

# **Osprey Revitalization Committee**

## **Minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting**

A meeting of the Osprey Revitalization Committee (ORC) was held Monday, November 24, 2008, at Historic Spanish Point, Osprey, Florida.

### **Members Present**

Richard Noyes, Chairman  
Sandy Keith, Vice Chair  
George Dellos  
David Merrill  
David Mitchell

### **Staff Present**

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

### **Absent**

Emma Dietrich  
Chris Morrison  
Peter Wilson

### **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. He welcomed David Merrill to the committee and a round of introductions initiated.

### **Approval of October 28 Minutes**

Mr. Noyes stated he does not speak in absolutes, and questioned the accuracy of “The hotel developer informed Mr. Noyes that a hotel is not viable in the Osprey area.” Staff agreed to review the recording and present their findings at the next meeting. Mr. Dellos motioned to table approval of the minutes until January. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business: Waterfront Revitalization Planning Discussion**

Mr. Noyes asked all waterfront property owners present to identify themselves. In attendance were Mark Woodmansee, Michael Kaprica, Jimmy Cristello, and Ted Caine. Chris Brown, who was present on behalf of Dr. Patel, introduced himself. Each property owner shared their opinions on waterfront revitalization. Most owners generally supported redevelopment in the area. Mr. Caine stated concerns about types of waterfront restaurants in relation to traffic, noise, and certain clientele as potentially detrimental to the area.

### **Comments from Committee Members**

Mrs. Keith asked about the status of Rezone Petition 08-07 and recommended the committee read correspondence from Brian Lichterman dated September 30, 2008 regarding an amendment to the Osprey Revitalization Plan.

Ms. Kohatsu asked if the committee would appoint someone to represent the ORC at the upcoming Planning Commission public hearing for Rezone Petition 08-07. Mr. Noyes stated he would entertain a motion to recommend approval of the petition. Motion was not moved.

Mr. Merrill questioned the petition's adherence to the committee's vision of the waterfront area. Ms. Kohatsu was asked to invite staff from Zoning in order to clarify zoning categories. Ms. Kohatsu agreed.

Mr. Noyes requested a second round of invitations to waterfront property owners be mailed. Mrs. Keith stated a majority of property owners were present and asked the owners if they would come to the next meeting. Many indicated yes. Ms. Kohatsu stated that all meetings are open to the public and properly noticed. She reminded the committee that staff and the ORC must conserve resources due to budgetary constraints. She stated that if another letter was to be sent, it should clearly state expected participation outcomes, outlining the differences between this meeting and the next. Mr. Noyes reiterated that a letter should be mailed and would commit to drafting the letter.

Mr. Merrill stated he would generate a list of the obstacles and/or issues with current plans and present it at the next meeting.

Mr. Mitchell announced his resignation from the committee, citing the need to dedicate more time to his family. Ms. Kohatsu thanked him for his years of service. Discussion continued regarding Rezone Petition 08-07.

Mr. Merrill moved that the committee submit a letter to the Planning Commission stating that the Osprey Revitalization Committee takes no position on this petition, as our previous position in support was rescinded not because we objected to the plan, but because we are developing a new concept plan that is not fully drafted at this point.

Mrs. Keith offered an amendment to the motion, requesting that the letter state the following: Osprey Revitalization Committee previously took an action in support of RZ 08-07 then motioned to rescind that action not because we have taken a position in opposition, but simply because we are developing a new plan and the plan may not exactly match at this time.

Mr. Merrill accepted the amendment. Mrs. Keith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Keith requested an update on Rezone Petition 07-06. Ms. Kohatsu replied she will provide information to the committee as it becomes available.

### **Comments from the Public**

Dr. Eric Schirber asked about the Spanish Point Pub and stated concerns regarding height. Members of the committee responded that, to their knowledge, the future of the pub is under review and made reference to the current zoning ordinance regarding height.

Ms. Carmen Bass expressed her thanks to Mr. Mitchell for serving on the committee.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Dellos and seconded by Mr. Mitchell. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**Calendar of Events**

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 26** – Spanish Point, 2:00 p.m.