

## **Building and Construction Advisory Committee Minutes**

The Brevard County Building and Construction Advisory Committee (BCAC) met on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Space Coast Room, Building C, Brevard County Government Center, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida.

Members present: Thomas Brandon, District 4; Bruce Moia, Chair, District 5; and Ralph Durham, Vice Chair, District 4.

Staff present: Billy Prasad Deputy Director (Planning and Development); Terry Talbert, Building Official; Trina Gilliam, Planner; and Desirée Jackson, Planner.

The Chair, Bruce Moia, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### **Approval of May 8, 2024, Minutes**

Motion by Bruce Moia to table the approval of the minutes of May 8, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

**An ordinance amending Chapter 62, Article I, Section 62-2, “Rules of Construction and Definitions” to remove definition of “Major Transit Stop” and add definition of “Transit Stop”; providing for conflicting provisions; providing for severability; providing for area encompassed; providing an effective date; and providing for inclusion in the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County, Florida.**

Trina Gilliam and Billy Prasad explained and confirmed the intention of the language to be inclusive but not limited to the Space Coast Transit Area. Bruce Moia asked the question, to which staff confirmed, that the only effective change made by this amendment was the decrease from a half mile to a quarter mile in compliance with State Statute.

No further questions were asked.

No Public Comment

Motion by Ralph Durham, seconded by Thomas Brandon, to recommend in favor of the passing of the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Building Code Monthly Report**

Terry Talbert proceeded to explain the building code monthly report, noting specifically how the number of single-family permits issued in the month of July decreased.

About 3 weeks ago the number of weekly plans reviewed averaged at 250-300 plans. At present the number of plans reviewed weekly have dropped to about 100 presumably due to the recent major storm activities. Neighboring jurisdictions are reporting similar trends in the decreasing number of weekly plan reviews.

At present 143 private inspectors perform inspections on behalf of Brevard County. Terry conveyed possible relief in the coming future as the number of applications for Brevard County Building Inspectors are incoming.

Monthly inspection requests entered by staff this month have more than doubled. In all likelihood this is due to the recent storm activity and the five-day suspension of BASS. BASS remains the preferred and more effective method of entering inspections requests.

Thomas Brandon noted suggestions for improving the user-friendliness of the BASS system for the county to consider. The nomenclature of the different categories of permit applications should provide more clarity and better understanding for customers.

Ralph Durham asked Terry if he thinks we still have more multifamily dwelling development or is it pretty equal now?

Terry Talbert responded that mainly more new commercial project applications have been received.

The Board did not have any additional questions for Terry Talbert.

No Public Comment

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.