

**MINUTES
TOWN COMMISSION WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017
TOWN MEETING HALL
6:45 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stark called the Work Session to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner McMullen
Commissioner Polland
Vice Mayor Satterfield
Mayor Stark

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Ramos

STAFF PRESENT:

Dennis Foltz, Town Manager
Jay Marder, Planning Director
Mike Parker, Public Works Director
Ed Mills, Town Attorney

ARB INTERVIEW:

6:45 p.m. – Interview John Schmidt for ARB

Mayor Stark asked Mr. Schmidt to tell the Commission about himself.

He has been in construction and construction management his entire career. He had his own construction company at one time. He has built a lot buildings and structures in a lot of states. Most of it has been commercial and industrial. He is familiar with it all. He has an interest in aesthetics and everything that goes with it. Has been working for 43 years and is retiring the middle of May.

Vice Mayor Satterfield asked Mr. Schmidt what he thought the most important elements of ARB are.

Mr. Schmidt thought it was important to keep Oakland unique.

Mayor Stark commented that the Commission wants the same thing. She thinks they did a good job with the last development.

Commissioner McMullen asked Mr. Schmidt what his thoughts are about what is going on in the Town as far as development.

Mr. Schmidt commented that downtown Oakland is so unique that he hopes for the ability to have development that does not become obnoxious like strip malls and gas stations.

Commissioner Polland asked Mr. Schmidt his opinion of the role of the ARB.

Put forth guidelines, criteria for permitting process and the ARB process should fit those general guidelines. It becomes a much easier process if it all works together. It also benefits the developer so that they do not have to keep going back to the drawing board. The time should be spent early on to keep the process moving.

Mayor Stark told Mr. Schmidt that he did not have to stay for the regular meeting if he did not want to.

Mr. Schmidt asked how many people are on the Board.

Mayor Stark answered that there are five (5) and there is a requirement to have a mix of credentialed members and some that are not. She also stated that the Commission wants the ARB and the P&Z to make sure a project is ready for Commission prior to them hearing it.


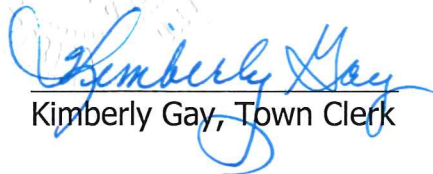
Manager Foltz stated that this Commission is not going to it unless it is done right. We respect property rights and we have hired a very good urban designer.

(Question Sheet is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A)

ADJOURNMENT:

The Work Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kimberly Gay, Town Clerk

TOWN OF OAKLAND


Michael Satterfield, Vice Mayor