

Oak Bluffs  
Community Development Council

**Meeting #105**  
**Minutes of 10.07.2009**  
**9am-Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Members in attendance:**

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

**Also attending:**

Board of Selectment Ron DiOrio and Duncan Ross

**Item: Minutes of the 09.16.09 meeting were read and accepted.**

**Item: Comprehensive Parking**

**RB** read a report by Iona. The report expressed concerns, suggestions and questions regarding the district, in particular the parking problems. A discussion of her findings followed. **TA** suggested phasing in certain parking strategies to ease the impact on the residents. **PS** said before any new parking restrictions are enacted and enforced we should identify and or create new parking areas. **JW** commented on the strong sentiments expressed by the residents. They may lack the knowledge of behind the scenes work and the complicated permitting needed to get things done, but the general public's perception of reality is that projects start and they do not get finished. **Ron DiOrio** stated the town might enter into a lease agreement with the owner of the property on the corner of Circuit and Massasoit. This may be used for parking. **RB** thought that parking there would be a bad idea.

**Duncan Ross**, Chairman of the Roads and Byways Committee joined the committee at this time (9:30). **Duncan Ross** was told of the CDC's comprehensive look at the parking situation in the downtown and Cottage City Historic District. **RB** went on to say how we would like to meet with all committees in the future with our findings. **Duncan Ross** said he would appreciate the CDC report to his committee first before going to others. He also said public hearings work best with a single theme as opposed to many items to discuss.

**Item: Derelict Properties**

**JW** said that his initial liking of the Winnipeg bylaw was troublesome in customizing it to our town in that we have 59% seasonal residents with many homes "vacant" for an unknown time. The Winnipeg bylaw spends a great amount of time discussing "vacant property". **JW** said our "charge" was to address derelict properties not vacant buildings. He also said there were steps missing as to what to do about derelict buildings short of tax taking. **TA** thought that we could exclude the vacant part and concentrate on structuring the derelict sections to fit our needs. The committee then discussed the definition of derelict. **PS** expressed her dissatisfaction of creating a bylaw that would cover buildings that are presently occupied. **TA** said one could not discriminate between derelict vacant and derelict occupied.

The committee then decided to resume discussions of the derelict building bylaw starting a 9am at our next meeting to enable Ron DiOrio to participate.

**Assignments for the next meeting:**

**RB** will refine the parking program

**JW** will get a copy of the edited draft bylaw to Ron DiOrio.

**Meeting Adjourned 10:20am**

Next meeting 10.21.09 in the Town Hall meeting room 9am

