

Osprey Revitalization Committee

Minutes of the June 30th, 2008 meeting

A meeting of the Osprey Revitalization Committee (ORC) was held Monday, June 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Historic Spanish Point, Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

Members Present

Jay Leland, Chair
Richard Noyes, Vice Chair
Sandy Keith
Peter Wilson

Staff Present

Chris Kohatsu – Neighborhood Services
Crystal Allred – Planning Services
Brenda Canales – Planning Services

Members Absent

Lonie Buchner
George Dellos
David Mitchell

Others Present

Bruce Dillon – Nokomis Revitalization Committee
John Ask – Nokomis Civic Association

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Leland called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A thank you was extended to Spanish Point for allowing the committee to use the space and a round of introductions initiated.

Approval of Minutes - May 27, 2008

Amendments were made and Ms. Keith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Noyes, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Sunshine Law Discussion

Ms. Kohatsu and Ms. Allred reminded the ORC they are covered under the Sunshine Law, and therefore, needed to be mindful in communicating matters before the Committee and between Committee members. Several examples were given and appropriate responses were discussed. The ORC is encouraged to contact Ms. Kohatsu with any questions or concerns.

Old Business

Implementation Options for the Osprey Waterfront Revitalization Plan

Ms. Allred explained that the remaining options to implement a waterfront revitalization plan were as follows:

- Option 1: Create a Redevelopment Master Plan; and/or
- Option 2: Amend the Conditions for Development Approval and/or
- Option 3: Support the adopted Vision Statement when reviewing future developments

Discussion ensued regarding Option 3, as the Committee could use their notes from the 2007 charrettes to support the Vision Statement. It was stated that when future concept plans were presented, the committee would use the Vision Statement as their means of guidance.

The adopted Vision Statement reads as follows:

“The purpose of the waterfront district is to ensure that waterfront redevelopment has a mix of uses, is walk-able, has access to the waterfront, enhances environmental assets, allows for recreation and is economically viable.”

Ms. Keith suggested the Committee reconsider a previous motion made in January. By reconsidering and rescinding the motion, the Committee would be in good standing to review and comment on future concept plans. The motion that passed in January reads:

“This Committee feels it is not qualified and it is not within its purview to make detailed comments on the standards incorporated in the Charrette discussion draft of November 26, 2007 at this time. Motion passed unanimously.” (ORC Minutes, January 28, 2008).

The motion to reconsider the January motion was moved by Mr. Noyes and seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Noyes motioned to rescind the January motion, Ms. Keith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor to a motion that would provide the basis for the next steps needed to monitor waterfront revitalization and development.

Mr. Noyes moved that based on the Committee’s awareness that they are able to provide valuable input and constructive feedback in the development of the Osprey Waterfront Area, that the ORC will use the adopted Vision Statement for the Waterfront Revitalization Area as well as citizen feedback given during the charrettes held in 2007, when reviewing future concept development plans affecting the area. Ms. Keith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners

Rescheduled date is September 9, 2008. The Chairman put together a synopsis of previous minutes, dating back to April 2007. He stated this would be the framework of his presentation and distributed copies.

New Business

Nokomis Revitalization Area Committee

Mr. Bruce Dillon, Chariman of NRAC and Mr. John Ask, President of the Nokomis Area Civic Association gave a presentation before the Committee. The gentlemen included a summary of NACA, the work of the NRAC, and the South County Assembly of Neighborhoods (SCAN).

Mr. Leland thanked both presenters for their input and stated that the ORC should follow the knowledge and expertise as demonstrated by their neighbors to the south.

Public Comments

Ms. Carol Kohler

- Commented on the new signs welcoming visitors to Osprey.
- She is looking for a sponsor for the covered bench in front of Spanish Point and also a fourth bench (location not yet decided).
- Enclosure of dumpsters is not a requirement.

Ms. Carmen Bass

- Commented on support for a library.
- Asked about a restaurant in Nokomis being situated so close to the road. Mr. Dillon answered that he would speak with Ms. Bass after the meeting.

Comments from Committee Members

Ms. Keith stated she supports the widening of Bay Street to Honore.

Mr. Noyes – Rezone Petition of the Palm Bay property was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on May 29, and was approved (to rezone from RSF1 to RSF3).

Ms. Allred will research the access point changes and report back to the committee.

Mr. Wilson – Carter property is still on hold; they are waiting for the market to improve. Bay Street Village has sold 18 units. Starbucks and Quizno's will be open by September.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Waterfront Revitalization (bring others up to speed on discussion)
- Review Annual Report to County Commissioners

Community Announcements

Community Clean-up 2008 suggested locations – Ms. Keith will contact Ms. Carter to ask if her property is available. The Chairman suggested the DeManio property. Ms. Kohatsu will forward both suggestions to Code Enforcement.

Adjournment

Ms. Keith motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Noyes. Motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 22nd, NACA Meeting – Nokomis Community Center, 7:00 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.

Tuesday, 08/26/08 – Osprey Revitalization Committee Mtg. – Osprey Inn, 6:30 p.m.