

MINUTES, February 6, 2008: Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM 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

Minutes from the February 1st ARC meeting had been distributed. The single applicant, a fence at Spinaker Bay, had not brought sufficient information to recommend for or against approval.

2008 Business

1. As-Builts – Jeff Crimer suggested checking with Sarasota and Lee Counties to see how they handle the as-built issue.
2. Noise Ordinance – Norb Trohoski reported that the draft Ordinance has been sent to Colin Eggleton, who will attend the meeting on February 20.
3. Chadwick Cove, possible moorings – John Dubowik was not in attendance.
4. Beach parking, possible shuttle – Randy Dahl reported that the trolley was no longer available and asked that people check around for alternatives.
5. Landscape – Betty Sue Carroll said she had contacted the Landscape Committee, and they expect to meet next week.

The Committee then turned to Jeff Crimer's comments on the Noise Ordinance draft. Structurally, a number of stipulations were imbedded in the Definitions section and needed to be moved to Regulations. Also distributed, for comparison, were copies of a Noise Ordinance in effect and enforced in Lee County. There was discussion about simplifying the ordinance to spell out decibel levels allowed at given times. Tommy Brock spoke about the problems of enforcement and offered to demonstrate a decibel meter he had purchased for his own use. The Chairman asked everyone to re-draft the ordinance to make these corrections and email them to her for compilation and distribution. The issue will be revisited the first meeting in March.

Old Business and Other

Betty Sue Carroll described the recommendations of the State Task Force on a Florida Fertilizer Ordinance. If passed, the State Ordinance will limit local communities from drafting separate legislation unless they can scientifically justify it by severely impaired waters, verified harm to human health or the environment, or demonstrable prevention of environmental degradation. She also recommended that we add our endorsement to the

Charlotte County Fertilizer Ordinance, which will go before P&Z on February 11. She will attend to speak in favor.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will act on a variance request to recognize three small non-conforming lots on Meredith Land. Betsy McCallum will attend the meeting on February 13 to speak against granting the variance.

New Business

The Chairman called our attention to two land use regulation documents scheduled to go to P&Z on Monday, February 11. Staff is presenting revisions to the Waterfront Ordinance and revisions to the PD zoning designation. Both severely weaken restrictions on Coastal construction, environmental protection, and adherence to neighborhood characteristics, while opening the door to increased high density development.

There was enormous concern about this sudden news, because the Overlay Code references the existing Waterfront Ordinance, and the Zoning designation MPD is an expansion of PD. There was confusion about how this affects our Ordinance and how to go about finding information and assuring protection.

Jeff Crimer declined to comment on these ordinances and said he had not thought to give us a “heads up”, since the final documents only recently became available. He added that it was our responsibility to find out everything Staff was doing that might affect us.

The Chairman asked everyone to go through the two proposed documents and our Plan and Ordinance to highlight every reference that needs protection. BJ Galberaith will try to contact Inga Williams to get further clarification, and four members of the Advisory Committee will attend the meeting on Monday.

Special Reports and Administration

There was no new information about the pending lawsuits.

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

MSTU. The drainage project will utilize mechanisms to clean stormwater before it empties into Lemon Bay.

SMKA. Steve Stump reported that the annual picnic had been a great success. Wayne Largent is making plans for the Candidate’s Forum, which will be held in the Spring. The next SMKA meeting will be March 10.

Committee/Citizen Input and Comments

The Millers asked Jeff Crimer to explain his role and responsibilities to the Committee. Mr. Crimer said he was here simply to implement the Community Plan.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM. The next meeting will be February 20, 2008, and will focus on the Noise Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary