

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Ocracoke Community Center

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

Board members absent: None

Also present: PIO Sarah Johnson, and 4 members of the public

Review of August 13, 2015 meeting minutes

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

Consideration of the agenda

- No changes necessary

Chairperson's report:

- Contact with Mr. Ducker
 - Corky had a 45 minute discussion with Mr. Ducker about two weeks ago. Mr. Ducker wants to continue helping the Board post-retirement, possibly as a consultant. Corky sent him a permit package for the ODO.

Old Business

- Mr. Ducker's review
 - Corky says Mr. Ducker didn't change any of the rules, he only suggested word changes. Mr. Ducker did question parking spaces being in the right-of-way. He did change a good amount of the variance board but Corky says it's the same result just formatted differently.
 - Butch doesn't see any changes in Ducker's review other than deleting some of the words within a sentence.
 - Jerry suggests that since he didn't make any changes, the Board should leave the ODO the way it is.
 - Corky says the changes are necessary so the document is strong legally.
- Discussion of right-of-ways
 - There is a 150 foot right of way on HWY 12
 - Ward Garrish comments that if the DOT would maintain their right of way from Hatteras Inlet to the intersection of Back Rd, it would look nice coming into the village.
 - Ward says they tried to decrease the 150 foot right of way at one point, but the property owners would have had to pay for the telephone poles to be moved. Ward says people aren't paying taxes on the right of way, and they are using that property.

- Butch comments that if the state decides to enforce the right of way all the signs will have to be removed.
- Corky says we ought to talk to DOT, but that opens up a can of worms
- Sharon thinks the Board better leave it alone

- Enforcement
 - Butch says if the County is not going to enforce the ordinance it is not worth reviewing
 - Benji asks who will actually enforce the ordinance? He asks what the county will do beyond writing a letter of warning.
 - Inspector Hardison says the process is for the county to write a letter stating an issue of non-compliance. The property owner then issues an appeal. Then the variance board considers the issue and makes a decision. After that it goes to county court.

- Signage
 - Corky's idea is to allow sandwich boards 4 ft high 3 ft wide.

New Business

- None

Public Discussion

- None

Next meeting date:

- **Thursday October 8, 2015 at 5:30 pm was rescheduled to October 15, 2015 due to Hurricane Joaquin.**

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