

MINUTES, March 19, 2008: Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:35AM by BJ Galberaith, Chairman. In attendance were Committee members Betty Sue Carroll, Randy Dahl, BJ Galberaith, Betsy McCallum, and Steve Stump. Roxann Read from Growth Management and members of the community were also present.

#### Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as published.

#### Citizen Input

Mike McClain addressed the Committee with information on his past and present research into the mooring field question. Originally suggested as a vehicle to curb pollution and eliminate live-aboards and derelict boats in Chadwick Cove, Mike felt a mooring field would not solve the problem. His suggestions were to set up an ordinance, similar to that of Sarasota, to treat derelict boats as derelict vehicles are treated. He suggested attracting well-behaved boaters by providing a dinghy dock at Chadwick Park and a coin-operated pump-out station in the area. This would attract boaters to our shops and restaurants, and eliminate the temptation to dump waste in our waters. Mike further recommended that MSTU, MASKAC, and SMKA, send a joint proposal to the County.

#### Architectural Review Committee

The Chairman tentatively approved Tamarind's request to move their dumpsters back to their original configuration. The Committee voted to approve Tamarind's request. ARC will meet March 21 and April 4. On the agenda are a dock at 2835 N. Beach Rd. and two deck projects.

#### New Business and Other

Betsy McCallum and BJ Galberaith summarized the BCC land use meeting of March 18. The Fertilizer Ordinance was passed, after elimination of the rainy season "blackout period" and a reduction in the "zone of responsibility" from 10 feet to 3 feet from the water.

The Waterfront Ordinance, revised to allow higher roofs if gables or peaks were used, and to allow certain uses to build to the seawalls, was passed, although our area was exempted.

The PD ordinance, which was revised to remove height limits, buffering and setback restrictions, and open space requirements was recommended to be brought forward for final vote on April 8. The Chairman urged everyone to attend as we have only verbal assurance by some of the Commissioners that our Overlay Code will be exempted from the changes.

#### Ordinance revisions

Betty Sue Carroll distributed copies of the proposed MPD ordinance, which incorporates changes discussed at the last meeting. Before going forward, Roxann Read suggested

sending a copy to Inga Williams. She also thought a meeting with MS Williams would be helpful, both to clarify questions we have about the revised codes and to suggest the best way to protect the principles of our Overlay Code. It was generally agreed to table revisions to our other zoning district regulations until a meeting of Roxann Read, BJ Galberaith, and Inga Williams could be arranged.

Randy Dahl distributed copies of a feasibility study he had performed on the Beach Trolley project. Based on problems regarding equipment, personnel, staging areas (mainland), liability, funding, and authority/jurisdiction, he recommended that the sub-committee be dissolved and the project tabled indefinitely. The Committee voted unanimously to accept his recommendation.

BJ Galberaith reported that the rumored County-wide “as-builts” ordinance was an old, currently un-enforced ordinance pertaining to stormwater runoff. She concluded that we still need to go forward with our regulation as it pertains to building height and position, as well as drainage.

#### Special Reports and Administration

Tom Moore had received complaints about paid parking in the Sunsets restaurant lot. The Committee could not find anything in the Overlay Code that would prohibit paid parking in a commercial area.

There was no further information about the signs at Holiday and Gulf Blvd. /Shoreview, nor about the pending lawsuits.

#### Committee/Citizen/Advisor Comments

None

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40a.m. The next meeting will be April 2, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary