

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES, March 19, 2024

Came to order at 4:35 pm

Ball, Keown, Loderick, Stillwell (arrived late)

Minutes were reviewed and the section on Sea Island Apartments needed some additions. The Commission has asked to have a representative from the Sea Island Apartments in attendance soon, to discuss the property and long-range planning.

Ball made a motion to approve the February Minutes. Loderick seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote (Ball, Keown, Loderick).

Gregg Brunson, owner of Ace Hardware Port Royal attended the meeting. He was asked about the intentions of the shopping plaza owner. The owner is willing to bring more commercial commerce but is looking for the right tenants. The shopping plaza owner is not actively advertising but would be interested in a partnership.

Ball asked what Brunson's vision would be for the front parcel. He would like to see a restaurant (ideally Mellow Mushroom), bank, retail and/or hotel.

Commissioners asked what was happening around the shopping plaza. Brunson said that crime seems to be a problem. In the area there have been drive-by shootings, attempted robberies, etc. Even the items that are dropped off to the Goodwill trailer get stolen frequently.

Commission members questioned the City's plan for redevelopment of the apartment complex across the street from the shopping complex and were curious of the price point for affordable housing in Port Royal. Possibly multijurisdictional enforcement of both the City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal could be of assistance. Additionally, the members believe that active apartment management participation in managing tenant behavior, along with increased police patrols at the complex could be effective.

Charlie Stone with BJWSA introduced himself to the commission and plans to start attending the meetings.

Loderick was pleased with the property enhancements at the Dollar General. He felt this will benefit the residents without vehicles immensely.

Next month, the commission would like to invite John O'Toole or Greg Shelton from the Economic Development Corporation.

Adjourned at 5:33PM.