

MINUTES, January 16, 2008: Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM by BJ Galberaith, Chairman. In attendance were Committee members Betty Sue Carroll, Randy Dahl, John Dubowik, BJ Galberaith, Betsy McCallum, 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

No report.

Orientation

Betsy gave an historical description of the evolution of MASKAC -- from a group of concerned citizens, through Steering Committee, to Advisory Committee. Jeff Crimer explained the process for creating and passing an ordinance.

Vision Statement/2008 Goals

The Chairman recommended dropping the vision statement for the time being and focusing on specific goals for the year. After discussion, five projects were selected and one member was assigned to work on each. They follow:

1. Landscape – Betty Sue Carroll
2. Chadwick Cove, possible pump-out station or mooring field – John Dubowik
3. As-Builts – Betsy McCallum
4. Beach parking, possible shuttle – Randy Dahl
5. Noise Ordinance re-try – Norb Trohoski

Jeff Crimer distributed sheets to record noise complaints and suggested asking for Code Compliance and/or the Sheriff's log of calls on excessive noise. Documentation of the problem will generate interest in the ordinance. Shawn Horton from Code Compliance and members of the Sheriff's department have been invited to the February 20th meeting to discuss the Noise Ordinance.

Recommendations for 2008

Betty Sue Carroll led a discussion of Randy Dahl's suggestions for 2008. Consensus was to retain 9:30AM as starting time and to continue meeting twice a month, but to revisit the subject of less frequent meetings later in the spring. There was discussion about using a more formal structure for meetings and agenda. It was agreed to try having a short Citizens' Input period at the end of each major topic. The question of MASKAC's interface with SMKA and MSTU and the role of each as a community forum was discussed. Randy Dahl agreed to work on the issue with Steve Stump.

Special Reports and Administration

There was discussion about the pending lawsuits. Jeff Crimer said that the developers were hoping to be awarded the density allowed before adoption of the Overlay Code

START. Betsy McCallum reminded everyone to spread the word about the START forum at 9:00AM, February 8 at Suncoast Auditorium.

MSTU. Watering of the Roundabout plantings has been restricted.

SMKA. At the January 15 meeting, Representative Michael Grant urged passage of the proposed property tax amendment. (The Chamber of Commerce forum on January 17 may present a more balanced view.) SMKA donated \$1000 to the reward fund for information leading to the arrest of the bridge-tender's muggers.

Committee/Citizen Input and Comments

There was input from the audience that the "open forum" approach was appreciated and generally did not detract from the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary