



Unified Development Ordinance Committee

Meeting Minutes February 17, 2011 Public Input Meeting

Members Present: Alan Doolittle, Bill McLane, Charlie Nern, Jim Strandquist, Marci Berry, Becky Noble, Al Seibert, Eddie Walters, Carol Santavicca, and Bill McDonald-Chairman

Members Absent: Tom Vincenz

Staff Present: Gary Parker, Jeff Curtis, Cindy Nelson

Others Present: Landin Holland, Leon August, Sybil Kesterson, Carol Scott, Karen Joseph, Bob Bobinski, and many others from the general public

The first public input meeting of the Unified Ordinance Committee (UDO) was held on Thursday February 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Sunset Beach Town Hall.

The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Bill McDonald got up and introduced himself, the Committee Members, and the Council members that were present to the public at large. Bill described to the public the purpose of the UDO Committee and what the Town Council is expecting of the Committee.

Bill then turned the meeting over to Landin Holland.

Landin introduced him self. He passed around a sign in sheet and requested that those persons present provide their contact information. He offered to send out emails with meeting times and updates on the progress of the UDO Committee, until a website is set up.

Landin shared with the committee how the process of consolidating the Town Ordinances will proceed. He stated that a UDO is a consolidation of the Town Regulations such as Floodplain, Zoning, Subdivision Regulations, and Storm Water Regulations. This process will make a complete document that will be more efficient and easier to use by Town Staff and the Public alike.

With that said, Landin proceeded with information that listed the committees' roles, objectives, and goals, and also explained to the public how the process works. Landin described the various phases of the project and presented a timeline of how long the process would take. The presentation Landin gave was the same one he introduced at the February 3, 2011 meeting.

Landin highlighted the various issues that would be a topic of discussion:

1. Tree Preservation
2. Address Non Conformities
3. Update the Landscaping Ordinance
4. Update the Sign Regulations
5. Establish Design Standards
6. Update Parking Standards
7. Review District Boundary's

After the presentation, Landin opened the floor for Public input and suggestions.

Eddie Walters suggested that looking at lighting standards be considered. Landin added this to the list.

Tim Tilma, General Manager for Sandpiper Bay Golf Course read a letter he composed to the committee. The letter referenced Town Ordinance 151.196 Preservation of Trees.

The letter stated what the golf course's intentions are for wanting to cut down pine trees on the golf course. The trees are keeping sun and air flow away from the greens. Also, the tree roots are destroying the cart paths. He stressed that the issues he has is that the golf course started to cut down pine trees when they were stopped by the Town, because the Town's current ordinance will not allow trees to be cut down.

Mr. Tilma asked the letter be a submitted with the minutes.

Landin said this is very common to define types of trees and exceptions can be written that are not unreasonable. Types of trees can be listed for removal.

Dana Connelly of Sea Trail introduced herself and stated that Sea Trail is currently experiencing the same thing. She agreed with Tim Tilma and all the issues he raised, she added that safety is a real concern with the tree roots uprooting the cart path.

In light of that discussion; tree preservation exceptions as a topic will be considered.

Tim Tilma also asked the committee to look at the sign regulations and make allowances for billboards. He described how the billboard on Route 904 and Georgetown Roads has become non-conforming.

Landin said that the committee can look at off premise signs and may be able to make allowances for billboards with in the Town limits.

Linda Thole, a former Planning Board member made a comment stressing the sign ordinance is to protect the Town and is what keeps it beautiful.

Roy Cundiff asked if the landscaping ordinance can be looked at as the overgrowth of trees and scrubs has occurred in the Twin Lakes area. The overgrowth has become very unsightly and you can no longer see the lakes. He thought there was a POA in charge of that area.

Landin answered that language could be incorporated to state that a POA must keep the growth of trees and scrubs to a certain standard.

Another citizen questioned what could be done with annexation issues? Landin answered that annexation does not fall into the UDO plan.

No other comments were made by the public. Landin explained to the audience that a web site will be set up that will for the duration of this UDO process. There will be a comment box for citizens.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Bill McDonald-Chairman

Cindy Nelson-Committee Secretary