

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council

Meeting #117

Minutes of 04.07.10

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:

Minutes: Minutes of 03.17.19 read and approved.

Item: Art Shacks

Terry reported on Alice Boyd's positive ideas on grants for local businesses and artists. **Terry** said Alice will pursue her ideas and report back to her. Alice will focus on technology solutions.

Item: Old Town Hall/PD site

Renee summarized discussions she had with Adam Wilson and Joan Hughes concerning the old town hall site with regards to the Flood Zone and possible conservation problems. She reported that there should not be any problems from the ConCom regarding the Flood Zone. **Renee** went on to say that we need estimates and that George Sourati, Meshak and Maclean, and Breeze would be good sources to contact for cost estimates. This stimulated a discussion on where we are and what our goal or goals should be. **Renee** said Michael Dutton suggested a private developer work on the site with something (space in the new structure) coming back to the town. **Richard** said this process needs to go through the BOS. **Priscilla** commented that political and practical aspects of this project might get muddled if we are not focused. Nancy thought we should not emphasize a museum as the main purpose for this building. We then discussed the need to revisit this whole project with the BOS. **Renee** will compose a letter to the BOS seeking approval for the CDC to move forward with this.

Richard thought we were chasing our own tail and that we needed to be more focused. **Richard** thought there was too much discussion of what could or should be at the old town hall site. **Terry** also said we needed to be more focused. **Jim** said that finding the best use of the site and the moving of the PD were equally important and should be treated as one project. **Richard** and **Priscilla** both agreed in that moving the PD was important. **Priscilla** then stated that moving the PD should be our first priority. **Rich** said we needed to convince the BOS that the PD needs to be moved to a new location. **Jim** said a "new" PD headquarters with perks for the PD such as a shooting range and PE facility would hopefully attract the PD for a move. **Rich** said the PD could attract income from renting out the shooting range to other departments on the island. **Renee** also said that Leah Smith would be willing to help us in finding funding for the town hall site pro bono.

Item: Crosswalks

Alison will email R. Combra Jr. about the crosswalk surface request and cc the BOS and CDC. Priscilla will speak with R. Combra Jr. also.

Assignments:

- **Terry** check out the Rural Enterprise Grant from the USDA
- **Jim** check out the Emergency Operations Center Grant from the Dept. of Homeland Security
- **Renee** letter to the BOS

Meeting Adjourned 10:04am

Next meeting: 04.21.10 @9am

