

MINUTES, January 17, 2007: Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:35AM by BJ Galberaith, Chairman. In attendance were Committee members Betty Sue Carroll, John Dubowik, BJ Galberaith, Betsy McCallum, Mike McClain, Pat Musto, and Steve Stump. Also present were Jeff Crimer, our recently-assigned County Staff advisor, and members of the public.

Important Dates

2/2/07: ARC, 9:00AM, Sandpiper Key Clubhouse. Several projects will be submitted for consideration.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was accepted as published.

Citizen Input

None

Introductions

The Chairman introduced Jeff Crimer, who will be our committee's liaison with the Charlotte County staff, and Mr. Crimer gave us a brief summary of his background, education and professional career. Committee members and attendees then introduced themselves to Mr. Crimer.

Old/New Business

Discussion of "As Builts" was tabled, as Tom Smith was not in attendance.

There was discussion about the challenge to the Overlay Code setbacks rule by Bermel Condominiums. Letters pertinent to the matter were read, and Jeff Crimer distributed a draft of amended language that would clarify the matter. The Chairman recommended that all interested attend the ARC meeting on 2/2/07, as Bermel's representative will be present.

The Chairman then read a letter from Dennis Pastor, President of Sandpiper Key Condominium Association, regarding concerns about plans to develop the Mangrove wetlands directly west of Sandpiper Key.

Officers for the Manasota and Sandpiper Keys Advisory Committee were then nominated and elected. They are as follows: Chairwoman: BJ Galberaith; Vice-Chairwoman: Betsy McCallum; Secretary: Betty Sue Carroll. Ms Galberaith expressed appreciation, on behalf of the officers, for the Committee's vote of confidence.

Architectural Review Committee

BJ Galberaith reported that the ARC had voted to recommend acceptance of minor changes to Lock N Key's addition. It was not voted upon as minutes from the ARC meeting of 1/5/07 had not yet been distributed.

At least three projects, Bermel Condominiums, Tom Principe of 1265 Shoreview, and the Genth fence, will be reviewed at the next ARC meeting, February 2 2007.

Special Reports and Administration

There was no further information on the McDaniels, Cioffe or Venetian Sands lawsuits.

Because Steve Ruth was present, the Chairman asked if he would like to discuss plans for his property. Mr. Ruth asked for input from the Committee, and Jack Landis of ARC suggested approaching the County staff to see what would be permitted and then presenting preliminary plans to ARC. Mr. Ruth then told the Committee that one building on the property was the original Chadwick home. There were various ideas for restoration and preservation of this historic building.

MSTU

Steve Stump reported that the material for the bases of the statue should be arriving soon. After that is completed, surveillance cameras will be installed. The Little Court drainage project is proceeding on schedule.

Committee/Citizen Input and Comments

The Committee was reminded to try to attend the ARC meeting on February 2, and Doug Wallace reminded everyone that parking at the Clubhouse would be unusually tight.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM. The next meeting will be February 7, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary