

MINUTES, September 3, 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, John Dubowik, BJ Galberaith, Steve Stump, and Norb Trohoski. Roxann Read from Growth Management was also present.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as published.

Citizen Input

None

Architectural Review Committee

1. The White Elephant is requesting a variance for the installed fabric patio cover.
2. An application for a shed at 3085 Bay Oaks Circle was approved.
3. An application for repairs at Tamarind was approved.
4. Sept. 5: Preliminary review for single family dwelling 1080 Shoreview.
5. Sept. 19: 2406 N. Beach Rd. (Bougainvillea). Motel.
6. Sept. 19: 1080 Shoreview. Non-conforming hotel – reconstruction.
7. Sept. 19: 955 Gulf Blvd. Single family Variance and final review.
8. Sept. 19: 1465 Gulf Blvd. Single family preliminary.
9. Sept. 19: 1286 Shoreview. Single family.

Old/New Business

Anticipating Committee alarm over changes that had been made to the 7/15/08 draft of the reorganized Overlay Code by Inga Williams and the County Legal staff, Roxann Read distributed a list of positive changes the Staff revision would provide. She also distributed copies of the 8/28/08 (Staff) version, which incorporates changes suggested by Staff and Legal and had been previously distributed to the Advisory Committee by email. She reiterated that Staff plans to post the 8/28/08 version on the internet as soon as possible and to field comments from the public only in writing or by email. The Staff position was that Advisory Committee members were free to send their written comments as citizens. The 8/28/08 version has been scheduled for the P&Z meeting of November 10, 2008.

Because a number of Staff and Legal changes concerned issues of importance to residents, the Advisory Committee asked whether they could suggest compromises or changes to protect portions of the current Overlay Code. Ms. Read agreed to accept emailed suggestions or comments from the Committee and to bring them to the attention of Jeff Ruggeri since Inga Williams is on vacation. A few of the issues were discussed, including deletion of the Signs ordinance, deletion of the fire hydrant provision, allowing pounding of pilings, aggregate green-space when lots are combined, replacing single family (zoned) dwellings with multi-family, and requiring exterior plans changes to revisit ARC. Needing clarification were whether PD zoning could be prohibited on the Islands, correcting the definition of Sandpiper Key, and the Overlay Code's relationship to the revised Waterfront Ordinance.

The Committee also felt that what had begun as a simple reorganization/restructuring of an existing code was now a substantially changed ordinance. Therefore, it should be delayed until the majority of residents return to the Islands and should be presented to the residents in at least one open forum. Betty Sue Carroll moved that we recommend postponing the posting the 8/28/08 draft on the internet until the Advisory Committee has a chance to review the changes with Staff and Legal. Norb Trohoski seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Roxann Read mentioned that Derek Rooney and Rich Brown from the County Legal Staff plan to meet with the Advisory Committee September 17th from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

The Chairman asked the Committee members to do a careful line-by-line examination of three versions: the existing (8/15/07) Overlay Code, the Recommended Final (7/15/08) draft, and the Staff & Legal (8/28/08) draft. Any issues of significance should be emailed to Roxann Read.

Special Reports and Administration

MSTU will meet on September 10. Steve Stump reported that the major newspapers are in favor of permanent modular devices to vend papers. Dealing with “free” publications and limiting extra free-standing units needs further investigation. A representative from the Sun will attend the next MSTU meeting.

Committee/Citizen/Advisor Comments

None.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40am. The next meeting will be September 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary