

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014 at 5:30PM
Ocracoke Community Center

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

Board members absent: Butch Bryan

Also present: Commissioner John Fletcher, Inspector Jerry Hardison, PIO Sarah Johnson, four members of the public

Chairman Pentz calls to order at 5:37pm and welcomes new member Benji Hart to the Board

Review of March 20, 2014 Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes by Jerry. Second by Sharon, all in favor, and none opposed.

Consideration of Agenda

- No changes necessary.

Public Comment

- Commissioner Fletcher presents a resolution passed on Monday April 7, 2014 by the Board of Commissioners regarding NPS regulation of beach access and use.
- Tom Cain presents plans for adding an elevated garage with a bonus room on his Back Road property. He doesn't see any issue within the language of the ODO, but wants the Board's opinion.
 - Inspector Hardison says he has the appropriate 10,000 square feet needed for two dwellings on a property so even if the additional room could be construed as an additional living area, he has enough space.

Chairperson's Report

- Vehicles similar to golf carts?
 - Corky spoke with Sheriff Jason Daniels, who said those vehicles are definitely illegal. The issue rests with the police to enforce.
- Travel Trailer Ordinance...revisit?
 - Commissioner Fletcher wants to revisit the Travel Trailer Ordinance.
 - Amy states she was the only current Board member serving at the time the Ordinance was amended. She does not like the language how it is.
 - Corky feels 5,000 square foot minimum for a camper is too much.
 - Discussion of conflicting wording regarding road-readiness and FEMA requirements.
 - Board decides to discuss this topic further as they work through the ODO.

- Weekend ORV beach pass?
 - Corky requests the PIO draft of resolution in favor of lifeguards and daily beach passes. Sarah will work with Corky and Commissioner Fletcher to draft a resolution.

New Business

- ODO discussion
 - Commissioner Fletcher and Benji request a bound ODO copy, Sarah will bring them each a copy at the next meeting in May.
 - Division 1 Generally > Section 36-145 Definitions and rules of construction:
 - *Impervious surface area:*
 - Amy says there is a concrete that water can pass through. Inspector Hardison would, in that case, require proof.
 - *Lot:*
 - Comment from Corky that a few parcels were sold without road access.
 - *Lot coverage:*
 - Amy points out that the language should read pool(s), not pool for legal reasons.
 - *Parking space:*
 - Confusion about “The term “parking space” shall always be any dedicated right-of-way.”
 - Stopped discussion after *Signs* and before *Sign Area*

Old Business

- Discussion of flag code amendment passed in Kill Devil Hills.
- Grandfathering
 - Mr. Fletcher – hasn’t talked to the County Attorney yet.
 - Sarah will follow up in two weeks when over in Swan Quarter if Mr. Fletcher hasn’t.
 - Jerry Midgett would like to hear what the County Attorney says. If the grandfathering clause can’t be removed, Jerry thinks the Board should get rid of the Outdoor Sales Ordinance.
- Discussion of changing meeting time to a different date and time, but no decision made. Board members agree to check their schedules and revisit the topic in May.

Public Comment

- None.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday May 8, 2014 at 5:30PM.

Jerry motions to adjourn at 7:08PM. Second by Benji, all in favor, and none opposed.