

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council

Meeting #137

Minutes of 02.09.11

9am-Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

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

Also in attendance: Board of Selectmen Ron DiOrio, Finance Committee member Steve Auerbach,
Michael Achille, Peter Martell

Minutes: Minutes of 01.19.10 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Item: ad hoc Fiscal Task Force

The CDC reviewed the list of proposed members, for approval by the BOS, to serve on an ad hoc fiscal task force. Ron DiOrio volunteered asking Michael DeBettencourt. Renee will ask Ann Cummings. Michael Achille who was in attendance expressed his interest in serving. Other names interested were Harvey Beth, Brian Hughes, Iona Pressley, Richard Westcott, Fred Hancock, Bob Huss and Jack Law.

Michael Dutton will attend meetings for guidance and vital town budget information.

Ron DiOrio said the town has retained the services of Powers & Sullivan for town finances. Priscilla said that the task force could send them questions as they arise along the way.

It was suggested that Renee contact BOS Chairman with our proposed list for his consideration and hopefully have the BOS act on the recommendation at the next BOS meeting.

At this time the committee suspended task force discussion to listen to a presentation by Peter Martell.

Item: Presentation by Peter Martell

Peter Martell presented two possible ideas for generating revenues to the town treasury.

First proposal was to initiate a town owned and operated fueling pier in the harbor. Peter says the proposed fueling pier for boaters would enhance the marina income and generate in excess of \$100,000 additional funds for the town.

Second proposal entailed land in the "southern woodlands". He proposed creating a 26 acre light industrial/commercial park. The town would then have rental income similar to that at generated MV Airport.

At this time Ron DiOrio said the town was not in any position to borrow the funds needed to start anything like that. Peter responded saying, the town needs to do something to generate income, and that revenue from both suggestions would pay the debt service. Renee thought an industrial / business park might be a good idea. Jim said the town could benefit from space like that. Peter distributed his proposal for the CDC to review. The CDC thanked Peter for his presentation.

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The CDC resumed its discussion of the task force.

Ron said that we should look at the function of services provided and ask what is the best way to provide them. Priscilla said we should examine each departmental budget. Steve said, and Renee, agreed that function should not be the only factor to consider and that certain functions make OB what it is. Jim said that comments regarding specific departments were premature. Jim said we should to use the Nantucket model to set up criteria to ascertain what are the "essential services" provided by the town and what are not "essential".

Action:

Renee, communicate with the chairman of the BOS Duncan Ross with our recommendations for the task force.

Renee, speak with Ann Cummings about being a participant of the task force.

Ron DiOrio speak with Michael DeBettencourt about being a participant of the task force.

Jim makes copies of draft-estimated revenue for fiscal 2012 for all participants of the task force. Post meetings and agendas. Compile a list of participants with email addresses and communicate with all for the upcoming proposed meeting.

Upcoming meetings of the task force: 02.16.11, 03.09.11, 03.23.11,
and going forward, every first and third Wednesday of the month.

Meeting was adjourned 10:32am

Documents: Peter Martell's proposal

**Next meeting: #138 (of CDC) and 1st meeting of the task force on 02.16.11 @ 9am
Town Hall meeting room**