

MINUTES, January 21, 2009: Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:40AM by BJ Galberaith, Chairman. In attendance were Committee members Betty Sue Carroll, Randy Dahl, BJ Galberaith, and Norb Trohoski.

Important Dates

2.9.09: Overlay Code goes before P&Z.

3.17.09: Overlay Code goes before BCC.

4.21.09: Overlay Code goes before BCC for final decision.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Architectural Review Committee

The ARC, using the new procedure discussed at the last meeting, recommended disapproval for two projects due to lack of complete information. They were (preliminary) Holske, 3065 N. Beach Rd. and (final) Shifflett, 4005 Bay Oaks Circle. Repair of a dock at 180 Sabal Land was recommended for approval.

Old Business

The January 7, 2008, open meeting at Tringali Center was discussed. A number of attendees had complained that there had not been an introduction explaining what changes were being made to the existing Overlay Code, what the effects of those changes would be, and why they were being recommended by County Staff. People were reluctant to speak out because they lacked a clear understanding of the issues.

The Committee asked the Secretary to request email copies of the emails or other comments that had been received in response to the posted draft, as well as a copy of the minutes taken at the open meeting.

New Business

The next order of business was planning for the February 4 Advisory Committee meeting and the P&Z meeting on February 9. Nothing has yet been posted on the County website nor distributed to the Committee that contains the County's final draft of the proposed Overlay Code revision or the Legal Department's recommendations for dealing with the pilings issue.

The Chairman warned that there may be very little time to examine the draft if Staff does not release it soon. She also recommended comparing the final draft with the draft submitted to Staff on 7/15/08.

Other Business

The Chairman urged the Committee to begin examining the County's new sign code to determine what differences would be required in this area. She recommended reviewing

the Charlotte Harbor CRA sign code for direction and approach. In discussion, Committee members felt that clearly marked, uniformly placed monument signs should be used to identify condos and lodging facilities for the benefit of tourists and other visitors. Those signs should contain the street numbers to help prevent confusion.

Special Reports and Administration

The Bzura property was put up for public auction on January 17. There was no information on whether it had been sold.

The next MSTU meeting will be January 14, 2009.

Committee Members/Advisor Comments

There have been more instances of “No Trespassing” signs, as well as posts and ropes on the beach.

Vern Buchanan will hold a town hall meeting to discuss economic recovery on 1/23/09, at 5:30PM, in the Robert Anderson Building, 4000 South Tamiami Trail, Venice.

Citizen Input

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM. The next meeting will be February 4, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary