



MINUTES OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
OF THE NORTH COASTAL OVERLAY DISTRICT
Wednesday June 8, 2022
Permit Center Conference Room 1

Members present: Linda LaCerva, Sacha Martin, Rita Clare-Salzler, Jean Miller, Kathleen Floryan

Member absent: Jane Norton

Staff present: Christine Valliere, Assistant County Attorney, Teresa Bishop, Planning Division Manager

LaCerva called meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

LaCerva read the Public Notice Statement.

LaCerva called for any public comment not on the agenda. Ms. Sallie O'Hara requested Overlay Board minutes be uploaded onto the County Website. Staff took note and will investigate.

LaCerva opened NCDRB 2022-01 Vilano Beach Park Improvements and asked for exparte communication.

Exparte Communication: LaCerva provided the project was discussed at the Main Street meetings; Miller stated she talked about the bathrooms; Martin provided she had discussed the park plans, budget, constructing the park in stages, and the park's unique location.

Shannon Acevedo, Matthews Design Group, representative for St. Johns County, presented NCDRB 2022-01 Vilano Beach Park Improvements and introduced the park planning team, who consisted of Douglas Tarbox and Timothy Connor, St. Johns County Public Works; Jamie Baccari, St. Johns County Parks and Recreation; Eduardo Ponce, Pond & Company Architecture; and Alex Acree, Matthews Design Group. Acevedo provided the proposed improvements included a 1,330 square foot pavilion, to be used for small concerts, educational opportunities and other community events and programming; changing stations, lighthouse playground, improvements for ADA accessibility, and updated educational signage. She requested the NCDRB approve the park improvements design, parking and landscaping. Ponce discussed the architectural styles being used, Baccari, Connor and Tarbox answered questions from the Board about access, use of the park, use of the pavilion, and materials being used in various park components.

The Board expressed the lighthouse play structure was not compatible with the Vilano Beach Town Center and requested a new play structure be considered. The Board offered suggestions of structures that would be compatible.

Public Comment:

Mary Sullivan asked that an educational component be added to the lighthouse to tie it to the St. Augustine Lighthouse, commented on parking and the view from the hotels.

Michael Clare-Salzler spoke on the protection of the audio visual equipment, the type of materials being used, and the plants being used on the green wall. He commented the salt and beach environment is hard on structures and materials and maintenance is important.

Vivian Browning spoke on the history of the Town Center and commented to get the park improvements started.

Cathy Allsen questioned the need for changing rooms, asked if additional restrooms could be added and requested the cost of the improvements.

Barbara Jenness questioned the lighthouse structure expressing it is not compatible with Vilano Beach, she commented on the need for additional bike parking, the need of two pavilions in close proximity, and the need for bike rentals.

Sallie O'Hara spoke on scheduling events, traffic, parking, loading and unloading equipment, the round-about, materials, walking to the beach, the proposed educational signage, and the lighthouse structure.

Crawford Boyd spoke on the venue being too small.

The Board discussed parking, colors, vendor space, architectural styles, protection of electrical equipment, the lighthouse structure being converted to a more simplistic play area, and the addition of art work within the area. Baccari, Connor, Tarbox, Acevedo, and Ponce and addressed the concerns and answered questions of the public and the Board.

Miller: Motion to approve NCDRB 2022-01 Vilano Beach Park Improvements, without the lighthouse play structure and the revised play structure will return to the Board within 30 days or next meeting of July 13, 2022, with second by LaCerva. Motion passes with a 4-1 vote; Martin dissenting.

Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2022 and April 13, 2022.

No further business. | Meeting adjourned approximately 6:15 PM.

Approved: January 11, 2023