

MINUTES, December 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, Randy Dahl, John Dubowik, BJ Galberaith, Betsy McCallum, Steve Stump, and Norb Trohoski, as well as members of the public. Roxann Read from Growth Management was also present.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Citizen Input

None

Architectural Review Committee

ARC will meet on Friday, Dec. 5. Three projects, John Ursu, 1465 Gulf Blvd., a screened lanai for a Mr. Larson, and a new project hand delivered by Roxann Read, will be reviewed.

Old Business

The Chairman distributed copies of a draft of the Overlay Code which was based on the 8/28/08 (Staff) version, but incorporated the changes voted upon at the last meeting, as well as a number that had not yet been addressed. She also distributed a line by line reference sheet, showing which items still required a vote. The Committee went through the list and voted on the remaining issues.

Next, the Chairman passed out a list of changes and corrections she had found in the draft. Those also were discussed and a voted upon.

Betty Sue Carroll pointed out that she had had problems with 2 of the charts: MMFT should read "Side and rear (abutting the Gulf of Mexico) – 50'" and "Side and rear (abutting water) – 35'", and the MCT commercial chart should read "Side and rear (abutting the Gulf of Mexico) – 50'" and "Side and rear (abutting water) – 20'".

The Secretary agreed to incorporate today's changes into a new document to be submitted as the Advisory Committee's recommended draft to be posted for public comment.

Roxann Read cautioned the group that Staff may have problems with portions of this draft and will only post a document with which they are comfortable. Because of the December 5 deadline for posting, the Committee would not see the final version presented for public comment. A number of people objected to posting a draft for the public that did not reflect the input from the Advisory Committee. There was also objection to posting a draft containing significant changes to local laws during the Christmas Holidays.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed to request a one month postponement of the P&Z presentation until March, in hopes that Staff and the Advisory Committee could come to agreement over the few remaining problem issues.

The Committee also asked Roxann Read to convey a request to Staff and/or Legal to provide help, as previously offered, in find solutions to problem issues, rather than simply deleting them from the Overlay Code. Tom Smith pointed out that the current Overlay Code is current law.

New Business

BJ Galberaith reported that she had begun an analysis of the County's revised Sign code, in order to determine what needs to be qualified or changed for the Manasota and Sandpiper Keys area. Tom Smith advised the group to keep it minimal or to simply use the County sign code.

Having long taken advantage of Mr. Smith's expertise in zoning and land use issues, the Committee formally asked him for assistance. He agreed, and the Committee voted unanimously to retain Tom Smith as a Planning Consultant.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM. The next meeting will be December 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary