

MINUTES, May 28, 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, and Steve Stump. Roxann Read from Growth Management was also present.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted with one typo corrected.

Citizen Input

None

Architectural Review Committee

No report

Old Business

The chairman reminded the group that the revised PD Ordinance for Charlotte County will go before P&Z on June 10, at 1:30pm. It will go before the BCC the following day, June 11, and again on June 24. She asked Committee members to attend, if possible.

Randy Dahl distributed a comprehensive report on the existing newspaper vending containers currently on the Islands. Listing the addresses and types of publications at each, the report showed 11 sites with varying numbers of boxes. Some appeared to be on the public right-of-way, while others were on private property. The County is in the process of drafting an ordinance on newspaper vendors, which will probably require permitting and certain standards of installation. Because the County's regulations will impact our implementation of the Community Plan's requirement that newspaper vending apparatus be placed in kiosks, no action was taken at this time.

Roxann Read passed out copies of the Overlay Code, revised to include changes from the last meeting, with highlighted sections that still need work. She asked the Committee to study the draft during the week, being mindful of the Sunshine Law.

New Business

Steve Stump introduced two guests, recommended by SWFWMD, who represent Oldcastle Coastal, a company which produces and installs permeable interlocking concrete pavers. Allison Willmeng and Sam Riddel explained that a base of various sized layers of rock, rather than sand, allows water to rapidly drain through into the ground. Their firm produces a number of pavers designed with gaps or holes to further facilitate drainage. Other companies produce such pavers, also, and our guests recommended checking for ICPI certified pavers and installation.

Special Reports and Administration

There was no new information on the pending lawsuits.

Steve Stump reported that a SMKA newsletter would be coming out next month.

Committee/Citizen/Advisor Comments

Randy Dahl asked about the LEED (“green” building standards) certification possibly being used as a “Community Enhancement” to offset added height in PD zoning. He questioned whether the use of permeable interlocking pavers or other “green” construction techniques would satisfy the requirement.

Betty Sue Carroll asked about a lot which appears to be cleared of trees and brush without a visible posted permit.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be June 4, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary