

Oak Bluffs Community Development Council

Meeting #106

Minutes of 10.21.2009

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 Selectmen Ron DiOrio

Item: Minutes 10.07.09 minutes were read and accepted.

Item: Comprehensive Parking

RB passed out a revised comprehensive parking plan and **NP** passed out parking bylaws from Carmel, CA. for members to review and comment on at our next meeting. **RB** gave a brief synopsis of her revisions to the parking plan. **AS** and **TA** commented that businesses (B&Bs and Inns) should pay for extra permits.

TA suggested developing parking proposal matrix or table including parking proposals with pros and cons. She stated this would enable the committee to better evaluate the plan and target the problem points in the plan. **PS** questioned the consistency of the loading zone times.

TA agreed to work on developing a matrix for the parking plan proposals.

RB will work on incorporating NP's bylaw suggestions from Carmel, CA into the OB parking plan.

Item: Derelict Properties

JW suggested the committee define the objective of a proposed derelict/maintenance bylaw. **JW** stated that the Winnipeg bylaw the committee has been looking at has pages devoted to vacant buildings and securing them by boarding them up. This would be counterproductive to our goal of cleaning up eyesore property. **JW** introduced a new "maintenance property" bylaw for the committee to review. He said this bylaw would only apply to vacant properties, which would please some members of the committee. **NP** also introduced "property nuisances" bylaw from Carmel, CA for the committee's review.

Ron DiOrio found that the Building Dept. files go back 10 to 15 years on some of the problem properties in town.

Ron DiOrio said that he is waiting for input from Building Official Jerry Weiner regarding the Winnipeg by-law. He also spoke of the "local option" that has been adopted by the town. It allows the town to check on whether applicants for permits have paid their taxes. A permit would not be granted if taxes were not paid up to date. A discussion followed on the possibility of setting up a fund for derelict properties of low and moderate-income properties. **Ron DiOrio** suggested having Melissa Vincent of TRI, Inc. explain their present grant/loan program that now helps qualified homeowners make their homes more energy efficient.

Item: Fees

PS said she is still working on getting all the fees collected by various town departments. There are a few she still needs to complete the list.

Item: Miscellaneous

RB spoke of how the city San Francisco has begun a program of composting refuse and then selling the compost material as fertilizer. **TA** said she would look into getting the CDC and Vineyard Conservation Society to work on a composting program for either OB or the new refuse district.

Assignments :

- **RB to incorporate parts of Carmel CA parking into the OB plan.**
- **TA to develop a matrix of parking proposals, look into composting plan CDC and VCS**
- **PS fee list**
- **Everyone review "property maintenance bylaw" and "property nuisance" bylaw for comment at our next meeting.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:20am

Next meeting 11.04.09 in the Town Hall meeting room 9am

