

MINUTES, October 15, 2008: Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:45AM by BJ Galberaith, Chairman. In attendance were Committee members Betty Sue Carroll, Randy Dahl, John Dubowik, BJ Galberaith, and Steve Stump. Roxann Read from Growth Management was also present, as was one member of the public.

Secretary's Report

Because several Committee members had not received the minutes from the previous meeting, the Secretary's report was tabled.

Citizen Input

None

Architectural Review Committee

October 3, 2008:

1. 1975 Beach Road: Recommended denial.
2. 955 Gulf Blvd. Boat house: Requires at least one variance.
3. 1255 Gulf Blvd.: Needs more information.
4. 1855 Gulf Blvd.: Requesting variance.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 1:30PM, Suncoast Architectural offices, 370 W. Dearborn St., Englewood, FL:

1. Bougainvillea Bay

Still open for review:

1. 1080 Shoreview
2. 1465 Gulf Blvd.
3. 1286 Shoreview

There was discussion about the effective additional density of motels and hotels when set up as "condo-hotels". Several members felt this should be addressed in the Overlay Code.

Old Business

Despite Attorney Derek Rooney's excellent explanations of legal issues and answers to a number of general questions, the Chairman suggested we prioritize certain specific items and find ways to implement them. Of those listed in the meeting Agenda, the Committee agreed to focus on the following:

- 1.) The problem of MPD/PD.
- 2.) A short, concise Signage section.
- 3.) Correcting relationship to the Waterfront Ordinance. Anything implied through the language, "the most restrictive shall prevail", must be spelled out.
- 4.) Finding a way to limit the pounding of pilings. (The Chairman had researched this issue and found that other areas restrict hours or seasons for piling pounding, that many locations require bonds or insurance, and that the DOT limits pounding within 300 feet of another building.)

- 5.) Ensuring that the recommendations of the ARC have the attention of DRC and that exterior modifications are brought to the attention of ARC.
- 6.) Protecting single family residents from zoning changes that might result in adjacent multi-family development.

The Committee agreed that a mutually agreeable solution to the addition of density caused by combining lots could be achieved by a wording change. Randy Dahl summarized the most important issues and suggested concentrating on them.

New Business and Other

Review of the County's new Sign Ordinance was tabled.

Special Reports and Administration

Roxann Read announced that she would have to limit her attendance at Advisory Committee meetings to once a month. She assured the Committee that she would continue her support via electronic communication.

Steve Stump and BJ Galberaith reported that the MSTU had been advised of a recent dramatic increase in high value theft related to increased human smuggling on our coast. The Coast Guard is advising people to be on the lookout for heavily weighted "cigarette" boats, especially those with large numbers of passengers and extra gas cans. Call 474-3233 if anything suspicious is sighted.

The next SMKA newsletter will go out within the week, and the next meeting is scheduled for November 17. Suggested changes to the By-Laws will be taken up, and the guest speaker will address human smuggling and related criminal activity. Steve Stump said SMKA would like to run a "sign" vehicle up and down the road to remind people to vote.

Committee/Citizen/Advisor Comments

There was discussion about whether to consider additions to the Overlay Code. Because the working draft is no longer a simple reorganization of an existing ordinance, changes might be appropriate at this time. The Chairman asked the members to bring any suggested changes to the next meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. The next meeting will be November 5, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary