

# Ogden Dunes General Code Review Committee

## Minutes of June 11, 2014 Meeting

7:00p Fire Station

### Members

Jim Slawinski, Chair (Present)  
Mike Schaefer, Co-Chairperson (Present)  
Ken Thompson, Secretary (Present)  
Bill Gregory, TC Member (Present)  
Charles Costanza, TC Member (Present)

Connie Collins (Present)  
Ed Hewitt (Present)  
Ed Rooks (Present)  
Lynn Toomey (Present)

- **Meeting called to order at 705p**
- **Approval of Minutes** from May 14, 2014 GCR Meeting. Minutes approved by voice vote.
- **Recommendation for Staggered Terms** for the Town Council Members sent to the Town Council (#800). The lawyers raised a concern about the legality of having a one-year term even if it was for a transition period. This would prohibit the town from moving elections to align with the general election year.
- **Street parking as a function of expected snowfall – possible ordinance.** Jim Matthys was invited to address the group at a future meeting. We will hold on this item until Jim Matthys can attend.
- **Open house signage** and proper placement per Police Chief Jim Reeder’s Request. (See GCRC 2014-3). The proposed language would allow up to four “open house relator signs” will be allowed 15 min before until 15 min after the open house also 3 square feet in gross surface area. We discussed the signs time limits for posting and if the sign should identify the realtor. Jim, will out the proposal for the committee’s review and edits for the next meeting.
- **GCRC review (or not) of ordinances that are currently part of the building code.** The issue is the signage is in the building code. Should GCRC deal with the signage or should we not as it is part of BCRC. We discussed the issue and decided to continue the open house signage and consider other interface issues with BCRC when they occur.
- **Internal traffic violation** fine proposal (Ed Rooks). We wonder about the revenue generation expected. If it is not revenue positive, we questioned the value. Ed Rook was charged to talk with the Marshall to see what the current volume of traffic violations so potential revenue might occur. Most violation were out of town individuals. The town gets \$3 for every traffic violation and \$10 if they go through Portage remediation? The average number of traffic violations issued in Ogden Dunes was about 100 per year (many non-moving). Ed H may a motion, seconded by Connie to thank Ed Rook for his research and to vote not to progress on this issue. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
- **GCR Committee Operating Process** to get back on track with a **systematic way of reviewing existing ordinances.** Bill proposed the attached item 1-3 (attached).
  - Conduct a brainstorm session with the committee. What does/should a town of our size & character pay attention to, i.e., regulate via the code?
    - Assess and agree whether it is appropriate to address via code Y or N
    - If Y, review code for what addresses this
    - Assess timeliness, relevance, and current applicability of regulation. If needs revision, work on it...what, why, when, where, how, etc. & make recommendations.
  - Have committee discussion on presumed community problems/issues/concerns. Agree on issues, prioritize, and review existing code to see if addressed.
  - Assign sections of code to each member for study and assessment of current OD conditions with recommendation that issue be addressed or not by the whole committee.

We discussed the merits proposal. Ed H will be looking at the interface of the building code issues and GCRC issues.

- **Town Referendum:** Discussion on the possibility of establishing town referendums as it pertains to certain issues (who and how) CC – the state has a list of what can and cannot be on a referendum. The town council can conduct surveys at their option and we will look at the merits of other options.
- **GCR Committee Member reporting at July Town Council Meeting.** Lynn will do July. Ed H will do August
- **GCRC Member contact update** – all members reviewed current emails and phone numbers

- **Nuisance Properties:** Ed H. raised the issue of nuisance properties and the problems in the community of these properties not being property maintained. The town does not have any funds to take care of these properties and we do not have enforcement powers to charge the property owner when the town takes actions to correct the nuisance. The committee encouraged Ed H to research and provide a proposal. The current process is sending a registered letter to the homeowner for compliance.
- **Residents' Remarks** - none
- **Committee Member Remarks** and review of individual assignments
- **Next scheduled meeting date July 9, 2014**
- **Adjourn at 837p**

Submitted by Dr. Kenneth R. Thompson, Secretary