

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015 at 7:30PM
Ocracoke Community Center

Board members present: Jerry Midgett, Corky Pentz, Benji Hart, Butch Bryan, and Tom Payne

Board members absent: Amy Johnson & Sharon Justice (due to health issues)

Also present: Commissioner Fletcher, PIO Sarah Johnson, and 2 members of public

Pre-meeting Discussion

- Corky reviews last month's meeting. Commissioner Fletcher says the money to hire a dedicated ODO officer will not likely be issued by the Commissioners from the general fund. Commissioner Fletcher is also looking into whether or not it is legal to have an ordinance that only applies to one precinct not the entire county.
 - *(County Attorney Fred Holscher clarified at the 2/2/2015 Commissioners meeting that it is legal to have separate ordinances)*
- Commissioner Fletcher wants the Board to consider the following:
 - Signs – Commissioner Fletcher suggests the ordinance deal with signs by stipulating signs may only be out during open business hours. If the business has an illuminated sign, it may only be illuminated during open business hours.

Review of December 4, 2014 Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes by Benji. Second by Butch. All in favor, none opposed.

Consideration of Agenda

- Jerry would like to add a topic to new business

Public Comment

- Open discussion of issues impacting tourism and business on the island including ferry schedules, ORV rules, etc.

Chairpersons Report

- Review of Commissioners meeting 1/5/2015

New Business

- Jerry wants to hear from the county attorney about the 400 ft. rule if it's not enforceable the Board doesn't see the point of having the ODO. Commissioner Fletcher notes it could maybe be enforced via civil penalty (which is attached to a tax bill) rather than a fee structure.

Old Business

- How much of the ODO is left to review?
 - The Board has reviewed 12 pages of the ODO, with 11 more to go.

- Moving forward: survey? public comment meeting?
 - Corky wants to send out a survey to the community prior to holding two community meetings that will dictate the focus of ODO review. The Board will then rewrite the document before sending to Mr. Ducker for his review.

- Continue review of ODO
 - Tabled until 2/12/15. Will pick up review at *Section 36-176 Signs (Section 36-183 Home occupations* has been addressed)

- Contact Mr. Ducker with some idea of when the Board will be ready to work on ODO
 - Corky will contact Mr. Ducker

Public Comment

- None

Next meeting set for Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the Ocracoke Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Benji. Second by Jerry. All in favor, none opposed.