

Oak Bluffs Community Development Council

Meeting #88

Minutes of 01.21.2009

9:00 am Library Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Nancy Phillips, Alison Shaw, Terry Appenzellar, Renee Balter, Priscilla Sylvia, Richard Westcott,
James Westervelt(recorder)

Members absent:

Iona Pressley

Item: Minutes

Minutes of the 01.07.08 meeting were read and accepted. 5 in favor 2 abstained

Item: Cost of Services

The committee discussed how the water district was separate entity from the town. **Terry** will try and input their figures into our spreadsheet format for analysis purposes. The committee began reviewing spreadsheets of individual departments prepared by Terry.

Jim reported the Ambulance Services has an unaccounted billing expense of \$34,000. He will also inquire to see if there is a seasonal spike in payroll.

Richard commented on the methodology being used. He questioned the use of the 59%/41% ratio. He believes we are establishing the cost of services and looking at the seasonal impact on budgets. **Terry** defended the methodology stating Leah Smith's(expert on COS) recommendation to use the seasonal/year round ratio we came up with as the best way to allocate expenses.

Renee said the Council on Aging 59% / 41% allocation is justified based on much more activity in the summer months than in the winter. She will find out what the other charges and expenses are in their budget line item.

Marina Harbor budget was then looked at. **Renee** will follow up on the question of the \$200 mooring revenue. **Richard** suggested the Marina Harbor should be 95% to 100% allocated as seasonal. A discussion followed.

Waste Water was then discussed. **Priscilla** will find out more on the enterprise fund. **Renee** questioned the billing to the town and school committee. **Priscilla** stated the school committee paid \$18,000 this past year to waste water. **Terry** will find out from Joe Alosso if the town actually pays the waste water fees.

At 09:55 Nancy Phillips, Alison Shaw, Terry Appenzellar, Renee Balter, Priscilla Sylvia, Richard Westcott and James Westervelt voted in favor of going into executive session for the purpose of discussing a purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. The committee will reconvene after the executive session.

The committee reconvened the regular CDC meeting at 10:13

Item: tourism

Nancy discussed whether we should recommend to the BOS establishing a Park, Recreation and Tourism Dept. Nancy said Newport has such a department while Renee pointed out that Provincetown also has the same. **Renee** said the room tax now goes into the general fund and in some cases like Provincetown some or all of their room taxes go to the office of tourism. Nancy will get samples of other towns programs for our next meeting.

Terry and Priscilla will miss our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 10:30am

Next meeting 02.04.09

