

MINUTES, January 7, 2009: Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by BJ Galberaith, Chairman. In attendance were Committee members Betty Sue Carroll, John Dubowik, BJ Galberaith, Betsy McCallum, Steve Stump, and Norb Trohoski, as well as members of the public. Roxann Read from Growth Management was also present.

Important Dates

- 1.7.09: Community open meeting to discuss Overlay revision. Tringali Center, 6:00pm.
- 1.14.09: Variance request for Cobb residence.
- 2.9.09: Overlay Code goes before P&Z.
- 3.17.09: Overlay Code goes before BCC.
- 4.21.09: Overlay Code goes before BCC for final decision.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as corrected.

Architectural Review Committee

Two projects were approved at the Dec. 19 ARC meeting: A room addition at 4005 Bay Oaks Circle received preliminary approval, and the second part of the project at 1080 Shoreview was approved.

There was discussion concerning pending ARC reviews and about ways of streamlining the process between County Staff and ARC. Because a number of applicants come to ARC without the required documentation, it was agreed that County would give a project an initial review before forwarding it to ARC, so that ARC would be able to act on a complete package.

Old/New Business

The next order of business was planning for the evening's open public meeting to present the reorganized/revised Overlay Code. Inga Williams and Roxann Read will attend, along with one of the Staff attorneys. Roxann Read said that she would present opening comments and that a few Committee members could say a few words about some of the issues. She cautioned the Committee that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the citizens' views, rather than those of the Advisory Committee.

There was some confusion among attendees as well as Committee members about what changes had been made subsequent to posting on the web. Although Roxann Read did not have an up-to-date copy, she went through the changes agreed upon at the last meeting and found that most had been accepted by Jeff Ruggieri but had not gone through the legal department.

Regarding pilings, a number of people had gathered information from other communities about pile driving restrictions. Some areas address this problem from the noise angle, restricting such practices during tourist season or time of day, while others take the

approach of preventing adjacent structural damage by limiting vibrations or posting insurance or bonds. Ms. Read said that the most recent Overlay Draft had wording to the effect that “pile driving shall be prohibited as a method of establishing foundations.” It was the feeling of the Committee that Legal would not accept that wording, and that the public needed to be made aware of other areas’ restrictions.

Roxann Read then gave the Chairman copies of the emails she had received from Citizens concerned about changes to the Overlay Code. Most addressed pile driving, setbacks from water, and fire hydrants.

Special Reports and Administration

Steve Stump reported that the next SMKA meeting will be Monday, January 12, at 2:00pm, with Jay Linden from Englewood Water District as speaker. The next MSTU meeting will be January 14, 2009.

Committee Members/Advisor Comments

Betty Sue Carroll suggested that a concise summary of permitting requirements be distributed to SMKA members.

Roxann Read reiterated that the purpose of the evening’s meeting was to encourage public comment.

Citizen Input

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM. The next meeting will be January 21, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary