

BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 30, 2012

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Lynda Fontana, Vice Chairman
Lawrence Stamper, Member
Pam Dobyys, Member
Maynard Hirshon, Member

NOT PRESENT:

Kevin Hing, Chairman (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
Pamala Prell, Deputy City Clerk, MMC

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman Fontana nominated Kevin Hing as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Member Hirshon and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Member Hirshon nominated Linda Fontana as Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Member Stamper and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

2. Approval of Minutes

Member Hirshon made a motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2009; May 24, 2010, November 4, 2010 and August 8, 2011. The

motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Fontana and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

3. Doug Lampe – Proposal to Coordinate a Sea Oat Planting

Mr. Lampe stated that he would like to coordinate a sea oat planting event with the Florida Aquarium utilizing their volunteers and he would help coordinate the event.

There was a general discussion regarding having the event on June 23, 2012, and planting the sea oats at Upham Beach and/or the County Park.

Mr. Lampe stated that he would work with Chairman Hing to organize the event and would do his best to make it happen.

Member Hirshon made a motion to authorize Mr. Lampe to work with Kevin Hing and Steve Hallock to coordinate a sea oat planting event in the month of June, if possible.

4. Upham Beach T-Groin project update, Pinellas County

Mr. Andy Squire, of Pinellas County, stated that he was not sure that he could have the sea oats in time for a June 23, 2012 planting, but that he could provide them by June 30, 2012. Mr. Squire also advised that Tourist Development tax money was used to purchase the sea oats.

Mr. Squire reported that the T-Groin project was completed in mid October and that there has been some vandalizing of the groins since then, which was repaired. He advised that the tubes are inspected weekly to make sure there is no damage.

Mr. Squire also reported that the next phase is to replace the geo-tubes with rock structures and he is waiting for the permit to be approved. He pointed out that this project may be delayed if the summer beach renourishment project is already underway. Mr. Squire pointed out that the rock groin project and beach renourishment are two separately funded projects.

Mr. Squire advised that he will be studying the erosion at the southern end of Pass-a-Grille Beach to determine if it needs to be included in the renourishment project scheduled for this summer.

Director Hallock asked for input from the board regarding their goals and objectives. He pointed out that the City's beach has been designated as the best beach in the Country, by tripadvisor.com.

The general consensus of the board was to keep the beaches clean and safe for the public.

Member Stamper stated that he likes the recycle bins that have been put on the beach and the beachgoers are using them.

Vice Chairman Fontana pointed out that she has recently noticed a lot of equipment on the beaches and asked Mr. Hallock to monitor that issue. She also advised that she contacted the Police Department regarding a person using a motorized kite and swooping low on the beach, which was a nuisance to the beach goers.

Member Dobyms suggested that the Committee offer educational programs to the City's Neighborhood Associations and other organizations to bring awareness of environmental issues regarding the beach. The Board agreed to bring their list of educational topics to the next meeting.

6. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

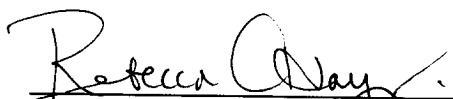
7. Next Meeting Date

The board agreed to hold their next meeting on August 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Kevin Hing, Chairman