



**TOWN HALL MEETING
APRIL 19, 1999, 10:36 AT P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET,
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to proper notice a Town Hall Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held April 19, 1999, at 10:36 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance

The following Council members and staff were in attendance:

Mayor George F. Vaughn, Jr.	City Manager Richard A. Linn
Vice Mayor Thomas A. Tankersley	City Clerk Becky E. Hanks CMC/AE
Councilor Edward S. Jones	Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait
Councilor Ronald D. Patronik	
Councilor Robert D. Shimp	

Order Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:36 p.m.

**Public input on FIND
Grant Application**

FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT GRANT: The Council received Public input on the FIND Grant application for a canoe launch at the end of Seagate Avenue or Forest Avenue.

Harry Penland, 2018 Cherokee Drive, stated that the area at the end of Forest Avenue did not have enough water at high or low tide to keep a kayak afloat. He suggested the Hopkins Creek area by the Kings Road Bridge because people would be able to get in and out at all tide phases.

Rudolph Lowey-Ball, 1834 Nightfall Drive, explained that the Seagate Avenue location was just as dry as Forest Avenue. He was concerned that the areas would become a party site and generate traffic in what is, essentially, a quiet neighborhood.

John Jolly, 2034 Shadow Lane, opposed the Seagate Avenue location. He suggested that since Neptune Beach didn't have a good location for a canoe launch, then we should let one of our neighboring beaches apply for the Grant.

Laurie Anderson, 1848 Kings Circle, suggested running a launch out over the grass to deeper water.

Debbie Penland, 2018 Cherokee Drive, spoke about the danger of speeding jet skiers in the area.

Debbie McDonald, 2028 Shadow Lane, opposed the canoe launches in these areas and objected to her privacy being disturbed. Also people get stuck in the mud.

Michael Meyers, 2029 Shadow Lane, explained that the marsh area could be dangerous for the inexperienced canoer.

On The Record

Councilor Shimp stated, on the record, he was totally against a canoe launch in these areas. He recommended the city help the residents with cleaning up the trash in the area and volunteered his services.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky E. Hanks, CMC/AAE, City Clerk

Approved: _____