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**Minutes**

**Redevelopment Commission Meeting  
Port Royal Town Hall, 700 Paris Avenue**

**July 16, 2024**

Redevelopment Commission Members: Vaughn Keown, Stephen Loderick, Tim Ball, David Stilwell, and Mike DuBois

In attendance: Assistant Town Manager Brooke Plank-Buccola

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM.

The minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting were approved.

Discussion on the status of town projects was held. It was noted that there has been no significant movement due to ongoing moratoriums, particularly involving trees. Updates were provided on the demolition of buildings on Old Shell Road.

Commission Member Loderick sought updates on the Sea Island Apartments, a poorly maintained and currently vacant property. The town has not received any new information.

Different areas for potential redevelopment were considered. The possibility of extending the focus to Paris Avenue and Edinburgh was brought up, mentioning that these areas could benefit from similar tree ordinance exemptions as other parts of the town.

The discussion highlighted the challenges of balancing the preservation of live oaks with attracting new commercial developments. There was also mention of prioritizing the same leniency for these areas as for Ribaut Road.

There was considerable debate over the current tree ordinance, its implications on business development, and suggestions for amendments. It was suggested that rules applicable to commercial projects should be moved to the front of the document for clarity. It was confirmed that ongoing steps are being taken to update and amend the tree ordinance.

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There was a conversation around Safe Harbor's lack of action and non-responsiveness concerning property development within the town, highlighting the necessity of either moving forward with the project or considering other options.

Efforts to communicate with different property owners were discussed. Commissioner Keown shared his experience of trying to acquire a lot subject to high valuations due to the presence of live oaks, pointing out the intricacies involved in dealing with property owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Graham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Graham  
Town Clerk

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