



**MINUTES**  
**ROUNDTABLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020, AT 11:00 A.M.**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266**

Pursuant to proper notice, a Roundtable City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Friday, November 6, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida, 32266.

**Attendance****IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown  
 Vice Mayor Fred Jones  
 Councilor Kerry Chin  
 Councilor Josh Messinger  
 Councilor Scott Wiley

**STAFF:**

City Manager Stefen Wynn  
 City Attorney Zachary Roth  
 Community Development Director Kristina Wright  
 City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Councilor-Elect Lauren McPhaul

Also present were Victor Dover and Luiza Leite with Dover, Kohl and Partner and Rick Hall, with Hall Planning and Engineering.

**Order  
 Call/Pledge of  
 Allegiance**

Mayor Brown called the roundtable meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Brown explained the objectives of this meeting are to get feedback from the participants in the Community Vision Plan to ensure that they are heard. This is the vision for the future of Neptune Beach. She introduced the facilitator, Jana Ertrachter, who explained the ground rules for the meeting.

Ms. Ertrachter asked everyone what made them most excited about the plan. She asked what were the citizens favorite part of the plan and what would they change. Most of the concerns have been centered around the parking recommendations in the Final Draft of the Vision Plan.

**Speakers**

Shellie Thole, 217 Oleander Street  
 Allison Ronzon, 221 South Street  
 Larry Mays, 1702 Lighty Lane  
 Alana Merry, 616 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
 Michelle Baur, 920 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
 Joe Peacock, 211 Cherry Street  
 Niles Majure, 1718 Lighty Lane  
 Heath Weldon, 628 Midway Street  
 Pat Hazouri, 207 Florida Boulevard

**DKP**

Luiza Leite, DKP, explained that there was draft presented back in June 2020. There was a long public comment period and they received several hundred comments back. They created a summary of comments memo and shared that with staff and leadership. There

were a lot of concerns about parking. There are a lot of people going to the beach and parking on the small side roads. They wanted to address that. There were also comments about improving beach access points.

Their recommendation was a residential parking program for the side streets east of Third Street. Any public space on the streets where there is currently parking would only be for residents.

First Street is an opportunity to provide public parking and then the other place to provide public parking for people trying to go to the beach would be the access points. This is just an idea. We're going to eliminate parking for those on the side streets, so we have to provide an alternative. These are ideas of how you could incorporate not only parking for cars, but for golf carts and bicycles at the beach access points.

Victor Dover, DKP, explained that the purpose of the Vision Plan is to get what you want in your community down on paper so you can go pursue it. They are not selling, defending, or pushing any idea. The important thing after this roundtable is complete, the Council will go back to the draft and remove anything they don't want to include, including this idea.

**Break** The roundtable was adjourned for a short break at 11:57 p.m.

**Roundtable Resumes** The roundtable resumed at 12:10 p.m.

**Speakers** David Blaise, 800 First Street  
Rudolf Lowy-Ball, 133 Lora Street  
Frank Wilson, 220 Myrtle Street  
Taylor Anderson, 220 Oak Street  
Debbie Lupole, 116 Pine Street  
Phil Dostalík, 117 Florida Boulevard  
Bob Harding, 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**Removal of Parking** Mayor Brown suggested removing parking from the Vision Plan as that is what is of most concern to the residents. She added that there is so much more in the Vision Plan that we need to focus on. This is the people's vision and for future generations. She would like to move towards concentrating on items that are agreed upon. She asked for consensus to remove parking from consideration.

Councilor Chin agreed and stated that is the vision of the residents. If the majority of the voices being heard are against expansion of the parking, then it is a good idea to remove it from consideration.

Vice-Mayor Jones commented that this a great, valuable exercise. The discussion about input has been positive. He added that this is a road map giving a conceptual direction what are the things people want to see in their community.

Councilor Messinger appreciate what DKP presented. However, the parking suggestions just aren't appropriate for what we are trying to achieve. He agreed that parking does need to be looked at east of Third Street. He does not want to take people's yards or pave over the beautiful beach accesses.

Councilor Wiley stated he has no problem removing the parking recommendations. He is concerned with parking all the way down First Street. He stated there are other areas that should be removed.

**CONSENSUS: REMOVE ALL PARKING CHANGES FROM CONSIDERATION**

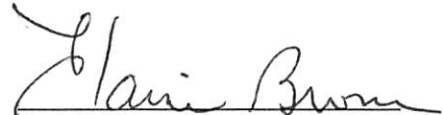
## Speakers

Diana Kelly, 207 Walnut Street  
Shellie Thole, 217 Oleander Street  
Gregory Scott, 630 Ocean Front  
Ginny Thurson, 1200 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rene Angers, 219 Cherry Street  
Bob Harding, 839 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Michael Levine, 525 Birch Street

The roundtable meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.



Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk

  
Elaine Brown, Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

12-7-2020

