

Oak Bluffs

Community Development Council

Meeting #104

Minutes of 09.16.2009

9am-Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

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

Also attending:

OB Steamship Representative Bob Huss

Item: Minutes of the 09.02.09 meeting were read and accepted with one abstention.

Item: Bob Huss Steamship Authority Representative

Bob Huss was invited to discuss the traffic flow, parking, drop off/pick up plans for the OB terminal. He brought enlarged maps for the committee members. A discussion followed by a question and answer session. The committee thanked Bob Huss for coming in and discussing the operation and future goals of the Steamship Authority.

The committee then came up with three recommendations to ease confusion around the staging area:

- Request the VTA to move their #13 Vineyard Haven bound bus stop south away from the staging area. This recommendation is needed because the bus blocks the view of the staging area and the many lanes a driver must navigate.
- Improve signage at the southern entrance to the staging area ie. thru traffic, pickup/drop off, reservations/standby lanes.
- Have Steamship Authority personnel posted at south entrance to the staging area directing passenger/drivers to various designated areas ie. thru traffic, pick-up/drop off, reservations/standby lanes.

Item: Miscellaneous

PS requested the committee review projects assigned to the CDC that have been on the back burner.

- revenue enhancement/fee schedules
- Home Business By-Law letter to BOS
- derelict property by-law

It was suggested that more time be given to these subjects in the upcoming meetings.

Item: Comprehensive Parking

RB summarized what the committee has done up to now on parking. Loading zones and 15 minute parking looked good in OB and we should leave the few 10-minute parking alone. (**AS** especially likes that idea). **RB** reported a UPS driver stated that OB is the best on the island for sufficient loading zones. **RB** suggested making four-drop off/ pick-up spaces on the east end of Lake Ave. across from the flagpole in Ocean Park. This could be pick-up/drop-off for SSA. A general discussion began concerning **Iona's** report from residents living in the Copeland/Cottage City Historic District. **RB** thought we might send out a mailing to the residents. **RW** commented that solving the parking problem might be more onerous than just leaving it alone. **TA** said we should define what the problem is. If the problem is employees parking in the surrounding neighborhood streets perhaps we should address the problem suggesting business incentives through the OBA. **JW** suggested we invite residents of the area to one of our meetings and ask them how they would solve their parking problem. More debate is needed on this topic. **JW** asked if we are stepping on the toes of the new Parking Committee. **RB** said she would invite Duncan Ross to our next meeting.

Assignment for:

RB to invite Duncan Ross to our next meeting

JW review derelict property by-law and re-email everyone to review

JW check with PD on jurisdiction over parking on front lawns

JW check by-laws for parking pad restrictions and discuss with the Planning Board

All invite anyone they know that lives in the Copeland/Cottage City Historic District to our next meeting

All review derelict by-law for discussion/direction

Meeting Adjourned 10:25am

Next meeting 10.02.09 in the Town Hall