

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999, AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was attended by Town Manager Gregory Dunham, Town Clerk Hancsak and the following members: Bud Aaskov, Kim Beaumont, Charlotte Carle, Jerry Goray, Jerry Lower, Dr. Victor Martel, Barbara Souther, and Dr. Denise Sparks. Don MaGruder was also present at the meeting.

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 27, 1999 meeting.

Mrs. Souther stated that she would like to respectfully resign from the appointment of Vice Chair and nominate Dr. Martel for the appointment. The board all concurred.

Regarding the list of priorities requested at the last meeting, Mr. Goray distributed a list of six items he thought were of mutual concern to the board members. The board agreed to use this list minus the underground wiring, because it was primarily a utility board project, as a starting point. The final list which included all the members priorities included: landscape common areas, uniform entrance signage, A1A landscape (canopy), park at A1A/Beachway, sidewalks clear of overgrown shrubs, eliminate sign pollution, place for children to play, plant list for public areas, Land Development Code suggested plant list, passive park at A1A/Woolbright, traffic calming and street lighting.

Town Clerk Hancsak stated that the underground wiring was a utility board subject. Mr. Goray stated that he still felt that beautification would go hand in hand with the project. Dr. Martel stated that he was advised there was an approximate \$3,000,000 cost associated with underground wiring. Town Manager Dunham agreed it would be very costly. Mr. Goray advised that the Island Dr. residents all contributed to the underground wiring that took place on his island. Chairman Aaskov stated that some of the lines could not be located underground due to the right-of-ways. Mr. Goray advised that FEMA funds might be available because the town was located in a hurricane area. Chairman Aaskov closed by stating that even partial lines underground would beautify the town.

Mr. Goray suggested the possibility of seeking a Community Block Grant to which Town Manager Dunham advised that there might be several conditions connected with this grant. Town Clerk Hancsak advised that the Commission had chosen not to participate in this grant in the past because of some of the conditions.

After some discussion the board listed and narrowed down the priorities as follows:

1. Park at A1A and Beachway (all agreed this should be discussed at each meeting)
2. Signs
 - a. pollution
 - b. uniformity
 - c. entrance signs
3. Entrances (which included many factors)
4. Landscape of common areas

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- a. canopy
 - b. plant list
 - c. Land Development Code suggested plant list
- 5. Place for kids to play
 - 6. Traffic Calming
 - 7. Street Lighting

Town Manager Dunham and Chairman Aaskov reminded the board that the continual maintenance for any improvements must also be considered in a long range plan.

There was some confusion as to how extensive the new park could be developed so it was agreed that the Town Manager would review the documents relating to the donation and provide the information for the board at the next meeting.

Mr. Goray left at approximately 7:00 PM.

At this point Chairman Aaskov pointed to several areas on the zoning map that either should not be beautified or developed. These areas included the property at Corrine St. zoned PC, the Thompson and Corrine St. right-of-ways (ROW's) located west of SR A1A, and probably the ROW's or alleys located between Hudson Ave./Ocean Ave., and Ocean Ave./Coconut Lane. He advised that something small could be done at the western end of the Anna St. ROW or the small parcel owned by the town east of the Inlet Cay bridge. He added that the property just southwest of the Town Hall is in the process of being purchased. The board concurred that the crossovers and possibly Old Ocean Blvd. could be beautified. Chairman Aaskov reminded that board that the town owned a 50' wide beachfront property located at the south end of Boynton Public Beach. Regarding the Corrine St. property, Town Manager Dunham stated that this property could be considered high quality if it were sold for mitigation purposes.

The board briefly discussed their dismay with the current ordinance pertaining to seagrapes on the dune. They stated that they felt the residents should be permitted to remove the seagrapes if they were replaced with acceptable plants.

At the conclusion of the meeting the board decided that the Town Manager would investigate any stipulations on the property at Beachway and A1A and the next meeting would be split between a speaker from the county addressing the park issue and the remainder discussing signs. They requested that Director Hillery be present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk