

Osprey Revitalization Committee

Minutes of the March 10, 2009 Special Meeting

A meeting of the Osprey Revitalization Committee (ORC) was held Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the Osprey Inn, Osprey, Florida.

Members Present

Richard Noyes, Chairman
Sandy Keith, Vice Chair
George Dellos
Jeanne Menard
Chris Morrison
Emma Dietrich
Peter Wilson

Staff Present

Chris Kohatsu – Neighborhood Services
Jane Grogg – Neighborhood Services
Brenda Canales – Planning Services
Adrianna Trujillo-Villa – Planning Services
Kirk Crane – Planning Services

Others Present

Peter Dailey

Welcome and Introductions

The chairman called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. He welcomed everyone and introduced the newest member of the committee, Jeanne Menard. Ms. Menard gave a brief summary of her background and her interests for serving on the ORC.

Approval of January 26 and February 9, 2009 Minutes

Mr. Dellos motioned to approve the minutes of January 26, 2009, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dellos motioned to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009, seconded by Ms. Dietrich. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Staff

Ms. Grogg communicated that a letter that was sent to committee members relating to the Sunshine Law and clarified what is considered official business of the ORC. All e-mail communications relating to business of the ORC must be performed through official advisory board accounts. No discussions between members outside of publicly noticed and recorded meetings should occur. Staff has invited the County attorney to attend the next meeting to discuss this topic further.

Additionally, Ms. Grogg reminded the committee that today's discussions should pertain to the published agenda as previous discussions and actions were forwarded to the Planning Commission and acted upon.

Old Business

Mr. Noyes spoke about actions taken by the Planning Commission at the February 19 public hearing for Rezone Petition 07-06, Special Exception No. 1646, and proposed amendments to the Osprey Revitalization Plan.

Presentation on Rezone Petition 08-07 – Peter Dailey, Agent for the Applicants

Mr. Dailey presented his project with modifications made since his last presentation before the committee. Mr. Dailey stated he consulted with the agent and design group for Dr. Patel's property (RZ 07-06), to include his project to build a unified concept plan by adding parcels to the Mixed Use Core designation to be consistent and compatible with the balance of the 14 acres. Mr. Dailey asked the ORC to consider his new plan for a Planned Use Development (PUD) to include Commercial Neighborhood (CN), Office, Professional and Institutional (OPI) and Residential Multi-Family (RMF-2) at a maximum density of 9 units per acre.

Discussion ensued on current zoning requirements. Mr. Dailey described a PUD as a planning vehicle which allows all three uses with a binding site plan.

Mr. Noyes opened the floor to comments from the public. Ms. Grogg requested that Mr. Noyes use the completed speaker cards to keep order as residents were speaking out of turn. Multiple conversations occurred simultaneously with several people expressing frustration.

Mr. Noyes asked the committee to table discussion on this matter until the ORC members had time to review the information presented. Mr. Morrison stated that instead of a motion to table, a motion to continue discussions would be more appropriate. Mr. Noyes asked Ms. Kohatsu if this was correct and she concurred with Mr. Morrison.

A motion by Mr. Morrison for the committee to continue discussion of Rezone Petition 08-07 to the next meeting with consideration to any additional materials or details that may be submitted by Mr. Dailey was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Mr. Noyes read a statement he created summarizing waterfront revitalization planning efforts. Mr. Morrison said he disagreed with some of the remarks made by Mr. Noyes. David Merrill approached the ORC and asked to respond to Mr. Noyes. Mr. Noyes responded that he was opening the floor to the waterfront property owners.

Residents from Hidden Bay and other citizens of Osprey voiced concerns and many left the meeting. Mark Woodmansee, Richard Perrone, Betsy DeManio and Ted Caine spoke about redevelopment of their respective properties.

Ron Sivitz stated he and his team agrees to work within the design category known as "Spanish Colonial Revival" and will submit design guidelines to the Board of County Commissioners on April 7. He will be meeting with the Osprey Civic League on March 18 and will forward these guidelines to the ORC. Mr. Sivitz also clarified that 250 feet from the edge of the waterline is restricted to a building height of 35 feet and his project is not included within this area.

Mr. Dailey and Mr. Sivitz offered to visit Hidden Bay in order to see if views of the water would be obstructed by their proposed projects.

Comments from Committee Members

Mr. Morrison emphasized the advantage of the Osprey Civic League and the influence they may have on some of the current community issues. Mr. Dellos stressed the importance of the ORC and the Osprey Civic League working together.

Mr. Wilson agreed to meet with Cathy Ferney, a Hidden Bay resident, to examine waterfront views from her home and report back to the committee.

Committee members requested to meet prior to the April 7 public hearing. Staff agreed to check on meeting space locations and staff availability.

Mrs. Keith announced that there will be a Farmers/Flea Market at Historic Spanish Point the last Saturday of every month for the next four months.

Mr. Wilson announced that Starbucks will not be opening on March 14 as previously announced and has not scheduled a future opening day.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Mrs. Keith. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.