

**TOWN OF HIGHLANDS
PROPOSED STREETScape PLANS FOR FOURTH & MAIN
PROPOSED REVISION TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE
HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY BUILDING
FEBRUARY 16, 2011
4 PM**

Present: Mayor David Wilkes, Mayor Pro Tempore John Dotson, Commissioners Dennis DeWolf, and Amy Patterson

Absent: Commissioners Larry Rogers and Gary Drake

Staff Present: Town Manager Jim Fatland, Public Works Director Lamar Nix, Interim Planning & Development Director Mark Maxwell, Police Chief Bill Harrell and Town Attorney Bill Coward

Call to Order

Mayor David Wilkes called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Streetscape Improvement at Fourth & Main Streets

Town Manager Fatland called upon Public Works Director Lamar Nix to present the proposed design plan for sidewalk improvements at Fourth & Main. Nix said the project was designed by local architect Hank Ross to address safety and aesthetic issues. Nix also reported that Mark Maxwell discussed the proposed project with the Appearance Commission on Monday February 14. In addition he stated that he and Maxwell met with the property owners and tenants for the Hillside Deli and Schiffi Real Estate office earlier in the day.

Nix said the comments by the Appearance Commission to modify the design were good and were also agreed to by the owners & tenants. Proposed changes included deleting the landscaped bench area and instead have black metal benches at the side of the building. The benches would be anchored so they could not be moved.

Board Members did not agree with a wall for seating. Consensus was to have only the 36 inch railing and retaining wall. Nix discussed the bump out node and pedestrian access. The Board Members also did not agree with the installation of posts in the node area and also desired the curb to match the node across the street.

Nix would like to start the project in March so that it would be completed in advance of the season. The estimated cost was \$64,700.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dennis DeWolf and seconded by Commissioner Amy Patterson to proceed with the project subject to staff presenting the final design plan at the next regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Town Attorney Bill Coward presented State, County and Town Ordinances on Animal Control to the Town Board for discussion. Coward said he needed feedback from the Town Board on which items currently in the Town Ordinance should remain. For example, he referenced the Town Ordinance prohibition of dogs from the ball field. The Town Board discussed the ordinances with the Town Attorney and Police Chief. It was agreed that the Town Noise Ordinance was sufficient to deal with barking dogs. Town Board requested Town Attorney to make revisions to the Town Animal Control Ordinance and bring back for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting March 2nd.

Seeing no further business to come before the Town Board, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:22PM.

Approved:

David Wilkes, Mayor

Prepared By:

Jim Fatland, Town Manager