

Oak Bluffs

Community Development Council

Meeting #97

Minutes of 06.03.2009

9am Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

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

Members absent:

Iona Pressley, Alison Shaw

Minutes of the 05.20.09 meeting were read, amended and accepted 4 in favor 1 abstained.

Item: Cost of Services

Terry reported that the FinCom has put the CDC's COS study on their June 18th meeting agenda. This will be an initial review. Mimi Davison has asked for an executive summary. The committee discussed what should be included in the summary. **Renee** asked what the FinCom will do with the study and how they can use it. **Terry** suggested the need to give examples of how the study could be used in analyzing annual budget requests and other programs. **Priscilla** mentioned how they would be able to see departmental expenditures vs. any revenue produced. **Jim** said the graphs in the report (pages 11 & 12) could be blown up like a poster and placed in a conspicuous place whenever the FinCom meets. He said this hopefully would keep the committee focused on who is paying and who is receiving (taxes vs. services).

The question of open space was then discussed. **Terry** mentioned open space that is public, like parks, and the open space, like conservation land abutting private property, could be difficult to analyze and assess. The committee agreed that this issue still needs further discussion and study.

Nancy arrived at the meeting at this time 09:15. The executive summary discussion continued. Issues like the Police Headquarters and Old Town Hall building, Town Campus and Affordable Housing were suggested as topics that the COS would be useful in making educated decisions for the Town. The COS would help the FinCom evaluate projects before them. **Terry** will amend her summary and include Paul Manzi's observation on the WasteWater budget.

Item: Revenue Enhancement

Renee suggested recycling as one way of helping the town and environment and a source of revenue. **Rich** mentioned the Hingham transfer station as a success to that town. It was suggested the committee speak with Richie Combra.

Nancy thought recycling building materials would be useful. It was then decided that all these ideas were good but revenue generated and the difficulty in managing them were problematic. **Jim** added that **Terry's** suggestion from a previous meeting of an inventory of all fees, permits, rentals, applications and any other charges imposed by all town departments should be reviewed and amended. **Jim** brought up parking fines and compared amount collected by OB and Edgartown. The money collected could be substantial not to mention a more orderly parking situation. He will get data from Tisbury for comparisons. **Priscilla** will ask Michael Dutton for a list of all town fees.

Meeting Adjourned 10:20am

Next meeting 06.17.09, in the Town Hall