

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council
Ad Hoc Fiscal Sub Committee
Task force email: obadhocfinance@gmail.com

CDC Meeting #166
Task Force Meeting # 28
Minutes of 05.09.12
9am-Town Hall Meeting Room
Members in attendance:

Acting Chairman Renee Balter, Priscilla Sylvia, Fred Hancock, Nancy Phillips Bob Huss, James Westervelt (recorder)
Non-Voting member Christine Flynn (MVC)
Also attending BOS Chairman Kathy Burton

Item: Minutes

Minutes of Ad Hoc Fiscal Group meeting #27 & CDC meeting #165 on 04.25.12 was read, and accepted.

Item: Public Comment- None

Item: Review

Renee reviewed the goals and objectives of the task force. The goals and objectives will be read at the start of all meetings to keep the task force focused.

“To review certain aspects of Town of Oak Bluffs’ fiscal situation toward resolution of projected deficits. The examination should consider future economic expectations (growth, recession) and propose revenue increases and/or spending reductions as well as efficiencies (town and regional, including privatization). The committee report should document all opportunities reviewed, including those already implemented by the Town.

- Objective:**
- a. develops criteria for essential Town services.**
 - b. recommend efficiencies in Town operations, including cessation, privatization and regionalization.**
 - c. recommend potential spending reductions.**
 - d. recommend potential revenue increases.**

Item: Council on Aging

Renee led the group in the discussion involving the data compiled for analyzing the OB COA. Priscilla emailed everyone job descriptions on 04.25.12. Christine emailed more data on Provincetown COA, Nancy has updates from Truro and Renee received data from Shelley on certain invoices she pays for the COA. They will email Provincetown, Truro, and OB data to Terry (when she returns) for input to the master excel sheet.

Renee received questions from Mimi Davisson concerning the COA. It was decided that answers to her questions and to similar questions could be answered by reviewing the COA’s annual report to the State Office of Elder Affairs. Tisbury and Edgartown have reported to the state and Renee will ask, through the Town Administrator, to see OB’s report along with other questions.

Fuel Assistance was then discussed. It was reported by Kathy B. that Rose was responsible for fuel assistance for those over 60 year old. Susan was her back up for this and Susan also performed this for all 59 years old and younger island wide. This function was determined not to be within the scope of the COA and is a “part time” function that will be done on her own time.

Christine wondered how anyone 59 and younger would know where to go for fuel assistance since it was not a generally know service. Renee suggested she speak with J. Cage to see if we can get an overview for all elderly services provided island wide.

Nancy asked if the COA informed seniors of the “SNAP” programs.

The group discussed having the COA Director discuss his department with the group. Jim suggested that we should be consistent with all the departments we are studying. We have had input from PD Chief Blake and EMS Chief Rose in producing our reports and should do so for all departments we analyze.

Item: Announcement

Nancy announced the coming of “Mass in Motion” to the OB library on Friday 11 at 2pm. This is state sponsored program promoting healthy living and eating. She encouraged all to attend.

Item: Public Input

None

Adjournment: 10:10am

Materials: Benchmark Town COA data, Essential Services grid, excel data, COA job descriptions

Next meeting: 05.23.12

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Town Hall Meeting Room

Meeting #166

05.09.12

9am

Members Present:

Priscilla Sylvia, Renee Balter, Nancy Phillips, James Westervelt (recorder)

Minutes:

The CDC did not conduct any CDC business on previous meeting day except the above ad hoc task force so there were no minutes to approve.

Adjournment 10:10am

