

Oak Bluffs Community Development Council

Minutes of 08.06.08

9:30 am Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Priscilla Sylvia, Renee Balter, Iona Pressley, Nancy Phillips,
Alison Shaw, James Westervelt (recorder)

Members absent:

Terry Appenzellar, Richard Westcott

Guest:

Ron DiOrio

Ron DiOrio reported to the committee that Michael Dutton has informed the BOS that we are working on a town vehicle survey. We now have to finalize the survey so we can hand it off to Michael Dutton. A discussion followed concerning the survey and possible ways to analyze it. The discussion led to more questions that we think need to be added to the survey. **Alison** will email Terry the new questions for the survey. Once the new items have been added the survey should go to Michael. The committee agreed that the survey should be handled the way the Town Administrators evaluation was done; through Travis' office so that the survey can be completed online. Nancy suggested two versions of the survey: 1 online, 2 printable.

Evaluating the survey results and coming up with recommendations for a town policy were then discussed. Existing town policies of other municipalities should be used and retooled for Oak Bluffs. We would start with the ones Terry found online.

Nancy introduced the need for better traffic planning at the Steamship Authority Terminal. The traffic now is directed straight off the boat and into the lower Circuit Avenue area regardless of destination. This led to more discussions surrounding traffic flow (pedestrian as well as vehicular) around the North Bluff and the harbor near the Island Queen. It was agreed that there are many problems like pedestrian/vehicle flow, traffic congestion, poor signage, poorly maintained restrooms, garbage, and parking inconsistencies that need to be addressed. **Renee** will ask the BOS to direct the CDC to address these problems.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 am

Next meeting 08.20.08

