

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council

Meeting #111

Minutes of 01.06.10

9am-Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

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

Also in attendance:

Roads & Byways Committee members: Selectman Duncan Ross (Chair) Highway Superintendent Richie Combra Jr., Chief Erik Blake, Thomas Degnan. Also Selectman Ron DiOrio, Town Administrator Michael Dutton

Item: Comprehensive Parking Plan

Renee told the Roads & Byways committee members that we (CDC) have developed a comprehensive parking plan. The plan is for them to review and we would like their input. **Renee** said the CDC would also review the plan with other town boards and commissions and hold public hearings. **Renee** then presented the CDC's comprehensive parking plan packet to the members of the Roads & Byways Committee. **Renee** summarized the plan explaining the parking proposals outlined and the concentric nature of the time limits from the downtown area. Permit parking in the Cottage City Historic District drew many questions from the Roads & Byways Committee. **Chief Blake** was first to question the resident permit-parking proposal. The **Chief's** concerns were many, from issuing and management of permits, application of permits (permanently affixed to a vehicle or transferable), to enforcement. **Richie Combra Jr.** stated this if the first time anyone on the committee has seen the plan. He would like time to read and digest the many proposals. He also echoed Chief Blake's concerns over the permit parking proposal. **Michael Dutton** asked how many residents would be affected by establishing permit parking. **Renee** said approximately 325. **Renee** also stated that this hopefully would be a benefit to the residents in this area in that most are seasonal residents and based on the CDC Cost of Services analysis the seasonal residents get less services from the town for their tax dollar. **Michael Dutton** commented that handling permit parking with renters could be a nightmare.

Ron DiOrio also mentioned that the Roads & Byways Committee would be having a public hearing on a proposal to make Dukes County Ave. a one-way street. That if made one way it would allow for parking there. **Ron DiOrio** also mentioned the town's use of small parcels of land around town that could be used for parking. **Michael Dutton** said that title work would still be needed to do that.

Renee asked Duncan Ross when his committee could come back and meet with the CDC. Jan 20th was agreed to meet again.

Renee asked Chief Blake if he would come up with approximate costs for management and enforcement. **Renee** also asked Ritchie Combra Jr. to have cost estimates for signage.

Nancy spoke of the clay and brick bathroom restoration, the connecting of the SSA to the harbor by way of a continuous walkway, and making Seaview Ave one-way. **Richie Combra Jr.** thought that making any new changes in the traffic pattern should wait. **He** said there are enough changes happening this year.

Item: Derelict Property

At this time Ron DiOrio asked the committee how they were doing reviewing derelict bylaws. **Jim** stated that the committee has not discussed the topic recently and it was posing a more difficult issue than first thought. **Jim** stated that the material presented by the Building Dept. allows them set up a Board of Surveys to make structures safe usually by boarding them up. That practice would be in conflict with our goal of enhancing structures and property that are now derelict. The committee agreed to address derelict properties at our next meeting.

Item: Fees

Priscilla reviewed fees charged in Falmouth against the fees charged in Oak Bluffs. The committee already reviewed the Ambulance, Assessor, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Building Dept, and Cemetery fees. **Priscilla** led the committee's review of fees charged by the ConCom, Cottage City Historic Commission, Fire Dept., Library, Marina, Park and Rec. Dept. Planning Board, Police Dept. Oak Bluffs School, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Zoning. Water and Wastewater are separate and are not included by the committee. Suggestions were made to increase fees in certain areas. **Priscilla** will compile our suggestions and then forward them to the FinCom for their review.

Assignments:

- **Priscilla finalize fee schedule suggestions**
- All: Derelict Buildings, continue to review all sample bylaws and the present town procedure

Meeting Adjourned 10:30am

Next meeting 01.20.10 in the Town Hall meeting room 9am

