

Joint Committee Chairpersons Meeting March 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm at the Town Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chuck Keener, *Chair*; Brant Barnwell, *Marketing*; Gabby Kraus, *Parks and Rec*; Charlotte Philemon and Donna Budd, *Community Center*; Craig Galbraith, *P&Z*; Andy Barnard and Phyllis Mojzis, *Beach Protection*; Tony Gonsalves, *SLAP*; David Heglar, *EOC*

Minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting were approved and seconded.

Chuck's reports:

- Council approved term limits only on committees mandated by the state.(P&Z and Board of Adjustments) There are no term limits on all other committees. He also reiterated the term limits would remain staggered on the mandated committees.
- A copy of policies was attached to each agenda packet. He reminded all to read them and noted the only change was regarding the term limits.
- Citizens Finance and Budget Committee was dissolved for lack of members.
- Chuck reminded the group to collect all budget items and have them submitted by March 30, 2012. He stated that requests will be addressed after budget meetings are completed.
- Ocean Front Park has nothing to report. The bonding company has taken over and issues are now between engineers and contractors.

SLAP - Tony reported

- that 16 'P' parking signs were installed guiding people towards parking areas
- SLAP is still working on the corral which will allow for another 23 cars and vehicles over 28'. This is being worked on with DOT and ATT. Dennis will oversee this area.
- He took pictures of 25 entrances on the beach strand with needs and will submit these for a grant from Public Beach and Coastal Access. Items include solar lighting, missing signage, upgrading handicapped ramps and platforms, dog waste stations, and purchasing 4 new beach wheelchairs.
- The committee is also looking into paid parking

Planning & Zoning - Craig reported

- P&Z is recommending an ordinance defining and/or restricting alternative energy(solar panels and windmills)
- Checking into converting K Avenue to a multi use area with light businesses. They are searching other beach towns with similar plans

Marketing- Brant explained

- The committee was for paid parking and they are only interested in putting "heads in beds" and not day trippers. He will do a presentation at the April council meeting.
- The website was up and running and motel owners are able to access it at any time to add specials and things

Parks and Rec- Gabby's report included:

- Announcing the Sports Festival June 2 and 3. Events including a Triathlon, tennis tournament, bocce tournament, cornhole tournament and a softball tournament, will be scheduled throughout the weekend. The county and state will handle closing of Dow Rd.
- Craig Bloszinsky was voted vice chairman of the Parks and Rec Board
- Parks and Rec majority was against paid parking
- May 15, 2012 an intern from UNCW will begin working with the town supervisors
His Primary duties in Association with the Ocean Front Park:
Drive initiatives for the Ocean Front Park
Daily visitor service operation
Administrative tasks associated with maintaining the activities schedule
Coordinating with all departments on the use of the Ocean Front Park
Volunteer recruitment and coordination
Work with Town Marketing committees to provide advertising
Drive educational activities for children and other groups by reaching out to schools and churches or other groups on programs for an "Outdoor Classroom" at the Park.

Duties associated with other town recreational activities as directed:

Assist in

Special event coordination
Public Park inquiries
Town Recreational Committee events
Defining the internship program through observation and recommendations
Interaction with the town Public Works, Fire and Police Depts.

Community Center- Charlotte reported

- The community center is complete with 11 members
- The first of the spring garden lectures was a big success; 2 more are scheduled (one for April 21 and one for May)
- The ladies are gathering paperwork and the necessary information to present a packet to council in April. Their intent is to offer wine and beer for paid events at the center
- The majority of the committee was against paid parking.

Beach Protection- Andy explained

- distribution of new brochures to rental agencies (and showed a sample)
- He explained the committee's idea to work with HOAs in working toward keeping beaches clean by adding garbage cans beachside at HOA accesses.
- that the committee checked on feasibility of an Adopt-A-Beach program.
- that the committee is willing to work with Stormwater and SLAP regarding dog waste disposal

EOC-David reported he is advertising for more members after March council approval. He cited he needs 5 more members to staff the operations center in the government building in Wilmington.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Mojzis