

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board  
October 10, 2013 5:30PM  
Ocracoke Community Center

Board members present: Jerry Midgett, Sharon Justice, Corky Pentz, Amy Johnson, BJ Oelschlegel, Butch Bryan, and Tom Payne

Also present: Planning Assistant Averi Simmons and members of the public.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pentz

Consideration of Agenda

- No Changes

Review of September Minutes

- No minutes presented, will be reviewed at November meeting

New Business

- Beginnings of the Ocracoke Development Ordinance
  - Alton Balance & Ann Ehringhaus gave an overview of how the ODO came about.
  - Island began to see more growth and development in the 1980's, and needed to address issues of setbacks to property lines and concerns about the height of some new buildings.
  - Biggest issue was/is the building Inspector needs to be responsible for enforcement of ordinance.
  - Lapses in effectiveness
  - People didn't know to go to the Board of Adjustment to request changes
- Discussion of current ordinance and related issues
  - Signage
  - How to make ordinance fairer to everyone.
  - Enforcement
  - Could possibly begin addressing fines for non-compliance
  - Confusion about how to interpret some parts (Travel-Trailer, Pop-Up Vendors, Signage)
  - Same problems as before, but now with added traffic and more signage
  - Ordinance needs some "teeth"
  - Lots of grandfathering in on regulations
- Planning for the Future, Blueprint for the Future, and General Development Plan
  - Mission Statement & Vision – What's involved? How to start?
  - Issues for Development: Housing, tourist accommodations
  - Transportation: Golf carts, high-speed passenger ferries
  - Ensure safety and enjoyment of one's property.

Old Business

- Mr. Ducker (UNC School of Government) – Postponing his visit until the board is closer to being ready for insight regarding the ODO and other Island planning issues.

- Next meeting the board will discuss where to start with changes to ODO
- Asking Jerry Hardison for a “Top Ten” list of his ordinance issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2013 at 5:30PM