assisted you in raising the grant you needed for the pedestrian path on A1A. They conceded to your overall plans and need to be heard and obtain some of their wishes. (see below).

It was also Brenda Arnold's impression; they had been model citizens. As taxpayers and good citizens they deserve a voice. These redevelopment plans should bring pleasure and satisfaction to all town residents, whether they live here full-time or part-time.

II. Public Involvement

<u>Group 1</u> – summarized their own thoughts on what is needed in the CRA focusing on the Inlet Village:

- A safe route for pedestrians and others along A1A should be implemented
- A Parking garage should be located as you enter the Inlet Village from US1
- There should be a lower speed limit in the Inlet Village (NOTE: Speed limit in the area is currently 35 mph)
- Small Boutiques that would including grocery and specialty food shopping should be located in the Inlet Village
- · Better landscaping at Suni-Sands

<u>Group 2</u> – Reviewed the existing projects and added several of their own:

- · Make Riverwalk accessible by boat
- Sidewalks should be installed on Love Street
- · Water Taxi is a private commercial activity and is not necessary
- Oxbow south pedestrian bridge is not needed
- Inlet Village Riverwalk waterfront from one side to the other doesn't work, it doesn't take you anywhere
- In favor of level of service improvements for roadway.
- Area needs sidewalks, no curbs
- In favor of the Lighthouse Promenade
- Pedestrian bridge from Burt Reynolds Park to the Inlet Village is not needed
- · Public Boat Docking is a private activity, not conducive to CRA
- In favor of using the CRA Marina site for a park
- Group had no agreement on the US-1 Scenic Corridor
- In favor of the Lighthouse Promenade though the main street should be pedestrian only.
- In favor of at parking garage, it should be at the unincorporated property on US1
- The CRA should lease the Love Street Parking lot
- Riverwalk and Inlet Village Sign Program is ok
- Providing the Riverwalk pedestrian connection across the south side of the Oxbow to connect to Burt Reynolds Park is stupid
- The First Union property should be part of Harbor Side

Group 3: This group submitted only one suggestion after their review

· Parking and traffic flow is the highest priority

Group 4: This group submitted only one suggestion after their review

• Traffic highest priority

II - 5

National & State Organizations providing support to: Working for a Bicycle Friendly America







