

Oak Bluffs

Community Development Council

Meeting #102

Minutes of 08.19.2009

9am Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

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

Members absent:

Priscilla Sylvia

Also attending:

Selectman Ron DiOrio

Item: Minutes of the 08.05.09 meeting were read and accepted.

Item: Comprehensive Parking

RB presented her study of parking in the “downtown” and historic district. She presented a map of the area and proposed parking times radiating out from the center of town. The times would be one hour, two hours, 4 hours and finally unlimited. This would only apply during the months of July and August. **AS** suggested the need for more personnel to enforce this proposal.

A general discussion then began concerning permits in the historic district. How many permits? Where to apply for a permit? What is fair? Residents vs. Businesses?

TA commented that residents should have to give vehicle registrations in order to get a permit. **RB** thought everyone should have one free and then pay for additional permits. **RW** mentioned how it could be abused with many permits out there. **JW** suggested every resident within the district could receive two free permits with their tax bill and that is it. Inns and Hotels would have to pay something for patron use. This whole topic needs more discussion, as there was not agreement on how to proceed.

Much more study and discussion is needed and **assignments** are:

AS to report on loading zones and taxi stands

RW to report on signage

NP to report on 15 minute parking areas

JW to report on park and ride, park and walk

RB to photograph cones, signs, paved over areas, and other miscellaneous objects used to reserve parking spaces by residents in the district.

TA will invite Bob Huss, the OB representative to the SSA, to our 9.16th meeting to discuss with us the current SSA traffic plan and their future plans for traffic and parking.

RD suggested we speak with Duncan Ross of the new parking and traffic committee to hear what they have been doing.

RB said she plans to have the Parking & Traffic Committee, Parks Commission, VTA, OBA, BOS, SSA, Michael Dutton, and Planning Board attend one of our meetings at a later date.

Item: Miscellaneous

RD asked to speak and reported

- The Affordable Housing Committee has rejected all bids submitted, as they were all too costly. They are now negotiating a lease with TRI to request new bids that will not need to be DCAM

certified in the hopes that they will come in within our budget. The AHC sub committee is now negotiating with the Conroys to establish a pharmacy in the building.

- A \$950,000 grant has been granted to OB for income-qualified homeowners to use in making their homes more energy efficient. Applications are available at Council on Aging, BOS office, and TRI's office in Vineyard Haven.
- August 28th 4pm is groundbreaking time for the Bradley Square Project.
- Parking and Traffic Committee will be bring forth the concept of one-way traffic on Dukes County Ave.
- Energy Committee has been before the SSA and reports that they will not be charging for bicycles next year and will charge more for larger vehicles.

NP announced that the matching part of her grant application is in for restoring the clay and brick bathroom. Matching funds come from the CPA program.

Item: Derelict Property

JW presented a definition of "derelict building" for the committee to read. **JW** suggested we eliminate "vacant" from our research, as "derelict" would cover blighted buildings and property whether occupied or vacant. **TA** suggested eliminating "vacant" from the definition and inserting property in place of building. The definition would now be.....**"Derelict" means a property that is neglected, poorly maintained, and unsuitable for occupancy which may include a building:**

- 1. that is in a ruinous or dilapidated condition,**
- 2. that the condition of which seriously depreciates the value of land or buildings in the vicinity,**
- 3. that is in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for human habitation or business purposes,**
- 4. that is and allurement to children who may play there to their danger,**
- 5. that constitutes a hazard to the health or safety of the public,**
- 6. that is unsightly in the relation to neighboring properties because the exterior finish of the building or structure is not maintained, or**
- 7. that is a fire hazard to itself or to surrounding lands or buildings.**

JW handed out an edited Vacant and Derelict By-law and suggested everyone reread it and see how we can eliminate the section on vacant properties and make it work for derelict properties and buildings.

Assignment for the next meeting:

All read vacant and derelict by-law and rework it for derelict only.

TA, RB, RW, AS, JW see above on traffic and parking assignments.

PS draft letter to BOS on Home Business/Contractors Yard/Landscapers Yard/Commercial Properties.

Bon Voyage Terry!!

Meeting Adjourned 10:25am

Next meeting 09.02.09 in the Town Hall