

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board
January 16, 2014 5:30PM
Ocracoke Community Center

Board members present: Jerry Midgett, Sharon Justice, Corky Pentz, Amy Johnson, Tom Payne

Board members absent: Butch Bryan, BJ Oelschlegel

Also present: Commissioner John Fletcher, Public Information Officer Sarah Johnson, four members of the public.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pentz

Review of November 2013 Minutes

- Minutes approved

Consideration of Agenda

- No changes

Old Business

- Jerry Hardison briefs the Board about issues he has implementing the ODO
 - Many items in the ODO are not clearly written, there are undefined terms subject to interpretation, and several inconsistencies
 - Examples:
 - Non-conforming situations - what constitutes “destroyed”?
 - Could change to “destroyed or removed”
 - Base flood height
 - Current base flood is 6 ft and Hyde County instituted 1 ft. of free board
 - New base flood height will likely be determined ~2016
 - Duplexes
 - No definition of duplex. Jerry wants clarification about lot size and number of residences allowed on lot, especially for 5000 sq. ft. lot
 - ODO enforcement map
 - A map of Ocracoke as it pertains to the ODO is supposed to be in Jerry’s office, but Jerry doesn’t have it or know where to find it. Amy has looked for this map to no avail.
 - Requirement for multiple copies of paperwork
- Tom Pahl’s progress on voluntary regulations proposal
 - Jerry – if the OCBA is going to deal with the signs, and OPAB is not going to, why don’t we just delete that section out of the ODO?
 - Amy & Corky – the Board should leave that section along and see what OCBA comes up with

- Amy – if the Stormwater Committee gets the NCDOT district engineer to come to the island, they will likely enforce the rules & make people move signs off of the right of way
- Question from resident Benji Hart– what is the problem with the signs? We should be trying to get people to come to the island and be writing positive things in the paper about Ocracoke rather than bad things about the signs. The Board should be worrying about bigger issues that aren't being enforced.

New Business

- ODO
 - Mr. Ducker from the UNC School of Government says he is ready help whenever the Board wants

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday February 13, 2014 at 5:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM