

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2015 at 5:30PM  
Ocracoke Community Center

Board members present: Jerry Midgett, Benji Hart, Amy Johnson, Butch Bryan, Tom Payne

Board members absent: Corky Pentz & Sharon Justice (due to health issues)

Also present: Planning & Economic Development Director Kris Noble, PIO Sarah Johnson, and 5 members of public

Review of January 8, 2015 Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes by Jerry. Second by Amy. All in favor, none opposed.

Consideration of Agenda

- Keep only one public comment period at the end of the meeting. Public comments will be kept to three minutes and should be directed to the Board as a whole.

Old Business

- Continue review of ODO
  - *Section 36-176 Signs (Section 36-183 Home occupations has been addressed)*
    - (a) No changes necessary
    - (b) Butch suggests adding regulation in (b)(3) to prevent flashing neon signs, no final decision made
    - (c)(1) needs clarification of maximum size limits for signs affixed to buildings
    - (c)(3) needs to define ‘freestanding sign’
    - Butch doesn’t think the Board should dictate that businesses need to move signs on a daily basis, but thinks businesses should remove their signs within 10 days after they close for the season
      - No final decision made
  - The Board would like to hear a follow up from Commissioner Fletcher regarding the County Attorney’s opinion on the 400 square foot rule for cottage industry.
    - Benji will attend the 3/2 Commissioner’s Meeting to inquire

Public Comment

- Bubby – wants to start building some cabins at Teeter’s campground. 14x24 ft or 12x12 efficiency cabins with a toilet and shower, no stove. Talked to Hugh Watson who said it could be classified as a ‘camper’ and tie into the existing septic. Will be nightly and weekly rentals. He eventually would like to have about 12 cabins.
  - Inspector Hardison says the Board may need to consider creating regulations for a campground as its not covered already.
  - Butch would like to address the idea of a campground regulation at the next meeting in March.
- Tyke – Wants the 10 day waiting period for the building permit to be eliminated.

- **Jerry makes a motion to remove the 10-day waiting period for a building permit, and to follow the same rule the mainland does. Seconded by Benji. All in favor, none opposed.**
  - Sarah will make sure this goes to Lois to be on the agenda for March.
- Tyke also asks that there not be a set regulation for the pitch of a residential building.
  - Amy suggests this gets discussed at the March meeting.
- Peter asks about the outlook of hiring a fulltime ODO officer. Butch explains Commissioner Fletcher is not in favor, but it's not completely out of question.

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

Motion to adjourn by Amy. Second by Tom. All in favor, none opposed.