

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council
Ad Hoc Fiscal Sub Committee
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CDC Meeting #172
Ad Hoc Fiscal Group Meeting # 33
Minutes of 09.12.12
9am-Town Hall Meeting Room
Members in attendance:

Chairman Terry Appenzellar, Priscilla Sylvia, Fred Hancock, Bob Huss, Iona Pressely, James Westervelt (recorder)
Also attending BOS Gail Barmakian, FinCom Chairman Steve Auerbach FinCom member Maura McGroary

Item: Minutes

Minutes of Ad Hoc Fiscal Group meeting on 08.08.12 was read, and accepted.

Item: Public Comment

None

Item: Review

Terry 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

Terry informed the group that Town Administrator Bob Whritenour asked that we put our study of the COA on hold until personnel matters are resolved.

Item: Highway Department

The group worked on finalizing the questions we would like to submit to the Highway Superintendent. Terry will send out updated highway functions. We discussed questions involving the cemetery maintenance and beach land area. Fred will recalculate the sq. ft. of the town beaches into linear feet. All of our beaches are open to the public and we are not sure if we have a clear “carry in carry out” policy and whether trashcans should be on the beach or on the Seaview Ave. sidewalk.

What is the Highway Dept. policy regarding their vehicle maintenance and replacement? Jim will review the Capital Improvement requests and resend.

The landfill is 12 acres and is required to be inspected annually by the Board of Health. The CDC has always advocated using the capped landfill for solar energy and parking and it should still be investigated.

Events like the fireworks, Summer Solstice, Tivoli Day, Possible Dreams Auction, Harbor Fest, and road races - is there a way to determine highway/parks costs involved? If so can they be recovered from the sponsor? Should there be a comprehensive policy for these types of functions?

Terry will summarize and resend the questions.

Priscilla will check on town own buildings.

Fred will recalculate town beach area.

Jim will revisit the Highway fleet CIP.

Item: Meetings

Next meetings will be 09.26, 10.17, 10.24

Item: Public Input

None

Adjournment: 10:05am

Materials: Highway Dept. Essential Services grid, excel data

Next meeting: 09.26.12

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Town Hall Meeting Room

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09.12.12

9am

Members Present:

Terry Appenzellar, Priscilla Sylvia, Iona PressleyJames 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 10:05am

