

Old Orchard Beach Design Review Committee
 May 14, 2012 at 6:00 pm in Town Council Chambers

Call to Order at 6:15 pm	Call to Order
Pledge to the Flag	
Roll Call: Kim Schwickrath, Shirley Holt, Don Comoletti, Chair, Ray DeLeo. Staff: Jeffery Hinderliter, Town Planner Valdine Helstrom, Administrative Assistant.	
<p><u>ITEM 1</u></p> <p>Proposal: Application Revision: Change fence design around pool Action: Review application and determine Design Review Certificate recommendation Owner: Lafayette Old Orchard, LLC Location: Beach St., MBL 313-5-1 (Waves), DD2 Zone</p> <p>The applicant didn't show for the meeting but Chair Comoletti stated that he would be willing to support Jeffrey with an Administrative review on this. Mr. Hinderliter informed the Board that this was borderline Administrative but it was enough of a change to bring it before the Design Review Committee. The Waves are planning to change a fence around the pool to a glass panel. Mr. Hinderliter stated that as a primary purpose, they want the views of the beach but there is a risk because of the dunes, sand, etc. Chair Comoletti stated that he personally doesn't have a problem with this as long as the materials are durable in terms of salt water and weather.</p> <p>The consensus among the Committee was as long as the materials are durable and weather resistant it would be ok to approve it. Kim Schwickrath asked Mr.Hinderliter if he can let the DRC know if the framing material is going to be aluminum or stainless steel. All agreed that it is ok with the Board as long as Mr. Hinderliter is sure that the materials are appropriate. All agreed that either vinyl or aluminum would be appropriate. It can also be powdered coated.</p> <p>All agreed to leave the administrative decision in Mr. Hinderliter's hands with the Design Review Committee's guidance.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 2</u></p> <p><u>DISCUSSION: MUSEUM IN THE STREETS</u></p> <p>Members from the Old Orchard Beach Historical Society in the audience introduced themselves:</p> <p>Arthur Guerin, President of the Historical Society His wife Jeanne Guerin, Museum Curator Arlene Hanson – Secretary Janet Hamilton – Database Management -TI person Stanley Quinlan – Treasurer</p> <p>Chair Comoletti turned the meeting over to Jeffrey Hinderliter to give everyone a brief introduction as to how "Museum of the Streets" came about.</p>	

Mr. Hinderliter informed the audience that when he came on board, he thought the promotion of our historic resources was lacking. He stated that although we do have the Museum in Old Orchard Beach he doesn't think that the general public is aware of all of the history that our town has. And what Mr. Hinderliter wanted to do was to find some ways to promote that history. One of the ways that has been successful in other communities is the "Museum in the Streets". The closest place is Biddeford although there are a number of other communities. What "Museum of the Streets" does is gives a history of the town through visual plaques and a walking tour. It gives us a hands-on view of the site.

He sees the benefit that the DRC provides to our town and he thought what he thought would be a feel-good project for the DRC would begin looking into "Museum in the Streets".

Then in March of this year, Mr. Hinderliter had the opportunity to bring the creator and founder of "Museum in the Streets" Mr. Patrick Cardon to visit with the Design Review Committee and to make a presentation. He gave some details of the project and that gave the DRC the foundation to make a decision to move forward. And this is where we are now. We need to decide if we want to build on this. A lot of this would involve working closely with the Historical Society in a partnership with the DRC. Two of the big parts of this project is written and visual parts to the plaques. We need to decide what we want to promote.

The cost for the panels are as follows:

15 + 1(Large Panel) = \$12,000

25 + 2(Large Panel) = \$17,000

30 + 2(Large Panel) = \$19,000

There is a reduction per square inch.

The prices are kept as low as possible, and he holds these prices for 6 months.

We would be responsible for the posts that these panels would be attached to and they would be approximately \$150.00 per post.

We would also have to get the Public Works Department to do the actually mounting in the ground.

Mr. Hinderliter stated that we just need to find the best direction we want to go in with this project. He suggested to form that partnership with the Historical Society and go from there.

Chair Comoletti also mentioned that they would also put the text in multiple languages.

Mr. Hinderliter added that he put this on the Agenda tonight for two reasons:

- 1.) To not lose site of this project and,
- 2.) To give Mr. Hinderliter some marching orders to move towards the next step.

Kim Schwickrath asked if the council would have to approve the funds for this project.

Do we need to put a full package together before we take it to the council, because we could do a lot of work and then the council says no.

Chair Comoletti mentioned that we need to show where some of they money could come from.

Chair Comoletti also asked the members of the Historical Society if they want to work with the DRC on this project.

Mr. Guerin stated that they think that they would like to work together on this and this is an awesome time to get this project going and he added that Dan Blaney was also excited about this project.

Mr. Guerin met with Mr. Hinderliter today and they talked about the idea of forming a committee.

Chair Comoletti suggested that may be could have 2 separate walking tours. One might be the historical buildings of the downtown, the other might be the fires or Lindburg, etc.

It really comes down to the cost.

Chair Comoletti also mentioned about the Trolley. If the trolley is maintained we may even come up with a program that would take advantage of the trolley which could include the race track or something in Ocean Park.

The next question that came up was for the financing for this project.

Ray DeLeo stated that we may have interest from the business owners that may provide finances. Another thing would be to get sponsors.

Mr. Comoletti asked about Grant Money from the state.

Mr. Hinderliter researched and didn't find any grants to apply for this type of project.

Mr. Guerin stated that all it amounts to is a little timing and knowledge to get going with this project. He also mentioned that Dan Blaney is the key person to get the history and also business connections.

Chair Comoletti suggested that the Historical Society provide 3 committee member and the DRC could provide 3 as well.

Mr. Comoletti also asked Lee Koenigs to bring her on board and be a resource person.

Mr. Hinderliter stated that he would help structure our first meeting and it will be more of a brainstorming session with our core organization. Jeffrey stated that he thinks that this could be ready for the summer of 2013.

Mr. Guerin also suggested that have a meeting with the Directors with the Chamber of Commerce. They are very supportive people.

Chair Comoletti asked Mr. Guerin if he could provide the DRC with everyone's email addresses.

<p>GOOD & WELFARE</p> <p>Chair Comoletti asked Mr. Hinderliter about the Administrative Packages that get approved. He sees it as a disadvantage that the DRC doesn't know what is being approved or what direction administration is moving in. If the DRC could get a list of what went through monthly it would be helpful.</p> <p>Ray DeLeo questioned that the Myst is extending their deck and how did that get approved.</p> <p>Mr. Hinderliter stated that it was under 500 sq.ft. and it fit under the administrative review.</p> <p>Mr. DeLeo mentioned that there is a lot of history to what is there. And originally that was supposed to be a vestibule for pedestrians and there was supposed to be benches and seating that was supposed to match what is in the center of town, and slowly but surely the restaurants on both sides, including the Myst are beyond what was supposed to be there. And there is no gathering place for pedestrians now. Also Soho now has a new outside bar there now. Mr. Hinderliter stated that the deck at the Myst, the Waves (signs) Lachance (signs) have all come before the Administrative Review recently.</p> <p>Mr. Hinderliter stated that he has no problem providing the Design Review Committee a list.</p> <p>Jeffrey Hinderliter mentioned to the Board that during January and February, Code Enforcement processed 24 permits, and in March and April they processed 93 permits.</p> <p>Leave the administrative decision in Mr. Hinderliter's hands with the Design Review Committee's guidance.</p> <p>Kim Schwickrath made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Shirley Holt.</p> <p>Jeffrey Hinderliter also mentioned that the Design Review Committee still needs one more member.</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

I, Valdine Helstrom, Secretary to the Design Review Committee of the Town of Old Orchard Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of Four (4) pages is a true copy of the original minutes of the Design Review Committee Meeting of May 14, 2012.

Valdine L. Helstrom