

Osprey Revitalization Committee

Minutes of the July 28, 2008 meeting

A meeting of the Osprey Revitalization Committee (ORC) was held Monday, July 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Historic Spanish Point, Osprey, Florida.

Members Present

Jay Leland, Chairman
Richard Noyes, Vice Chair
Lonie Buchner
Peter Wilson
David Mitchell

Staff Present

Chris Kohatsu – Neighborhood Services
John McCarthy – Parks and Recreation
Brenda Canales – Planning Services

Members Absent

George Dellos
Sandy Keith

Others Present

Emma Dietrich – S.T.A.R. candidate

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Leland called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He stated the format of the meeting would change slightly due to scheduling requirements.

Presentation by John McCarthy, Sarasota County Parks and Recreation

Mr. McCarthy showed the June 6, 2008 version of the concept plan for Blackburn Point Park. Mr. Noyes asked about sidewalks being included in the plan. Mr. McCarthy explained that numerical scores were assigned to areas to determine priority. During a recent Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Blackburn Point Park area was considered separate from the greater area in order to give the park higher priority. Ms. Kohatsu stated she would confirm inclusion of sidewalks in the concept plan.

Mr. Noyes motioned to recommend support for the June 6, 2008 Blackburn Point Park Concept Plan with a statement that the committee endorses sidewalks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCarthy gave an overview of the Park Land Acquisitions Program. The Park Advisory Board and staff review all nominations as submitted, and rank them as low, medium or high, in terms of acquirement interest. He gave details on several parcels that have been nominated and recently purchased in the Osprey area.

Carmen Bass asked for clarification on the rating given to a historic home on Tamiami Trail, otherwise known as Tunningly Studios. Mr. McCarthy explained that low ratings from the Park Board are often based on the size or location of the parcel.

Approval of Minutes – June 30, 2008

A modification to the date and time of the next meeting was made. As amended, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Annual Report to Board of County Commissioners

Mr. Noyes requested a re-schedule of the report so that he may be present. After brief discussion, members chose to keep the date of September 23, 2008.

Review of the Vision Statement for the Waterfront Area

Ms. Kohatsu asked if further comments were needed regarding a waterfront revitalization plan. The committee has chosen to use the vision statement as a guide for reviewing plans relating to the waterfront area.

Mr. Noyes distributed a document he authored regarding the vision statement and proposed beginning the process of a neighborhood workshop to review the vision statement and to implement design standards and conditions for development. After discussion, it was determined that all steps needed to clarify a vision for the waterfront has been completed and no further actions are necessary at this time.

Community Clean-Up – October 11, 2008

Mr. Leland announced for Sandy Keith that Sandra Carter agreed to make her property available again for the annual clean-up. Ms. Kohatsu stated she would notify staff of this agreement.

New Business

Community Youth Development/Students Taking an Active Role Candidate

The committee welcomed Ms. Emma Dietrich as a candidate for the CYD/STAR position on the Osprey Revitalization Committee.

Public Comments

Nathan Childers spoke in regards to nominating his property for the Park Land Acquisition Program. Mr. Childers presented a sample application package and asked the committee to formally submit the nomination. Members stated support towards Mr. Childers however the committee would rather take his application under advisement.

Comments from Committee Members

Mr. Wilson provided an update on Bay Street Village.

Mr. Leland announced his intent to resign from the committee. He expressed his thanks and appreciation to the members. Mr. Leland's resignation will take effect after the August meeting.

Mr. Buchner motioned to accept the resignation tendered by Jay Leland. This was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell motioned to hold elections at the August 26, 2008 meeting for the position of Chairman. This was seconded by Mr. Buchner. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Calendar of Events

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

Tuesday, September 23 – Annual Report to Board of County Commissioners – R. L. Anderson South County Bldg., 9:00 a.m.

Monday, September 29 – Osprey Revitalization Committee Mtg.– Spanish Point, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 11 – Osprey Annual Community Clean-Up