Beach Stewardship Committee Meeting

155 Corey Avenue

5/4/2010

9:00 am

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

REGULAR MEETING

1. **Changes to the Agenda**

2. **Audience Comments**

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. Minutes approved for 3/30/2010

4. **Items for Discussion**
   a. Upham Beach renourishment project update
   b. Upham Beach stabilization project update
   c. Sea oat planting

6. **Schedule Next Meeting**

7. **Adjournment**

APPEALS

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BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 4, 2010

9:00 am

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Lynda Lind, Vice Chairman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Markus Lehtovirta
Cleo Robertson
Maynard Hirshon
Lynda Lind, Vice Chairman
Kevin Hing, Chairman (by telephone)

ALSO PRESENT

Steve Hallock, Director, Administration
Andrew Squires, Pinellas County
Theresa McMaster, City Clerk

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Audience participation will be held at the conclusion of the Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lynda Lind noted that her name was misspelled in the March 30, 2010 Minutes. **A motion was made by Cleo Robertson that the Minutes of March 30, 2010, as corrected, be approved. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Upham Beach Re-Nourishment Project

Mr. Hallock was called on to address this issue and asked Andy Squires of Pinellas County to brief the Committee on this project.

Advertising for the construction project will be May 14th, bid opening, June 14th, project award by July 14th, and construction started late July to mid-August is scheduled right now. They are going to start with Sunshine and Sunset Beaches, then Treasure Island and Upham Beach.

Mr. Squire was asked how the potential "spill" will affect the project and he responded by saying that they don't really know right now. If it does reach our beaches, the impact from the "spill" will be determined by the type of oil it is, it's a #2 oil which is a light oil, but also on the extent of the oil impact here, the magnitude of the oil, how much, and the duration it's here. It may impact re-nourishment, but it's really too early to say at this time.

Lynda Lind asked Steve Hallock if he would keep them advised and he said he will be working very closely with Andy Squire and will keep everyone advised. Mrs. Lind asked all of the Committee members to attend any meetings that may take place in the Community, as she will be out of town. Mr. Hallock said volunteers will be urgently needed.

b. Upham Beach Stabilization Project

Andrew Squire reported that the stabilization project is underway; nothing has changed since last Meeting. They have inspected the existing tubes to make sure they have a clear understanding what is damaged and documents are now being prepared. As soon as the beach is re-nourished, they will get the contractor out there to remove the damaged tubes and put the new ones down.

c. Sea Oat Planting

Mr. Squire stated that it's pretty much led by a community effort. The plan is still for the beaches that aren't going to be nourished. He will be sending a letter out to all of the beach communities by the end of May asking for their orders; he will put the orders in mid to late June and expect the delivery about the third week in June. He will put out a list of the potential

plants they can buy; it will be left up to the Committee to decide what kind of plants they want and he will coordinate the delivery at one location. This will be done again in the fall assuming all goes well with the nourishment project, perhaps late summer or early fall before the rains stop.

Mrs. Robertson asked if they had budget for plants and was told by Mr. Squires that they are free, they are in the County budget.

Mr. Squires brought up the large "scarpes" formed on the beach as a result of the heavy winter erosion, cuts in the sand at high tide, sometimes 5 or 6 feet tall on some beaches. They have been leveled considerably which is much better for the nesting sea turtles.

Chairman Hing suggested setting a date when they can have the plantings so that they can make plans for planting. He suggested June 26th, starting at Pass-A-Grille and asked for any suggestions from the Committee.

Mrs. Lind asked Mr. Squires for his suggestion of when and where they should start. He felt the last week of June would be fine, close enough for the rainy season for the unnourished areas.

Cleo Robertson asked who would be in charge of selecting the plants and Mr. Hallock said it would be up to someone in the community who will be in charge. Someone who will step up and lead it, plan it, make decisions on plant selection, where to plant, etc.

Mr. Hallock asked Cleo Robertson if she would be willing to head up this project which would mean working with Mr. Hallock and others, working with a team, deciding where are they going to plant, picking the plants, selecting team leaders, etc. on June 26th. Would she be in charge and be the point of contact on this project?

Lynda Lind made a motion to schedule the sea oat planting on June 26, 2010. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chairman Hing has been in touch with Tampa Bay Watch and they are eager to work with the City on this project.

Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Hallock will meet with the Team Leaders on Saturday, June 19th, for instructions. If the weather interferes with Saturday, June 26th, Sunday, June 27th will be a backup date to plant.

A motion was made by Markus Lehtovirta that Sunday, June 27, 2010, be the backup date for planting in the event of bad weather. The motion was seconded by Cleo Robertson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Hallock suggested to Mrs. Robertson that she get in touch with the Mayor and Commissioners to get them involved. She will get with Kevin Hing and Steve Hallock to get started, perhaps an evening or weekend. Mr. Hing will contact Michael Davis to get a ruling on the Sunshine Law before a meeting is set.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular Meeting will be May 24, 2010, at 6:30 pm.

It was decided that the Committee would immediately begin recruiting volunteers from the various areas for cleanup if and when the oil spill reaches our beaches. Mr. Hallock needs names, neighborhoods where they reside, telephone numbers and/or email addresses for notification.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.