

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council
Ad Hoc Fiscal Task Force Sub Committee
Task force email:
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CDC Meeting #155
Task Force Meeting # 17
Minutes of 11.30.11
9am-Town Hall Meeting Room
Members in attendance:

Chairman Terry Appenzellar, Priscilla Sylvia, Fred Hancock, Renee Balter, Bob Huss, Nancy Phillips, James Westervelt (recorder)
Non-Voting member Christine Flynn (MVC)

Item: Minutes

Minutes of Ad Hoc Fiscal Task Force meeting #16 & CDC meeting #154 was read and accepted.

Item: Public Comment- None

Item: Review

Terry reviewed the goals and objectives of the task force. The goals and objectives will be read at the start of all meetings to keep the task force focused.

“To review certain aspects of Town of Oak Bluffs’ fiscal situation toward resolution of projected deficits. The examination should consider future economic expectations (growth, recession) and propose revenue increases and/or spending reductions as well as efficiencies (town and regional, including privatization). The committee report should document all opportunities reviewed, including those already implemented by the Town.

Objective:

- a. develops criteria for essential Town services.**
- b. recommend efficiencies in Town operations, including cessation, privatization and regionalization.**
- c. recommend potential spending reductions.**
- d. recommend potential revenue increases.**

Item: Update

Renee requested a joint meeting of the task force and the Roads and Byways Committee. Renee was told that we (task force) should come to their next Roads & Byways Committee meeting. A discussion followed concerning the focus of our participation. It was decided that our comprehensive parking plan for the “downtown area” be the focus of our participation. “Progress not perfection”.

Renee will try and get on the R & B Committee agenda for their next meeting on 12.14.11.

Item: EMS

The task force turned to a list of questions from the FinCom concerning the EMS service. The task force also went over questions compiled by Terry. A lengthy discussion involved the “reserve fund” and how the fund pays for certain items. A question arose as to why the town appropriates funds annually for EMS when those funds could come from the reserve fund.

Terry will check with the town administrator to see if there is a maintenance contract with Buddy’s.

Jim will email to all Anita’s responses to certain questions posed.

Fred asked if the EMS charged for incidents where patients refused treatment.

Terry would like to examine the contract with Comstar. The task force also had questions about billing errors. Were they errors committed by staff or who? Can they be minimized?

The task force then reviewed a power point presentation submitted by John Rose and the EMS. Nancy brought up the latest Red Cross protocols and how they will affect the level of emergency treatment in the future. Nancy explained how the emergency medical field evolves and updates the way things are done. CPR, airway management and stabilizing trauma patients vs. quick response to the hospital are critical to EMS and they change over the years as data is studied and

analyzed by the medical professionals. Also to be considered, according to Nancy is the fact that the emergency room is located in OB enabling our EMS the best possible response time.

The task force needs to study the differences between two specific services provided by OB EMS, the transport service off island and local emergency response service.

Priscilla would like to review contracts concerning services and procurements. Christine wondered if the rural towns on the island benefitted by OB's fire and ems capabilities (paramedic services through mutual aid).

Assignment for all: study the varied material on EMS.

Item: Public Input-None

Adjournment: 10:56am

Future meetings: 11.30, 12.14, 12.21, and 1.11.12, 1.25.12, 2.8.12, 2.22.12

Documents:

List of questions for EMS

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Minutes:

The CDC did not conduct any CDC business on previous meeting day except the above ad hoc task force so there were no minutes to approve.

Adjournment 10:57am

