

MINUTES, January 9, 2008: Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by BJ Galberaith, Chairman. In attendance were Committee members Betty Sue Carroll, Randy Dahl, BJ Galberaith, Betsy McCallum, Steve Stump, and Norb Trohoski. Jeff Crimer from Growth Management and members of the community were also present.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as published.

Citizen Input

None.

Architectural

At the December 7, 2007 meeting change orders for the Genth fence were approved. Jeff Crimer noted that the permit needed ARC stamp. Also, conditional approval was granted for Sunsets' covered seating and walk. They first need engineered drawings demonstrating that the parking meets County standards.

Vision Statement

Several more vision/mission statements were collected. The Chairman will compile them and draft a composite.

Fertilizer Ordinance

Betty Sue Carroll reported that there had been news items on State-wide fertilizer standards. How and whether that impacts local ordinances is not clear. (Note: According to Jim Thompson, the report refers to recommendations from the State Fertilizer Task Force. A key provision would be that local areas must show scientific data in order to adopt more stringent rules. This has not gone to the State Legislature yet.)

Noise Ordinance

BJ Galberaith recommended that we reconsider the Noise Ordinance that had been drafted in 2004 and early 2005. Mike Konefal had asked us to table the ordinance to await a County-wide Noise Ordinance. Jeff Crimer recommended meeting with Sean Horton and the Sheriff's Office to discuss the regulation and enforcement issues. Jeff agreed to send us any information he can find on existing County noise regulations.

Old/New Business

The Amendment for PD and MMF-T zoning districts' setbacks parameters was approved by the BCC on December 18, 2007.

Jeff Crimer again suggested that we discuss the need for an As Built's amendment with one or more Commissioner, since additional surveys could be interpreted as a hardship for developers.

Special Reports and Administration

Jeff Crimer reported that he had received no further information on any of the pending lawsuits.

The sign at Holiday and Shoreview is being dealt with by Commercial Code Compliance, and the sign at Mockingbird and Holiday has been removed.

START. Betsy McCallum reminded everyone to spread the word about the START forum at 9:00AM, February 8 at Suncoast Auditorium. There will be several renowned speakers addressing the problems of Harmful Algal Blooms.

SMKA. The next meeting will be January 15, at 2:00PM in the Gulf-To-Bay Clubhouse. Representative Michael Grant will speak on the proposed Property Tax changes. Directories will be distributed at the end of the meeting.

MSTU. No report.

Committee/Citizen Input and Comments

Randy Dahl distributed a list of suggestions for the Advisory Committee. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM. The next meeting will be February 6, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary