

**Osprey Revitalization Committee**  
**Minutes of the May 27th, 2008 meeting**  
(Approved as Amended)

A meeting of the Osprey Revitalization Committee (ORC) was held Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at The Osprey Inn, South Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

**Members Present**

Jay Leland, Chair  
Richard Noyes, Vice Chair  
Lonie Buchner  
George Dellos  
David Mitchell  
Peter Wilson  
Sandy Keith  
Jonathan Patrice

**Staff Present**

Brenda Canales – Planning Services  
Jane Grogg – Neighborhood Services  
Chris Kohatsu – Neighborhood Services  
Donna Thompson - Zoning  
Joe Foster – Code Enforcement

**Members Absent**

N/A

**Others Present**

N/A

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Leland called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. A round of introductions initiated.

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George Dellos made a motion, seconded by David Mitchell to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Zoning Amendment – “Option C”**

Donna Thompson recapped the Zoning Amendment and changes that will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in July. Discussion continued around height limits and the definition of transient accommodations. The Committee discussed their previous motion to support Dr. Patel’s request of a rezone to CG. Several members assumed that Dr. Patel would be subject to a 57 foot height restriction. Sandy Keith read directly from the Plan to clarify that the 57 foot height restriction applied only to multi-use residential buildings.

**New Business**

**Code Enforcement Presentation**

Joe Foster gave an overview of the Sarasota County Code Enforcement operations followed by questions on subjects such as political signs, fruit stands, landscaping and overgrowth.

Rick Noyes asked about Wal-Mart’s outdoor sales, and both Ms. Thompson and Mr. Foster stated that Wal-Mart was within their right to apply for up to four temporary use permits (TUPs) per calendar year in order to conduct outdoor sales. Ms. Keith stated her

frustration to staff regarding what the Plan states versus what original intentions were. She stated that although she reviewed and approved the Plan, she wanted her frustrations known. Jane Grogg found a passage in the Plan that prohibited Wal-Mart from extending their Garden Center merchandise above the walls or beyond the perimeter of the garden center, and stated that sales of merchandise on palettes or other apparatus on a daily basis could be a violation of the Plan. Mr. Foster stated he would investigate the situation.

Mr. Foster requested support from the community to help organize a Community Clean-Up event, tentatively scheduled for October. Currently there are no county owned lots in Osprey, so finding a location for a dumpster has proved challenging. Previously, the dumpsters/collections sites were situated on private properties with cooperation from the owner. Mr. Foster asked the Committee to submit suggestions on dumpster locations that would be easily accessible to the community. The Chairman stated that the Committee would respond at the next meeting.

### **Committee Membership**

Jonathan Patrice announced his final meeting as an ORC member and Community Youth Development (CYD) representative. Chris Kohatsu stated she would notify the CYD program in order for another candidate to begin. Ms. Keith thanked Mr. Patrice for his work and the Chairman added his appreciation.

### **Election of Officers**

As stated in the by-laws of the ORC, an election for Committee officers shall take place annually in June. Several members stated they would not be present at the June meeting due to other commitments. As such, the Chairman entertained a motion to move the elections to the month of May.

Mr. Mitchell motioned for movement of the election with Mr. Dellos seconding. Motion passed unanimously. Therefore, it was resolved that the floor be open to nominations for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions.

For the position of Chairman, Ms. Keith motioned to re-elect **Jay Leland**. Mr. Noyes seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Motion passed unanimously.

For the position of Vice-Chairman, Peter Wilson motioned to re-elect **Rick Noyes**. Mr. Dellos seconded. No other candidates were nominated. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ORC Annual Report/Neighborhood Services Discussion**

The ORC's Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for August 26, 2008. Ms. Kohatsu shared the process and procedures for submitting a report to the Board, and asked the Committee to discuss their vision, plans and goals for the remainder of 2008, as this would help to prepare for the Committee's sunset year in 2009. This topic led to a Neighborhood Services discussion, as support for the Committee now comes from the County's Neighborhood Services department. Ms. Grogg gave an extensive overview of Neighborhood Services along with examples of programs and types of support her department gives to civic or community based organizations. She asked if the ORC would consider forming a civic or community based organization in order to continue their work in the community.

Members from both the Committee and the audience stated objections to dissolving the Osprey Revitalization Committee at this time and questioned when is the right time?. Ms. Grogg pointed to the February minutes, whereby the Committee stated their support to form a civic association, in order to "supersede the ORC," as Mr. Noyes stated.

Mr. Noyes stated that the Committee should not sunset until the Waterfront Revitalization Plan was adopted. Ms. Kohatsu asked the members to clarify a motion made in January that sought to exempt the ORC from providing recommendations on a Waterfront Revitalization Plan. Mr. Noyes stated that the ORC wanted a Waterfront Revitalization Plan, but did not want to make recommendations on design standards. Mr. Wilson stated that the members of the ORC were not land-use planners and should not be expected to comment on matters that could adversely affect the community.

Ms. Kohatsu said she would research the purpose of the ORC as she understood it to be a land-use planning advisory committee that provides recommendations on matters such as design standards, sidewalks, and other land-use planning items. She stated that if the ORC wanted a Waterfront Revitalization Plan implemented, they would need to begin work on incorporating the results from previous charrettes at the next meeting.

The Chair asked if there were additional comments for Ms. Grogg. A member of the audience stated that a civic association would not give the community a voice with the County. Ms. Grogg gave numerous examples of community groups that work closely with the County (Lake Sarasota, Kensington Park, Nokomis, Fruitville 210, Englewood, etc.) and stated that a civic association has legal standing. Ms. Grogg went further to say that associations are not limited by the Sunshine Law; as items before the ORC must wait for public meetings in order to be discussed, a civic association, conversely, could meet and discuss items at-will in either public or private settings.

Ms. Grogg stated that her research indicated that the Osprey Civic Association, which existed during the creation of the ORC, has allowed its registration to lapse. She stated that it should be a fairly quick and easy process to revive the association. Ms. Keith stated that she was surprised to hear that the registration had expired, and Lonnie Bucher concurred. Ms. Keith stated the Committee should consider reviving the association.

As there were no further comments regarding the matter, the Chairman thanked Ms. Grogg for her presentation.

### **Public Comments**

William Fassell, a resident at Hidden Bay, asked about two lots owned by Mr. Perrone. He was told these lots are not for currently for sale.

Don Wise stated that permits for Midnight Pass were approved.

Bibi Knauf asked for information regarding the County's Neighborhood Grants program. Ms. Grogg and Ms. Kohatsu shared their contact information.

### **Comments from Committee Members**

**Friends of the Library Update:** Mr. Noyes reported that the group has \$4,500.00 in their account towards opening a library, and questioned why Osprey has not been given priority for a new library. He submitted a report to the Director of Libraries which lists vacant facilities in Osprey for the County to consider as possible sites.

**County Property Acquisition:** Mr. Leland met with Dennis Marlin who stated he entered into negotiations with the County to acquire his property. The matter will go before the Board of County Commissioners in July.

### **Community Announcements**

- Sarasota County is holding "Get On Board" budget workshops and invites public participation. Please see their website for further details.
- On May 28, the following will be heard by the Board: RP07-17, Northwest corner of W. Bay Street and Pine Street (Ave.) Osprey. Proposal to change from RSF-1 to RSF-3.
- Decorative benches at the SCAT Bus Stops in Osprey have been funded by the Osprey Beautification Committee. They are looking for a sponsor for a third bench.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Noyes motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

### **Calendar of Events**

**Thursday, 6/19/08** – Requested Continuance of Rezone Petition – Planning Commission Meeting, North County, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, 06/30/08** – Osprey Revitalization Committee Mtg. – Spanish Point, 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, 7/23/08** – BCC Meeting – Zoning Amendment 25, Final Adoption, Admin. Bldg., 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, 07/28/08** – Osprey Revitalization Committee Mtg. – Spanish Point, 2:00 p.m.