

Oak Bluffs CPC Meeting
9/15/2009
Oak Bluffs Library 2nd floor conference room

Members Present: Stephen Durkee, Chairman. Cheryll Sashin, Harvey Beth, Jevon Rego, Charles Rock, James Westervelt, Nancy Phillips

The meeting began at 5:40 pm

Minutes from the 4/07/09 meeting were reviewed. Charles asked a question about the interest accrued in the CPA account and if the money is available. There was discussion about the 55K being held in reserve in case it is needed and it is in an unrestricted amount.

-Harvey asked about the memo for total amount available including interest. Cheryll said other tax collections (penalty interest on liens), could also be included in the CPA account. Harvey expressed concern about how the money is being accounted for with the finance department. The committee talked about what is reportable and what other funds remain hidden but available. Committee members asked for a better accounting report of what the committee has to work with prior to the start of application review in October.

-Committee members talked about the minutes and the discussion they had on review of projects by the Capital Improvement Committee. The lack of a Master Plan for the town was discussed.

-Alison made a motion to strike the statement James made in the 3rd paragraph regarding CPA projects being on the tax rolls. Harvey seconded.

The Committee voted 6 – 0 – 1 to approve the motion.

Cheryll and the committee discussed the last paragraph of the minutes that called for Adam to look for the correct path towards processing payments for affordable housing. It was decided to leave the paragraph in place and Adam would report what progress had been made towards that goal at the next meeting.

Alison made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Harvey seconded.

The Committee voted 6 – 0 – 1 to approve the minutes from April 7th.

Next on the agenda was a review of project spending and the report made to the state. Charles asked about the Seaview Boardwalk Railing Project. Nancy said the concept master plan and the mock up of the railing was complete. She said the plan has brought in other monies but the railing replacement can't go forward until the issue of the coastal bank it would be placed on is resolved.

-Harvey said the report really shows how the CPA has worked to bring in so many projects for the town and that it will really support its continuation should the question arise whether or not The Act continues for the town. The committee talked about what type of vote it would take to redirect or eliminate The Act and how the Sunset law could take place in four towns on the island.

-Alison talked about raising Registry Fees so that there would be a guarantee a match return for CAP funds.

-Stephen told Committee Members that he had approved Adam going up to Boston to participate in the hearings for SB 90 September 29th. He will participate in the rally and attend the hearing that would work to establish a minimum match percentage for the CPA.

-James asked about expenditures for the baseball park. He wondered where the \$45,000 had been spent. He wondered about the earmarked money being spent on a property that has not been secured to ever becoming a recreation field (s). Nancy said half of the property would be used for the fields and the other half would be used for open air leeching fields. Wastewater is still waiting on a decision from the state about disturbing an imperial moth nesting area when the junkyard was cleared. She said that Zone II regulations have also impacted the property as well. She said she was looking into another site for the fields.

-There was discussion on the votes that had taken part regarding the recreation project. Jevon asked who is overseeing the money being spent. Stephen said he and Adam review most requests for

payments. Nancy said the authorization for spending has been with Richie Combra and that Parks & Recreation has had purview over the project being done on town owned land.

-Stephen said that at the next meeting perhaps all those involved projects underway and having funds spent should give a review to the committee.

-Cheryll made a motion to suspend all spending for the baseball project. James seconded.

In the discussion Harvey said the Committee has opted to authorize payments and that this authorization was not a requirement by law. The Committee can choose to do it but it is only by choice, not by law.

Alison said the Chairman doesn't have to sign off on RFP's instead of stopping payments.

-The committee wanted the original applicant (Vineyard Baseball) to come to the next meeting and explain where the project stands. There was talk of having Wastewater and Parks & Rec present as well.

Cheryll withdrew her motion. James withdrew his second.

Charles asked if Adam can inform the committee what's been spent to date. There was talk of what is and isn't available up in the high school area.

-It was decided that the President of Little League, Kris Lukowitz, should be invited to the next meeting to find out more where the new field program is going. Harvey raised the point that it was not the responsibility of the committee to oversee how the spending is done; the committee's job is to recommend projects to voters. There was more debate on authorization of spending funds.

-Cheryll asked about the status of the Ocean Park Bandstand project. She wanted to know if the handicap access part of the project is no longer necessary then would money be returned when the project is finished. Nancy said you can't assume that because there have been many other elements of restoring the structure that weren't known that have no become a major restoration to the structure.

-Alison commented that the dog refuse container being the 1st thing to see when entering the Eastville Beach is not the most appealing thing about the work that had been done there.

-Charles said he thought the fire museum has gone very well.

-Jevon said he has a problem meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month. He has an obligation beginning at 6:00 pm. Various members had conflicts with different times on different Tuesdays as well as other days.

-It was agreed to meet next on Tuesday, October 6th at 5:30 pm in the Library.

-Advertising & promotion of new projects were discussed. Web site promotion was also talked about.

-Cheryll would like the chairmanship brought up for vote. Also the possibility of establishing a co-chair in the event that the chairman would miss the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.