

Oak Bluffs  
Community Development Council

**Meeting #115**

**Minutes of 03.03.10**

**9am-Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Members in attendance:**

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

**Also in attendance:**

Selectman Ron DiOrio

**Minutes:** Minutes of 02.09 approved. Minutes of 02.10 approved with spelling corrected.

**Item: Old Town Hall property**

**Renee** reported that David Nathan of the Martha's Vineyard Museum is interested participating in a possible "museum" at the old town hall site. Their participation would be in the form of exhibits and exhibit expertise. They would not be a party of any grant application but would help in reviewing any of our grant applications. **Renee** also spoke with Leah Smith who would also be willing to help in any grant applications. **Renee** gave packets of information regarding our old town hall site to our Beacon Hill representatives O'Leary and Madden. They both seemed impressed and excited about the site.

**Ron DiOrio** thought we might be looking in the wrong place for grant funds. **Ron** suggested we look in the Homeland Security area since we have become a place where Presidents vacation. He said we have become a "Presidential Summer Retreat". **Terry** said we need the PD on board. **Jim** said if grants (Homeland Security or Emergency Management) are available then perhaps EMS and PD could have a presence at the old town hall area as a sub-station. If grant funds are available to move the PD Headquarters with some perks to the PD (like a firing range), it might smooth the way for their involvement and cooperation. **Ron** said he would speak with Chief Blake and Peter Martell. **Ron** said there were architects that submitted bids for the old library project that included in their projects FD/PD/EMS centers. **Jim** will identify the architectural firm.

**Item: Crosswalks**

**Alison** reported Richie Combra Jr. said all the road work being done this year is in place and any crosswalk possibilities will have to wait until next year. Basically, there was not enough time to get all the ducks in a row for this year. **Alison** will try and get final cost estimates for 14 crosswalks. **Terry** suggested Alison email Duncan Ross, Chairman of the Roads and Byways Committee, the proposals for crosswalks.

**Item: Parking**

**Ron** reported the Roads and Byways Committee would recommend most of the CDC's parking recommendations to the BOS. The Roads and Byways Committee will not recommend permitting parking at this time. They will be holding a public hearing on 03.18.10 at 5pm. This caused a lively discussion on the need for permit parking in the Cottage City Historic District. **Rich** suggested putting up "Resident Parking Only" in the district. **Jim** suggested that if the CDC feels strongly on the need for permit parking then public hearings should be held in the summer for the seasonal residents of the area. We would also need to have the Roads And Byways Committee committed to the concept as well.

**Item: Miscellaneous**

**Priscilla** reviewed items on our list of to dos. The one item still needing attention was Derelict Buildings. **Ron** said he would continue to work with the Building Dept. and follow up with their Board of Surveys. **Terry** suggested a revolving account be established using money from liens for any demolitions. **Terry** also thought that Michael Dutton could have the Building Dept. generate a quarterly status report on "derelict buildings." **Nancy** reported on a course in the library for all of CDC members concerning search engines, keywords, etc for the purpose of identifying possible state, federal and private grants. **Nancy** will coordinate this for our next meeting.

**Assignments:**

- **Jim to identify the architecture firm**
- **Alison to find out the total estimated costs involving the crosswalks.**
- **Ron converse with Chief Blake and Peter Martell.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:20am

**Next meeting: 03.17.10 @9am**

