

**Town of Grant-Valkaria
Local Planning Agency (LPA) Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 5, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall Building, 5120 Highway U.S. 1, Grant Valkaria, FL 32949**

The meeting of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Local Planning Agency (LPA) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson John Mafera followed by the Pledge, and roll call to the Board Members, with the following present:

Vice Chairperson, John Mafera	Town Manager, Matthew Brock
Board Member Denni Burr	Assistant to the Clerk, Linda Munroe
Board Member Regina Mahaney	
Board Member Don Whitehouse	
Board Member Dan Robino, Alternate1	

Chairperson Lisette Kolar, Board Members Allen Webb, Christine King, and Alternate 2 Bob Thiem were not in attendance.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Board Member Whitehouse had some information on Native Planting that was addressed as Item #3 under Unfinished Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Board Member Whitehouse, seconded by Board Member Burr to approve the minutes of September 24, 2007 as written. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Chairperson Mafera said they had been amended once. Moved by Board Member Whitehouse, seconded by Board Member Burr to approve the minutes of October 4, 2007 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Comp Plan Development Status and Strategy:

Town Manager Brock presented an email from Town Planner, Todd Peetz of Miller Legg who apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. The handout showed the timeline of meetings pertaining to this process. The Board decided to meet the first Monday of each month and possibly have a 2nd meeting in December. At the meeting on December 3rd the Board would like to go over the maps presented by Miller Legg at the Community Workshops.

2) Discussion of Architectural Style Ordinances/Guidelines:

Vice Chairperson Mafera stated that Chairperson Kolar had presented their plan to the Town Council. Board Member Robino said he had been in attendance at that Council meeting with discussion from the audience. The Council said to go ahead with the plan. The Board is now waiting to discuss it with Todd Peetz of Miller Legg.

3) Native Planting Information:

Board Member Whitehouse provided the Board with copies of information he obtained from the internet which would help with a native plant model ordinance. The handout showed an overview of various counties/cities in Florida and a synopsis of what their requirements are. Town Manager Brock stated there are grants available to assist with spending. He gave the Board Members a copy of correspondence emailed from FDOT in Deland. This correspondence was about a Landscaping Funding Package that gives municipalities funding for landscaping material and construction for a project on a State road. The Board discussed the probability of grants and the need to apply for whatever is available. Town Manager Brock also told the Board that the State approved a \$25,000 grant through legislative appropriations for the Town's Comprehensive Plan. He would like to be able to use part of that money to pay Miller Legg for their services.

Moved by Board Member Burr, seconded by Board Member Mahaney to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

(signature on file)

John Mafera, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

(signature on file)

Linda Munroe, Assistant to the Clerk

