

**TOWN OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH
THREE WEST THIRD STREET
OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NC 28469
OPEN FORUM
APRIL 7, 2014
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Debbie Smith	Mayor Pro Tem Dean Walters
Commissioner R. Wayne Rowell	Commissioner Bob Williams
Commissioner D.B Grantham	Commissioner Betty Williamson
Daisy Ivey, Town Administrator	Sue Stuhr, Town Clerk
Larry Sellers, Assistant Town Administrator	

OTHERS PRESENT:

4 Property Owners/Guests

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Smith called the Open Forum to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear comments, concerns and issues from residents. Mayor Smith stated all issues would be taken under advisement; however, no official action would be taken during the meeting.

David Breeden, East Coast Realty – Mr. Breeden commented regarding the request by Gene Hardee for rezoning of his parcel on 21 East First Street to Commercial (C-1). Mr. Breeden stated would allow the area to be utilized by the new Drift coffee shop as designated parking area. Mr. Breeden noted this property has been informally utilized by the public as a parking area for many years and asked the Board to approve the request for commercial zoning to allow parking area for this new business.

Mayor Smith advised this request was on the agenda to be considered at the upcoming board meeting and discussion would include any possible options available. Mayor Smith noted there is no conditional zoning so the property could only be zoned residential or commercial.

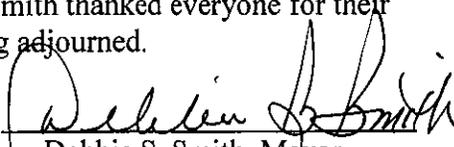
Mayor Pro Tem Walters agreed this was a complex issue due to the fact the property would need to be zoned C-1 to facilitate the parking area. If the parcel was zoned Commercial (C-1), no future commercial development could be prevented or limited. The Board was in consensus of their interest in considering options that would assist with the parking issue.

OVERVIEW OF COMMENTS/UPDATES

Being no further comments were heard, Mayor Smith thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Open Forum meeting adjourned.

DATED: April 7, 2014

SIGNED:


Debbie S. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sue Stuhr, Town Clerk

