

Town of Oriental Planning Board Meeting
August 26, 2008

The Oriental Planning Board met on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Board members Creighton, Olson, Marlowe, and Miller.
Commissioners Cox and Bohmert
Parks & Rec Committee member Cordes
Applicants Cordes and Barton
8 members of the public.

Chairman Olson opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES REVIEW –

MOTION: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the July 29, 2008 minutes. Second by Mr. Marlowe. Vote 4-0.

PROPOSED OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE –

MOTION: Mr. Miller made a motion to return the proposed overlay district ordinance to the Board of Commissioners with the following change:

Section 170

2) New construction of a principal building with windows and/or doors that face Broad Street shall have a minimum of eight foot deep covered porch that spans no less than 50% of the front of the building. The remaining front portion of the building to be an eight foot landscaped buffer, approved by the Tree Board.

Second by Mr. Marlowe. Vote 4-0.

LONG RANGE PLANNING UPDATE – Ben Hollowell gave an update of the work currently being done by the Long Range Planning Committee. A facilitated workshop is being held on September 23 at 7:00 pm to receive comments from the various town boards and committees as well citizens on the Town's needs and goals. The committee plans to have a 2-page Master Plan by the end of the year.

PUBLIC INPUT - Lynn Friedman, owner of Croakertown, stated that the 'uptown' section of Oriental needs more to tie the two business districts together. Sidewalks, sign posts, and perhaps flower pots would help in this endeavor. Jim Barton voiced his opinion that joint meetings are beneficial.

REORGANIZATION OF THE GMO – All board members were instructed to submit their comments to Ms. Wagoner. She will compile them for the review with Rob Will.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Discussion continues on the creation of the plan.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

REVIEW OF PERMITS –

1. Nancy Inger – 1107 Neuse Drive – Sunroom
2. Char Grunwald – 5310 Bogue Drive - Uncovered deck

MOTION: Mr. Marlowe made the motion to adjourn. Second Mr. Miller. Vote 3-0.
(Note – Mr. Creighten had to leave early.)

Paul Olson, Chairman

Lori Wagoner, Recording Secretary