



MINUTES OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
OF THE NORTH COASTAL OVERLAY DISTRICT
Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Permit Center Conference Room 1

Members present: Linda LaCerva (Chair), Jean Miller, Kathleen Floryan, Sacha Martin, Jane Norton.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Sloane Stephens, Planner; Christine Valliere, Senior Assistant County Attorney.

LaCerva called meeting to order at approximately 4:10 PM and read the Public Notice Statement.

LaCerva called for public comment not on the agenda.

Vivian Browning made follow-up comments to what she had mentioned at the last meeting regarding advocating to get sand on Vilano Beach. 60% people are needed to agree to get sand, but there are some holdouts. There should be a law that one citizen's decision should not damage or jeopardize the rest of the community. Also, she made a comment that there should be a trailhead at North Beach Park for when the trail is installed.

Agenda Item #1 - LaCerva opened Item #1, NCDRB 2023-03 Vilano Beach Park Improvements. Ex-parte: None.

Tim Connor with SJC Public Works and Jamie Baccari with SJC Parks & Rec presented the item. Shade structure will be contained within the designated playground area on the previously approved site plan. Color is to match approved play structure.

Marco with Pond & Co. presented the architectural design aspects of the project. He described the reasoning behind choosing specific materials and designs. Samples of the CMU block and other material samples were passed around. There will be a concrete pad with concrete cornhole. A tiki-toss game will be provided at the pavilion mounted on one of the support posts. The enclosed changing stalls near the shower areas have three stalls, one being ADA accessible with a bench. The natural trail is a coquina path with a boardwalk to an overlook area. Standing seam aluminum roof on all structures.

Martin –

- Has seen banners that have half-circle cutouts to allow for wind to go through them. What is the plan when it comes to high winds? – shade structure is engineered and designed to meet windload specs of 110mph. There is also the ability to remove the shade sail. If it needs replacement, will go through FEMA reimbursement. Material is breathable.
- Are they insured to withstand the wind? – has a warranty that if is damaged in winds below what it's made for, would be replaced by the company. Same company that is providing the playground butterfly loop.
- Clarification on the playground color – same blue as the shade sail is being proposed.

Floryan –

- Who is responsible for reinstallation if needed? – contracted out.
- What is the orientation? Concerns with Noreaster winds. – the north is the highest point.
- Is it the same material as over the amphitheater? – applicant unsure what material is used there.

LaCerva –

- Can you elaborate on how it is installed/pole construction? – footers will be engineered to meet required standards per building code, attachments are galvanized cables.

Miller –

- Could a child climb from the playstructure to the shade sail? – no, it is designed with children in mind. When designed, they ensure that the height distance and angles are not within grasping distance. The peak of the butterfly net loop is oriented with the higher end of the shade sail.
- Likes the color, it goes well with the Vilano area.

Public comments –

- Vivian Browning – layout of the park, where was the fountain/splash pad? Will the piping from that be removed? – play structure is replacing where the splashpad was. The top components will be removed and any drainage not utilized for the new project will be removed.

LaCerva: Motion to approve NCDRB 2023-03 Vilano Beach Park Improvements, as is. Second by Martin. **Motion passes 5-0.**

Workshop Item – 1. Vilano Townhomes aka Breakwater Villas

a) Streetscape Fountain

Russ Ervin with ELM discussed new ideas with the Board for the proposed fountain associated with this project. Proposed fountain was not approved at a previous meeting and was recommended for a workshop item. Another ELM rep arrived late and took part in the discussion.

The main change in the design of the fountain is the removal of the down-spouts as that was not seen as desirable by the Board at the last meeting.

Discussed the depth of the fountain, homelessness concerns, dimensions, materials, colors, art design, etc.

Recommended to raise the wall on the north and south sides so the seatwall is all about the same height all the way around. This would prevent tripping, dogs, people rinsing sandy feet, etc.

Ultimately, discussed the maintenance of the fountain. The intent per the applicant is to construct it within the ROW and donate it to SJC. It would then be the County's responsibility to maintain the fountain on an "as needed" basis. There are concerns that if the pump breaks, or the fountain gets dirty, that may not be seen as "needed" maintenance, and will end up sitting as a broken fountain.

The Board recommended for the Applicant to consider alternatives to the fountain that would require no maintenance. The Applicant stated they will also be exploring the possibility of including the maintenance of the fountain in the HOA fees for the community.

b) Individual Business Signage

Applicant will be returning at a later time to discuss the signage.

Recommendation of Members

Martin: Motion to move Kathleen Floryan to Regular Member position, to fill out the remained for Rita Clare-Salzler's term. Second by LaCerva. **Motion passes 5-0.**

Martin: Motion to retain Jane Norton for an additional term as a Regular Member. Second by LaCerva. **Motion passes 5-0.**

LaCerva: Motion to recommend Mary Sullivan to be appointed as an Alternate Member. Second by Miller. **Motion passes 5-0.**

Minutes - LaCerva: Motion to approve the May 10, 2023 minutes. Second by Miller. **Motion passes 5-0.**

Staff Action Items - None.

No further business | Meeting adjourned approximately 5:30pm.