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Subj: LPA ROLE IN SEAFARERS PROPERTY

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Town Manager, Town Council, Town Attorney, LPA Attorney and Community Development Director:

As Chair of the Local Planning Agency of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, I would like to express my concern regarding the development activities on the new County owned park in the Downtown Zoning District and development activities stated to be planned by the County on the Seafarer Mall property.

At the time that Lee County initially acquired the properties, the LPA was assured by the Community Development Director that the provisions of the Land Development Code (CPD, Downtown Zoning District, LPA role in land use regulation) relating to these properties would be strictly adhered to and that the LPA would provide their role in the process of development.

Since that time, landscaping plans, parking changes and seawall modifications have been enacted on the beachfront parcel without any update or discussion with the LPA.

The Seafarers Mall parcel redevelopment is critical to the safety and welfare of the businesses, residents, visitors and to the economy of this town. The location of this property creates a major impact upon almost every aspect of importance to this community, including traffic, storm water drainage and the safety of persons in the pedestrian realm.

The LPA expects to perform its role as mandated by the LDC to serve the welfare of the citizens of this community by supporting the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and the provisions of the Land Development Code that apply to the process of planning and redevelopment of these parcels, regardless of who may have ownership.

If an additional meeting of the LPA is deemed necessary to discuss these parcels in a timely fashion, such a meeting can easily be scheduled.

I thank you for your response and support of the LPA in its role to uphold the Comprehensive Plan and serve the Town in legislative Land Development Code zoning matters.

Joanne K. Shamp, Chair  
Local Planning Agency, Town of Fort Myers Beach