

Town of Florida Planning Board Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2024
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Rea, Member
Charles Saul
Scott Marshall, Member
Nicholas Armour, Deputy Chairman
Jayme King, 1st Alternate
Cindy Schultz, 2nd Alternate
John Hutchison, Member
Dan Roth, Member
Stephen Viele, Chairman
Michael Crowe, Attorney

ABSENT:

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Town of Florida Planning Board was called to order at 7:00pm, by Chairman Steve Viele.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call – all members present

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made by Nicholas Armour and seconded by Peter Rea to accept the Agenda; all members present in favor and passed. None opposed.

V. Adoption of Minutes

Motion was made by Scott Marshall and seconded by John Hutchison to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024 meeting. All members present in favor and passed. None opposed.

VI. Correspondence – nothing at this time.

VII. Business

1. Eric Miles – Ironhorn Enterprises – Verbraska Avenue Development

First Student Transportation has bid on the transportation contract with the Greater Amsterdam School District for student transportation to and from school. Ironhorn Enterprises is working to get started on a project to build a bus garage and parking for the bus fleet. There would be approximately 60 employees, and 45 buses and employee cars parked on-site. Traffic would be early in the morning and late afternoon traffic. The site itself is 3.8 acres, and 2 acres will be used. Not planning on taking down any more trees than are necessary and will plant more trees as would be necessary for screening. Dan Roth stated that he thinks this is an excellent use of the property. It backs up to the thruway and there is a similar use near it with a tractor trailer/trucking depot across the street, CDTA and Brown's Bus is in the neighborhood as well. The bid will be awarded in 30 – 60 days and as soon as the contract is awarded the project will move forward. The public hearing won't be held until the application has been officially received by the Planning Board and it is determined that all materials are submitted. These will be diesel buses, not EV.

2. Bethany Latham – WE 1785 St Hwy 5s LLC (Amazon)

Bethany attended via Zoom. The proposed building is going to be placed in a corner of the existing parking lot. This building will not be staffed. It will be used for scanning vehicles before they leave the site and when they come back after deliveries. There will be no loss of parking spaces. Steve Viele has no issues with the building. A public hearing will have to be held since they are changing the initial site plan that was approved. The public hearing will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7pm.

Motion by Chuck Saul and seconded by Steve Viele to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. All members present in favor and passed. None opposed.

Respectfully Submitted

Emily Staley

Town Clerk