

**LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
DECEMBER 10, 2008**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 p.m. Board members present were Chair Scott McLaughlin, Vice-Chair John Stevens, Philip Busey, Ken DeArmas and Mimi Turin. Also present were Attorney Thomas Moss, Planning and Zoning Manager David Quigley, Deputy Planning and Zoning Manager David Abramson, Planner Ingrid Allen and Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 18, 2008

Vice-Chair Stevens made a motion, seconded by Ms. Turin, to approve the minutes of August 18, 2008. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 5-0**)

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Text Amendments

- 3.1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 12, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NIGHT SKY REGULATIONS BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1, SECTION 12-32.524, BUILDING DESIGN GUIDELINES; SECTION 12-32.525, ADDITIONAL DESIGN GUIDELINES; ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 2, SECTION 12-260, LIGHTING STANDARDS; SECTION 12-261, STREET LIGHTING; ADDING ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 2, SECTION 12-262, NIGHT SKY REGULATIONS; AMENDING ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 12-503, DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ZB (TXT) 8-2-07)

Ms. Allen advised that the proposed ordinance was the result of a Land Use Plan Amendment which the Town Council had recently approved. The intent was to reduce light pollution by establishing a cohesive plan through the use of specific lighting fixtures designed to minimize light pollution, encourage lighting practices solutions to minimize glare, light trespassing, and conserve energy and resources. She provided a bibliography of other cities in the United States which adopted similar ordinances. Ms. Allen indicated that full cut-off fixtures were luminaries which were designed in such a manner that no light was present at or above the horizontal plane.

A discussion ensued regarding the application of the ordinance and Vice-Chair Stevens found an inconsistency between Section 12-260 and 12-262 (B) which Ms. Allen noted needed to be corrected.

Chair McLaughlin indicated that he would prefer that part of the ordinance provide options with incentives as opposed to making it mandatory. He gave an example in which the ordinance may be “super restrictive.”

Mr. Busey asked how the level of standards in the ordinance would be judged in comparison with those in the outdoor lighting code handbook which was part of the international Dark Sky Association. Ms. Allen responded that staff tried to keep the ordinance simple in order for it to be implemented rather than having the standards too technical and not implemented. She had confidence in the ordinance and believed “it was consistent with what was out there.” Mr. Busey believed that “the Devil was in the details” and since he did not have the resources to check whether or not something may be missing, he would be reluctant to approve the ordinance.

Chair McLaughlin was concerned with how sports lighting had been addressed in the ordinance. Mr. Quigley advised that the standards for ball fields were a little more generous; however, there were “spill over” requirements when the fields were located next to residences. Following a discussion of the realities of sports lighting, Vice-Chair Stevens suggested that it should be limited to the hours of operation as an exemption.

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As there was no one present in the audience, Chair McLaughlin did not call for anyone to speak for or against this item.

Mr. Busey made a motion to table this item until there was more information. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chair McLaughlin passed the gavel and made a motion, seconded by Ms. Turin, to approve subject to adding an exemption for sports lighting during time of operation; that “clean up” be done in Section 12-262 (B); and to review and remove any references to the single-family homes. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Chair McLaughlin – yes; Vice-Chair Stevens – yes; Mr. Busey – no; Mr. DeArmas – yes; Ms. Turin – yes. (**Motion carried 4-1**)

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions made.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Agency Member