



DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
VENETIAN CENTER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2020 - 4:30 P.M.

The Planning Commission of the City of Leesburg held its regular meeting Thursday, September 24th, 2020, at Venetian Center.

Chairman Ted Bowersox called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following Commission members were present:

Ted Bowersox – Chairman
Clell Coleman – Vic Chairman
Frazier Marshall
John O’Kelley
Michael Fitzpatrick
Alfred Haliday
Chris Wood

The following Commission members were absent:

Ze’Shieca Carter

City staff in attendance included Dan Miller, Planning & Zoning Manager, Sabrina Mitchell, Administrative Assistant II, Dianne Pacewicz, Planner, Careylee Murray, Planner, Kandi Harper, Senior Planner, and City Attorney Fred Morrison was also present.

The meeting opened with an invocation given by Chairman Bowersox, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dan Miller informed the audience of the rules of participation and the need to sign the speaker’s registry. He also informed Commissioners and the audience that the City Commission meeting dates are tentatively scheduled.

**DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2020**

Commissioner O'Kelley moved to APPROVE the draft minutes from the AUGUST 13TH, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Fitzpatrick SECONDED the motion, which PASSED by a vote of 6 - 0.

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2020

Commissioner Wood moved to APPROVE the draft minutes from the AUGUST 20TH, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Fitzpatrick SECONDED the motion, which PASSED by a vote of 6 - 0.

Sabrina Mitchell swore in staff as well as anyone in the audience wishing to speak.

Chairman Bowersox called for the first case under new business be brought forward.

1. PUBLIC HEARING CASE # LSCP-20-125 – R O RESIDENTIAL – LARGE SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY CONTAINING 83.51 +/- ACRES FROM LAKE COUNTY URBAN LOW TO CITY OF LEESBURG ESTATE RESIDENTIAL, FOR A PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF COUNTY ROAD 44 AND NORTH AND SOUTH OF CLARK STREET, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 01, 09, 10, AND 16, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(CITY COMMISSION DATES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FIRST READING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AND SECOND READING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020)** (R O Residential)

Mr. Miller stated these cases are related, with the Chairman's permission, staff requesting that we go over both cases as a whole and then afterward the Commission could vote on each case separately, so it will be easier to understand that way.

Dan Miller introduced case number #LSCP-20-125 – R O Residential – Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment and case number #PUD-20-126 – R O Residential – Planned Unit Development into the record and entered the exhibits into the record with maps and photo exhibits including aerial, zoning, future and surrounding land use, wetlands/flood zone maps, CRA maps, staff summary, departmental review summary, and staff recommendations.

Mr. Miller gave a background of the subject property, location current zoning, requests, and stated both of these future land uses do allow 4 units per acres; gave a brief explanation of the (PUD) Planned Unit Development document and conditions.

Kandi Harper utilized a power point presentation to demonstrate the area of the proposed site for both cases.

Department Review Summary: This case was sent out to all the different departments for review, no substantive comments received. Under Public responses, there were numerous responses to this request. In summary, the concerns staff received are road, traffic, property values, lots sizes, density, schools, and access. A number of people were present to comment.

Mr. Miller read the Staff Recommendations for both cases into the record; Staff recommended approval.

Kathy Hattaway, Poulos & Bennett, representing the developer and applicant, Robuck/Ostrander, explained the three applications moving through the City process: annexation, large scale comprehensive plan amendment and planned unit development, gave a detailed presentation of the subject property, compared proposed and former plat, land use and zoning differences between the County and the City; similarities of densities; no increase on the maximum allowable development, PUD.

Forest at Silver Lake platted 125 units on 41.69 acres at 3 units per acre which was approved on a portion of the subject property; CR 44 provides access to the development; proposed (PUD) plan features 80-foot wide lots on southern boundary, 50-foot wide lots interior and northern border, 25-foot perimeter buffer; natural or planted, 15-foot rear lot setback that is not a part of a lot; open space exceeds the City's requirement of 30%; only access is taken from CR 44 with a Boulevard entrance with three lanes which eliminates the need for a secondary emergency access, the single access point is from CR 44.

Mr. Bowersox asked if Commissioners had any questions of the petitioner.

Commissioners and Mr. Miller discussed open space, road ROW, wetlands, Mid Summer Lane access; impacting any of the neighborhoods on the east side or southeast portion of property; only access on CR 44, buffers, no home builder contracted at this time; no price point determined; no secondary access required because of "boulevard" type access from CR 44; Mr. Miller clarified access; significant feedback from the public; utilizing option that's within the code; require Boulevard type entrance; no longer need secondary access; traffic study required; traffic study done, school impacts.

Mr. Miller read into the record the conditions of approval; lot sizes, modification to current proposed plan.

Kathy Hattaway gave a presentation to address comments from Commissioners regarding development; clarified open; hammer head cul-de-sac configuration; price range consistent with market rate; development will be similar to Radio Road project; sewer line extended on CR 44; applicant provided contribution to extension; discussion of overall density.

City's ISBA agreement with Lake County makes property eligible for development, size of lots/homes; residential development; compatible, familiar with both the State statute definition of

compatibility, existing future land use/existing zoning; hammer head turnaround will be placed at south end of R-O-W (at Mid Summer Lane); developer was required by the City to conduct a traffic study; developer's traffic engineer addressed questions regarding traffic / trip generation.

Mr. Shahidi traffic engineer gave a presentation to address traffic comments and concerns from citizens: traffic study has been submitted to the City for review; in process to incorporate comments; traffic study follows guidelines of the Lake Sumter MPO; proposing some improvements; level of service capacity adopted by County and City; CR 44 and US 441, adopted capacity level service D; exiting traffic is lower than capacity on the road; continuing process of responding to comments, updating traffic counts; met demand of traffic directed by this development.

Citizens' comments and concerns were based on: proposed plan, property value, traffic study; since January several fatalities; North Silver Lake Drive approved for 256 apartments; Leesburg rated top ten dangerous cities; general displeasure with approved plans and further growth on the roads.

Kathy Hattaway gave a presentation to address comments and concerns from citizens: no access from project directly to Silver Lake Drive; property lies within City's annexation area; Cities have urban density; citizens seek no increase in density; developer responds to market demand; provides a response to the market to provide homes, neighborhood; sidewalks, recreation facilities, open space, buffers, and other areas; owned and maintained by a HOA, comply with City of Leesburg architectural standards, worked with Staff on a number of other projects; appreciates Board support.

Chairman Bowersox closed the discussion to the public, and then asked if the Commission had any discussion.

Chairman Bowersox entertained a motion, and then the voting took place.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick made a MOTION for DENIAL of case # LSCP-20-125 – R O RESIDENTIAL – LARGE SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
Commissioner O'Kelley SECONDED the MOTION which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 5 - 1.

2. PUBLIC HEARING CASE # PUD-20-126 – R O RESIDENTIAL – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON APPROXIMATELY 83.51 +/- ACRES FROM LAKE COUNTY A (AGRICULTURE), LAKE COUNTY R-1 (RURAL RESIDENTIAL), AND LAKE COUNTY R-3 (MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT), TO CITY OF LEESBURG PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO ALLOW FOR SINGLE FAMILY USES FOR A PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF COUNTY ROAD 44 AND NORTH AND SOUTH OF CLARK STREET, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN

SECTIONS 01, 09, 10, AND 16, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(CITY COMMISSION DATES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FIRST READING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AND SECOND READING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020)** (R O Residential)

Chairman Bowersox entertained a motion, and then the voting took place.

Commissioner Wood made a MOTION for DENIAL of case # PUD-20-126 – R O RESIDENTIAL – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT Commissioner Haliday SECONDED the MOTION which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 5-1.

3. NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARING CASE # CPTA-20-149 – VILLAGES WEST LAKE AREAS A AND B – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE VILLAGES OF WEST LAKE AREA A AND AREA B, TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY SUPPORT DISTRICTS (CSD), AMEND LEVEL OF SERVICE TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT DISTRICTS, AND AMEND PERMITTED USES, ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH AND SOUTH OF FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AND NORTH OF CR-470, AND PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF THE SUMTER COUNTY LINE, NORTH OF AUSTIN MERITT ROAD AND NORTH AND SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD 48, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 06, 07, 08, 09, 16, AND 17, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST AND SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST AND SECTIONS 5, 6, AND 7, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(CITY COMMISSION DATES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FIRST READING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AND SECOND READING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020)** (Villages of West Lake Text Amendment)

Dan Miller introduced case number CPTA-20-149 – Villages West Lake Areas A and B – Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment into the record and entered the exhibits into the record with maps and photo exhibits including aerial, zoning, future and surrounding land use, wetlands/flood zone maps, CRA maps, staff summary, departmental review summary, and staff recommendations.

Mr. Miller gave a background of the subject property, and current zoning. Mr. Miler explained the history of the subject property and changes requested and read them into the record; various minor wording changes that will have no significant impact; it's positive from a Staff standpoint.

Kandi Harper utilized a power point presentation to demonstrate the area of the proposed site for both cases.

Department Review Summary: This case was sent out to all the different departments for review, no comments received; Staff has no issues.

Chairman Bowersox stated if the Commission has any questions of the applicant.

Chairman Bowersox entertained a motion, and then the voting took place.

Commissioner O'Kelley made a MOTION for APPROVAL of case # CPTA-20-149 – VILLAGES WEST LAKE AREAS A AND B– COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT Commissioner Marshall SECONDED the MOTION which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 5- 0.

4. PUBLIC HEARING CASE AMDT-20-190, THE VILLAGES OF WEST LAKE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS MODIFICATION TEXT AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY OF LEESBURG LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ARTICLE XI, SECTION 25-818 DEFINITIONS, ESTABLISHING THE DEFINITION OF AGE RESTRICTED DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT DISTRICTS FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH AND SOUTH OF FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AND NORTH OF CR-470 AND PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF THE SUMTER COUNTY LINE, AND NORTH OF AUSTIN MERRITT ROAD AND NORTH AND SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD 48 AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 06, 07, 08, 09, 16, AND 17, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST AND SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST AND SECTIONS 5, 6, AND 7 TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(CITY COMMISSION DATES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FIRST READING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AND SECOND READING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020)**

(Villages of West Lake – LDR Modifications)

Dan Miller introduced case number AMDT-20-190 – The Villages of West Lake Land Development Regulations Modification Text Amendment into the record and entered the exhibits into the record with maps and photo exhibits including aerial, zoning, future and surrounding land use, wetlands/flood zone maps, CRA maps, staff summary, departmental review summary, and staff recommendations.

Mr. Miller stated for the record to add definitions to Section 25-818; clarifies a definition of Age Restricted Development and Community Support districts; essentially a housekeeping measure, and no objections from Staff; supports.

Chairman Bowersox stated if anyone has any questions from Staff or applicant.

Ashley Monnier, Community Planning Liaison Officer for NSA of Orlando introduced herself for the record; request to coordinate further on the amendment and land development to discuss compatibility at Buggs Springs with the proposed applications; look forward to the opportunity to be able to have that conversation ahead of that Commission meeting if possible; looks forward to working with the City of Leesburg and thank you for your consideration.

Marta Dzuro stated the Staff has done a wonderful job. Dan Miller has done a great presentation any questions we are here.

Chairman Bowersox stated if any discussion from the Commission.

Chairman Bowersox entertained a motion, and then the voting took place.

Commissioner Marshall made a MOTION for APPROVAL of case # AMDT-20-190- – THE VILLAGES OF WEST LAKE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS MODIFICATION TEXT AMENDMENT Commissioner Fitzpatrick SECONDED the MOTION which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 5- 0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING CASE # SPUD-20-77 – VENETIAN ISLE NORTH – SMALL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 6.64 ACRES FROM P (PUBLIC) AND R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO SPUD (SMALL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) FOR A PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF EAST DIXIE AVENUE AND EAST OF SOUTH LAKE STREET, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 25 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(CITY COMMISSION DATES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FIRST READING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2020 AND SECOND READING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2020)** (Venetian Isle North)

Dan Miller introduced case number SPUD-20-77 – Venetian Isle North – Small Planned Unit Development into the record and entered the exhibits into the record with maps and photo exhibits including aerial, zoning, future and surrounding land use, wetlands/flood zone maps, CRA maps, staff summary, departmental review summary, and staff recommendations.

Mr. Miller gave a background of the subject property, location and current zoning. Mr. Miler explained the history of the subject property and requests.

Kandi Harper utilized a power point presentation to demonstrate the area of the proposed site for both cases.

Department Review Summary: This case was sent out to all the different departments for review, no substantive comments received. Under Public responses several people came by the office, they appear to be satisfied that medical uses and their own properties would not be impacted.

Mr. Miller read the Staff Recommendations into the record; and then went over the (PUD) Planned Unit Development. Staff recommending approval on this project.

Chairman Bowersox expressed concern on between professional and residential some type of security buffer, fencing, and project design.

Mike Rankin with LPG of Mount Dora introduced himself for the record and explained the PUD, certain buffers, mindful residential development in that area, professional and medical campus connecting the hospital to the Marriott property; medical mile mentality, estimated project in addition to this project that's Marriott sits on looking at about 150M for downtown, signage, buffers, and landscape; represents the type of project we want to have there.

Mr. Rankin stated that Dan Miller and Staff was deeply involved in this project as well as the Marriott project, and the City of Leesburg has an incredible Planning & Zoning staff.

Chairman Bowersox stated any questions from the applicant or discussion of Staff.

Chairman Bowersox stated any comments from the Public, and entertained a motion, then the voting took place.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick made a MOTION for APPROVAL of case # SPUD-20-77 – VENETIAN ISLE NORTH – SMALL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPEMENT
Commissioner Haliday SECONDED the MOTION which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
by a vote of 5- 0.

6. PUBLIC HEARING CASE # PUD-20-174 – LAKE GRIFFIN RESERVE
PUD MODIFICATION – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ON APPROXIMATELY 19.5 +/- ACRES FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 441, WEST OF NORTH LAKE AVENUE AND SOUTH OF BENTLEY ROAD, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, AND SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(CITY COMMISSION DATES ARE**

**TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FIRST READING ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AND SECOND READING ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 23, 2020** (Lake Griffin Reserve PUD Modification)
(Whitemarsh PH II & III)

Dan Miller introduced case number PUD-20-174 – Lake Griffin Reserve PUD Modification – Planned Unit Development into the record and entered the exhibits into the record with maps and photo exhibits including aerial, zoning, future and surrounding land use, wetlands/flood zone maps, CRA maps, staff summary, departmental review summary, and staff recommendations.

Mr. Miller gave a background of the subject property, location and current zoning. Mr. Miller explained the (PUD) Planned Unit Development, the history of the subject property and requests.

Kandi Harper utilized a power point presentation to demonstrate the area of the proposed site for both cases.

Department Review Summary: This case was sent out to all the different departments for review, no substantive comments received. Under Public responses; some comments in writing concerned about the density, children, and increase of traffic; zoning already set, strictly about recreation facilities; will pass this along to the applicant to make sure he is aware that the folks in the neighborhood are concerned.

Chairman Bowersox expressed concern regarding the major complaints. Mr. Miller read the comments into the record regarding the density, children, increase in traffic, and Mr. Miller stated it's not changing the density on the project; only thing changing if approved through Planning and City Commission if they have to have a swimming pool there or don't.

Al Moffitt expressed concern regarding lower requirements for useful recreation area; complaint not want to increase density in that area. Mr. Miller replied no they can't put a single family at all; has to be recreation.

Beth Payne expressed major concerns regarding amount of traffic, safety for the community, property value; lower, opposed to being annexed into the City, and doesn't want to be forced to go on City of Leesburg; utilities and unfair financial burden. Mr. Miller replied you don't have to worry about being annexed; State of Florida, residential property can't be annexed, without application; property owner, only way you are forced on City utilities, unless the well ran dry and you within a couple 100'; water and wastewater.

Earl Lee expressed concern regarding traffic study back in 2009; based approval, traffic, one traffic light; Newell Hill Road, and 441, accidents, never notified two years ago; never received letter, 40' lot size, value of homes, ruin neighborhood, environmental study; 2017, wildlife, appeal process, and traffic study.

Chairman Bowersox stated traffic study approved by the City Commission and stated regarding notification we are required by law to give notification whether visual, in person, or by mail.

Fred Morrison, City Attorney stated appeal process has to be filed within 30 days of initial approval back in 2018 and the only issue before the Commission today is whether there will or will not be a swimming pool and mentioned the 2018 approval; was a reduction in density from 160 units to 100 units; that was a benefit in terms of the objection that was raised.

Mr. Miller stated Staff has a recommendation of approval.

Chairman Bowersox stated if any comments from the Public.

Chairman Bowersox stated if the Commissioners had any questions.

Chairman Bowersox entertained a motion, and then the voting took place.

Commissioner Haliday made a MOTION for APPROVAL of case # PUD-20-174 – LAKE GRIFFIN RESERVE PUD MODIFICATION – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
Commissioner Fitzpatrick SECONDED the MOTION which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 6 - 0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING CASE # VAR-20-175 – VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION – TWO (2) FLAG POLE VARIANCE REQUESTS

REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 25-424 PERMITTED SIGNS (F) MISCELLANEOUS SIGNAGE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ALLOW TWO 100' FLAG POLES AT THE ENTRANCE OF EKAMAGGO COURT, ON TWO PARCELS THAT ARE APPROXIMATELY 21.05 +/- ACRES, GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF U.S. HIGHWAY 27 AND NORTH AND SOUTH OF EKAMAGGO COURT AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA. **(FINAL DECISION BY PLANNING COMMISSION)** (VABA flag pole height)

Dan Miller introduced case number VAR-20-175 – Vietnamese-American Buddhist Association – Two (2) Flag Pole Variance into the record and entered the exhibits into the record with maps and photo exhibits including aerial, zoning, future and surrounding land use, wetlands/flood zone maps, CRA maps, staff summary, departmental review summary, and staff recommendations.

Mr. Miller gave a background of the subject property, location, current zoning, history of the subject property and requests.

Kandi Harper utilized a power point presentation to demonstrate the area of the proposed site for both cases.

Department Review Summary: This case was sent out to all the different departments for review, no substantive comments received. Under Public responses; one approval.

Mr. Miller read into the record the Staff Recommendation; staff is recommending a nuanced denial; based on the specific wording of the Code; Staff can't object to it just from a common standpoint, height 60' allowed; Mr. Miller spoke with the Electric Department; standard telephone pole heights 40' and 50; and 7' of that into ground; 50'; pole; from the ground to the top approximately 43'; City does allow up to 60'; Staff does not have any objection; unofficial to some relief 60'; want to put poles further back from the road; maintain trees and clear trees.

Ms. Amara with the Vietnamese Buddhist Association gave clarification of the higher pole height; then standard, flag interfering with trees; reserve trees; don't want to cut trees, further inside; pole would be lower than trees; flag can't fly outside trees, and neighborhood; Spanish Village, Legacy, and Plantation has flags; well over 80'; provided pictures, and since 2014 our association in Leesburg very well received by the City of Leesburg; more visitors, very proud, one flag; American flag. City of Leesburg has a wonderful Planning team.

Chairman Bowersox stated the precedence has been set in the neighborhood of over 60'.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Wehrle if he installed the pole at Spanish Village. Mr. Wehrle replied the Spanish Village pole is 125'. Mr. Miller asked how much in the ground. Mr. Wehrle replied 10% in the ground.

Chairman Bowersox stated any questions of the applicant.

Commissioner Haliday expressed concern regarding pole ordinance; restrictions of sizes of the flag per the height of the pole. Mr. Miller replied we go by the US flag code; adopted.

Chairman Bowersox stated if the Commissioners had any questions or discussion.

Chairman Bowersox closes the discussion and entertained a motion, then the voting took place.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick made a MOTION for APPROVAL of case # VAR-20-175 – VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION – TWO (2) FLAG POLE VARIANCE REQUESTS Commissioner Marshall SECONDED the MOTION which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 6- 0.

DISCUSSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Miller apologizes for the split meeting and stated we did have a scheduling conflict and thanks Commission and City Attorney and Staff for pulling this off. Staff really appreciates you.

Commissioner O'Kelley made a motion to adjourn meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Approximately 7:08 p.m.



Ted W. Bowersox, Chairman



Sabrina Mitchell, Administrative Assistant II