

Ogden Dunes

General Code Review Committee Meeting

August 14th, 2013 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM at Fire Station

Minutes

Members

Jim Slawinski, Chair (Present)
Ken Thompson, Secretary (Present)
Bill Gregory, TC Member (Present)
Ed Hewitt (Present)
Ed Rooks (Present)

Mike Schaefer, Co-Chairperson (present)
Charles Costanza, TC Member (Present)
Connie Collins (Present)
Lynn Toomey (Present)

- **Meeting called to order** at 707p
- **Approval of Committee Minutes** from July 17th 2013 GCR Meeting – unanimously approved as written by voice vote.
- **Announcements -**
 - **Welcome to new GCR Member** Ed Rooks
 - **Extension of Restrictive Parking** from May 1st through October 1st submitted and approved by Town Council
- **Possibility of having staggered terms** for the Town Council Members (State Senator Karen Tallian to address) – The Honorable Karen Tallian was asked to explain the options of staggered terms. She did and answered questions on how to make the change, associated costs, and different options associate with the change to staggered terms and the benefits and hazards of reducing the number of wards. Jim will work on a discussion item for some proposals to reflect options on this topic.
- **Town Council procedure for reviewing/approving/rejecting** GCR Recommendations – Jim wondered about the procedure, how well the process worked for the extension of restrictive parking process worked. We discussed the process and our desire to have a log of the disposition of each of our proposals for our records. Currently we have two proposals that have been approved. The Park Board change and the extension of restrictive parking.
- **Speeding and/or sign violation fines within Ogden Dunes** to be collected within the town. Charlie Costanza explained what Kouts and Portage does and how they capture a higher percentage of the fines assessed for the town. Jim suggested we have a more directed period of time to focus on developing a proposal and will work with Charlie to get this meeting accomplished before the next meeting.
- **Formal E-Mail addresses for Town Council Members** (Karen Tallian & Ed Hewitt). Sen Tallian was asked about the desire for TC members to have their own town emails rather than using their own. She indicated that it might be helpful to sort out personal and Town Council business. Both are still discoverable or cause for a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request.
- **“Junk Car” definition change** (Bill Gregory & Jim Slawinski) – current language and proposed language on **attached**. We discussed the issue if house or not housed vehicle and decided is the vehicle was in a garage it would not be considered as a junk car to reflect the current ordinance. We discussed the language and Bill was going to talk to the Chief and see about creating a proposal that we can vote upon.
- **Garbage Container Ordinance Revision** (Mike Schaffer) – **attached** - Concern was raised over leaving garbage cans out in the street for multiple days. Other concern was the current ordinance that says they should be out of view. The problem is the current ordinance creates a hardship for some who would have to lug the garbage cans up their extensive hill. Some have created screening. Some wondered if we should continue considering the issue if there is not a current serious problem. Some advocated just encouraging people through periodic messages.
- **Continued discussion on expenditure limit** approval process for Town Council Members. (Connie Collins) tabled until Sept.
- **Possible combination of existing ordinances** involving fines per request (Bill Gregory) – **see attached**
- **Old Business/New Business** format for future agenda/minutes (Ken Thompson) – We briefly discussed.
- Committee Member Remarks and review of assignments - done
- Residents’ Remarks - none
- Next scheduled meeting date September 11th, 2013
- Adjourned at 854p by voice vote.
 - Attachments follow