

Clearwater, Florida, September 12, 2019

The Pinellas County Local Planning Agency (LPA) (as established by Section 134-12 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, as amended) met in regular session in the County Commission Assembly Room, Fifth Floor, Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida at 9:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Steven Klar, Chairman  
Gerald Figurski, Vice-Chairman  
Lari Johnson  
Susan M. Reiter  
Valerie Hibbard, Alternate

Not Present

Regina Kardash  
Ronald Schultz  
Paul Wikle  
Charlene Beyer (non-voting School Board Representative)

Also Present

Glenn Bailey, Planning Department Zoning Manager  
Michael Schoderbock, Principal Planner  
Chelsea D. Hardy, Assistant County Attorney  
Other interested individuals  
Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klar called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and reviewed the procedure for the public hearings; whereupon, he announced that today's cases will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on October 22, 2019, and any documents to be reviewed by the BCC should be submitted to staff by October 8.

MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2019 MEETING – APPROVED

Ms. Reiter moved, seconded by Ms. Hibbard and carried unanimously, that the minutes of the July 11 meeting be approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

Legal notice having been published for the item on the agenda, as evidenced by affidavit of publication filed with the Clerk, a public hearing was held on the following item. All correspondence provided to the Clerk's Office has been filed and made a part of the record. All persons planning to give testimony were duly sworn by the Deputy Clerk.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP

1. APPLICATION OF SWEET WATER AT LARGO THROUGH KEVIN BESSOLO, REPRESENTATIVE, FOR A LAND USE CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL URBAN TO RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (LU-16-09-19) – RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS PER STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Public hearing was held on the application of Sweet Water at Largo through Kevin Bessolo for the above land use change (LU-16-09-19), re approximately 1.79 acres located at 11290 Walsingham Road in unincorporated Seminole.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation containing maps and photographs, Mr. Schoderbock pointed out the location of the subject property, discussed the surrounding land uses, and provided background information regarding the application, relating that the applicant wishes to expand the existing assisted living facility from 54 to 80 beds, without expanding the footprint of the building.

Mr. Schoderbock stated that the request is consistent with the Comprehensive and Countywide Plans and the Scenic Non-Commercial Corridor policies; that it is compatible with the surrounding area; and that staff recommends approval of the application.

Upon the Chairman's call for the applicant, Kevin Bessolo, St. Petersburg, cited the growing need for additional affordable assisted living facilities, and stated that the application serves that purpose.

In response to query by Ms. Johnson, Mr. Bessolo noted that the current footprint of the building meets the minimum square footage requirements for residential rooms and common areas to accommodate the requested additional beds, as regulated by the State of Florida.

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No one appeared in response to the Chairman's call for proponents and opponents.

Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Figurski and carried unanimously, that the LPA recommend approval of the application to the BCC in accordance with the staff recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bailey announced that the next meeting will be scheduled for October 10.

There being no further business and upon motion by Ms. Hibbard, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

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Chairman