

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council
Ad Hoc Fiscal Sub Committee
Task force email: obadhocfinance@gmail.com

CDC Meeting #160
Task Force Meeting # 22
Minutes of 2.8.12
9am-Town Hall Meeting Room
Members in attendance:

Chairman Terry Appenzellar, Priscilla Sylvia, Renee Balter, Nancy Phillips, Fred Hancock, James Westervelt (recorder)

Non-Voting member Christine Flynn (MVC)

Also attending: BOS Chairman Kathy Burton

Item: Minutes

Minutes of Ad Hoc Fiscal Group meeting #21 & CDC meeting #159, 01.25.11 was read, amended and accepted.

Item: Public Comment- None

Item: Review

Terry reviewed the goals and objectives of the task force. The goals and objectives will be read at the start of all meetings to keep the task force focused.

“To review certain aspects of Town of Oak Bluffs’ fiscal situation toward resolution of projected deficits. The examination should consider future economic expectations (growth, recession) and propose revenue increases and/or spending reductions as well as efficiencies (town and regional, including privatization). The committee report should document all opportunities reviewed, including those already implemented by the Town.

- Objective:**
- a. develops criteria for essential Town services.**
 - b. recommend efficiencies in Town operations, including cessation, privatization and regionalization.**
 - c. recommend potential spending reductions.**
 - d. recommend potential revenue increases.**

Item: EMS

Terry asked the members present for their bottom line recommendations on the EMS report. Priscilla said a we need to recommend a clear accounting of all activities accruing to transport and 911 service. Jim suggested separating deposits. He said all deposits from Comstar go into the revolving fund and separating transport revenues to the revolving fund and 911 revenues to the town general fund would reflect a better accounting. The transport “business” is not a guaranteed thing going forward and this would allow OB to budget the 911 service appropriately. Terry agreed, we need to separate the expenses and revenues so responsible decisions can be made. Jim also recommended reviewing the mutual aid agreement with the hope that when OB was called for mutual aid OB would be able to transport and bill the patient for services rendered. Fred said that we should be happy to provide the help but should be able to recoup the costs involved.

Nancy questioned “free care” for transport to Boston and who gets reimbursement (if any) for said care. Jim, to check on that.

The group then discussed management and staffing practices.

Terry will do one more revision.

Item: Parking

The group discussed recommendations to the Roads & Byways committee. Recommendations included a municipal parking lot at the Town owned Pacific Avenue site behind the Sacred Heart Parish Center with a sticker program for the Patriot Boat patrons, diagonal parking on East Chop Drive, Uncas, Tuckernuck and Viera Park. Also recommendations to making the two Nashawena Park roads one way.

Nancy will work on a plan for diagonal parking on Tuckernuck adjacent to Waban Park.

Item: Public Input

None

Adjournment: 10:30am

Documents: EMS questionnaire

Future meetings: 2.22.12

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Members Present:

Terry Appenzellar, Priscilla Sylvia, Nancy Phillips, Renee Balter, James Westervelt (recorder)

Minutes:

The CDC did not conduct any CDC business on previous meeting day except the above ad hoc task force so there were no minutes to approve.

Adjournment 10:30am

