

# **Osprey Revitalization Committee**

## **Minutes of the September 29, 2008 meeting**

A meeting of the Osprey Revitalization Committee (ORC) was held Monday, September 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Historic Spanish Point, Osprey, Florida.

### **Members Present**

Richard Noyes, Chairman  
George Dellos  
Emma Dietrich  
Sandy Keith  
David Mitchell  
Peter Wilson

### **Staff Present**

Chris Kohatsu – Neighborhood Services  
Debbie Marks – Neighborhood Services  
Brenda Canales – Planning Services

### **Others Present**

Commissioner Jon Thaxton  
Chris Morrison, ORC candidate

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Noyes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He welcomed Commissioner Thaxton and a round of introductions initiated. Ms. Kohatsu introduced Mr. Christopher Morrison as an applicant to the ORC. The chairman requested the approval of the minutes follow Commissioner Thaxton's discussion.

### **Old Business – Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners**

Commissioner Thaxton reviewed where the ORC has been, where it is at today, and what to look for in the future. He congratulated the ORC for their work to date and asked the committee to focus on two unfinished items: Bay Acres Avenue and the Waterfront Revitalization Plan.

Commissioner Thaxton stated his hope for the committee would be to take direction from the Plan and refine it. For example, what does "public access" mean? What would the widths and dimensions of public access be? Because many people have different opinions of what public access is, clearly defined terms should be expressed through the Plan. Without clear direction it will be difficult to review rezoning and special exception applications for consistency with the community's desires.

Mr. Dellos stated concerns about working under the provisions of the Sunshine Law. Commissioner Thaxton explained that those provisions are not expected from a civic organization or community association. Comments regarding the need for a civic association followed. Further discussion ensued regarding concerns with private property owners and potential opposing views from the community.

The floor was opened to the public. Don Wise spoke on public access to the waterfront and the original intent of the Plan. He stated differences between the Plan as first created and as it stands today.

Bruce Dillon, from the Nokomis Revitalization Advisory Committee, suggested the ORC initiate a civic association soon as it would take a certain amount of time to get things up and running.

Mr. Noyes questioned an item on the agenda that mentioned semi-monthly meetings. Ms. Kohatsu responded that ORC members should view the recording from the September 23 annual report presentation whereby several Commissioners suggested the ORC establish a quarterly or semi-monthly meeting schedule. ORC members disagreed and stated the ORC needs time to work on a waterfront revitalization plan.

Mr. Mitchell motioned to maintain the current frequency of monthly meetings, with Mr. Dellos seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of September 2, 2008 Minutes**

Mr. Noyes asked for the minutes to reflect a statement made by Stephen Rees regarding the height of the proposed project. Ms. Kohatsu replied that she and Ms. Canales would review the recording and amend the minutes. The approval of the minutes would therefore be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Mr. Noyes announced the resignation of Loni Buchner and opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Dellos nominated Mrs. Keith, with Mr. Wilson seconding. Mr. Mitchell nominated Mr. Dellos and Ms. Dietrich seconded the nomination. Mr. Dellos thanked both for the nomination, but stated his support for Mrs. Keith. He removed his name from the election.

The motion to elect Sandy Keith to the position of Vice-Chairman was supported five to one, Mr. Mitchell dissenting. Motion carried.

### **New Business – Official E-mail Addresses**

Ms. Kohatsu explained that all advisory board members were given official Sarasota County email addresses and these accounts are to be used for all ORC business, effective immediately.

### **Comments from Committee Members**

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the Bay Street Village.

Mr. Noyes welcomed Ms. Dietrich to the committee. He additionally requested ORC members bring their calendars to the next meeting for planning purposes and to schedule meetings for calendar year 2009.

Mr. Mitchell suggested inviting all waterfront property owners to the next meeting. Ms. Kohatsu suggested the invitations go on ORC letterhead and be signed by a member of the committee. Committee members suggested this be discussed at the next meeting, as the October meeting will be a planning session.

Mrs. Keith requested staff provide an update on Osprey Village Center Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Rezones, Special Exceptions and Site & Development plan petition requests.

**Comments from the Public**

David Merrill discussed his definition of “public access” and stated that he spoke with Stephen Rees and suggested alternatives to the concept plan.

Mr. Wise spoke on the financing of Bay Street Village.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Dellos motioned to adjourn with Mr. Mitchell seconding. Motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

**Calendar of Events**

**Wednesday, November 12** – Board of County Commissioners – Discussion to fill vacancy to the ORC

**Monday, November 24** – Osprey Revitalization Committee Mtg.–Spanish Point, 2:00 pm

**December Break**