

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board  
September 19, 2013, 2013 5:30PM  
Ocracoke Community Center

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

Board members absent: None

Also present: Planning & Economic Dept. Director Kris Noble, Inspector Jerry Hardison, Public Information Officer Sarah Johnson, and ~4 citizens

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pentz

#### New Business

- Presentation by Robin Payne & Melinda Sutton
  - Robin & Melinda went to a conference about “Balancing Nature & Commerce in Communities that Neighbor Public Lands” and attended a workshop by land use planner Ed McMahon
  - Take-aways from Ed McMahon’s workshop:
    - Community image is critical to economic vitality and quality of life.
    - Sustainable tourism is low-impact and high yield compared to high volume tourism. Sustainable tourism begins with assessing your communities’ assets.
    - Reinforce the images of your community that appear in your marketing materials.
    - The people in the community need to be able to communicate the area’s assets and be able to help visitors experience them.
    - How much is too much? You need to recognize your limits.
- Discussion
  - Question from Amy about historic design and flood insurance regulation affecting re-investment monies. Comments about being able to petition for exemptions for historic design projects.
  - Butch thinks a major change to the Island is a change from people who want to come for several day to day-trippers, which he attributes to the Hatteras ferry running more trips during the day than previously.
  - Discussion of NCDOT right-of-ways conflicting with signage regulation and property maintenance in general. NCDOT has a 75-foot right-of-way from the centerline of NC HWY 12 in certain sections of the village. Discussion of petitioning the DOT to narrow the right-of-way.
- Outcome
  - Question from BJ whether or not the Board is interested in addressing the issue brought up in Melinda and Robin’s presentation.
  - Butch would like to bring OCBA and OPAB and other pertinent boards together to address one specific issue.

- Motion by Butch to continue the dialogue with OCBA in regard to this issue. Second by BJ. All approved.
- Discussion of how to get more long-time local residents informed and involved.
  - Question from BJ of how to get the voice of the people?
  - Amy suggests the Board work on a “best plan”, whatever it may be, then post it at the Post Office prior to holding a voting referendum.

#### Additions and changes to Agenda

- None

#### Review of minutes from 8/8/2013

- Motion to approve the minutes by Amy, second by Butch, all approved.

#### Old Business

- Alton Balance and Ann Ehringhaus will give a presentation at the October meeting about the start of the Land Use Planning Advisory Committee (c. 1984) and the resulting Ordinance in 1986.
- Corky believes that efforts to involve Mr. Ducker from the UNC Institute of Government need to be postponed to a later date.

#### Public Comments

- None

Motion to adjourn Sharon, second by Amy, all approved.

Next meeting set for Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:30PM.