

**INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN MAYOR STEVE LEARY AND COMMISSIONER
GREG SEIDEL**

November 29, 2017

The informal discussion began at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Chamber, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida. This meeting was requested by Commissioner Seidel.

Present:

Mayor Steve Leary
Commissioner Greg Seidel
Debbie Wilkerson (for City Clerk Cindy Bonham)

Commissioner Seidel spoke about the four items he brought up at the last meeting under his report. He hoped they could find more common ground on those issues of: Trying to complete undergrounding, traffic management, a greenspace corridor plan, and the character of the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Seidel spoke favorably about our electric director and what he is doing and the utility is in a stronger place now. He stated we need to have the complete plan done so they know how much it will cost and then figure out the best way to complete it as quickly as possible. Mayor Leary stated that they need to get an update from Electric Director Dan D'Alessandro to the Commission and that he should raise his issues about the plan itself. He stated he is happy to have that conversation at the dais with the rest of the Commission.

Regarding transportation, Commissioner Seidel wanted to have a funding source and a funding program to help better plan the traffic situations in the City. Mayor Leary spoke about his desire to implement fiber as quickly as possible and on the need for a feasibility study to identify possible solutions and costs. Mayor Leary stated he needed something concrete for the Commission that needs staff's and experts input (amount of funding, how long it will take, and the implementation schedule). Commissioner Seidel elaborated about the need for a feasibility study. He stated he would like to get with staff and go over how a feasibility study would work and come back to the Commission to vote on that being done. Mayor Leary asked Commissioner Seidel to bring to the Commission exactly what he is looking for. Commissioner Seidel stated he would bring back a feasibility scope.

Concerning a greenspace and corridors plan, Commissioner Seidel spoke about staff moving forward with a corridors feasibility study and his intent is to determine if they can create greenspace connectivity (go from one side of the City to the other side and not go through a completely urbanized area). He wanted to know if we have more greenspace isolated in certain areas and commented it would be nice to have more in other areas.

Mayor Leary spoke about our many parks and that he wants to see activity in our parks and that he is happy to consider that but that everything needs to be at the

table. Commissioner Seidel spoke about the sidewalks on Edwin Boulevard and wanted to know when those sidewalks are slated for completion. He wanted all projects to be put into the GIS database so they can see them all. He stated if staff can do the first phase, then they can evaluate it as a Commission and decide what to move forward with.

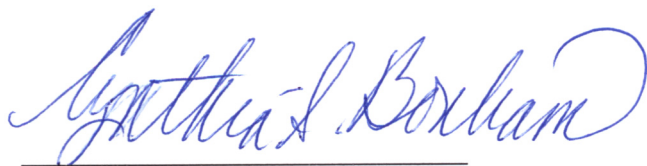
Concerning neighborhood character, Commissioner Seidel addressed the need for codes to allow the Commission some control on architecture and to maintain architectural integrity. Mayor Leary addressed the difficulty of regulating architectural taste. Commissioner Seidel asked what can be done to prevent an architectural faux pas. Mayor Leary stated someone needs to take the lead on it and articulate it to present it to the Commission.

Mayor Leary stated the Commission is in sync on a lot of issues and is a matter of being able to articulate what they are going to vote on. Mayor Leary concluded that it is important to him to expedite the electric undergrounding but financially he wants to be reasonable about it; traffic management is important to him and is why he pushed fiber and are working on it; green corridors and tying them all together is important to him but he cannot spearhead it. Mayor Leary reminded Commissioner Seidel that he can bring any of these issues up at the Commission meeting for discussion.

Mayor Leary stated he is flexible with historic preservation but does not want to impose it on people. Commissioner Seidel spoke about having an ordinance about how the character in neighborhoods can form and incentives from the City to do things, the parameters, what is acceptable, and if they vote. Mayor Leary suggested putting together an ordinance to address all the issues and for Commissioner Seidel to speak with residents as to what they want to see.

Mayor Leary concluded that he believed the two of them were not too far apart on these issues and to get a consensus of the Commission there needs to be flexibility and that issues need to be represented to the Commission that the Commission may want to make changes.

The meeting ended at 10:01 a.m.



Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk