

BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 18, 2016

9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Lynda Lind Fontana, Vice Chair
Janet Harris, Member
Dan Rothenberger, Member
Lenny Stamos, Member

ABSENT:

Mike Greiger, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Clarke, Public Services Director
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

Vice Chair Fontana called the meeting to order.

1. Changes to the Agenda

Vice Chair Fontana asked for any changes to the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Audience Comments

Vice Chair Fontana asked for audience comments.

David Westmark, Blue Turtle Society, submitted and discussed a three-page document entitled: Beach Driving 411.

Member Stamos commented on the following items:

- vehicles and ATVs driving on the beach

- using vehicles with low tire pressure (10 psi or less)
- FWC Marine Turtle Permit Guidelines
- drone and GPS usage

Vice Chair Fontana recommended making an appointment for the Beach Stewardship Committee to meet and discuss the above-mentioned items with the City Commission. Mr. Clarke suggested electing a representative to either meet with the City Manager or arrange a meeting with the Mayor or Vice Mayor or arrange to be on a City Commission agenda in the future.

Member Stamos made a motion to authorize a person from the Beach Stewardship Committee, or the community, to go forward with a proposition to look at beach driving and to meet with the City Commission. The motion was seconded by Member Rothenberger and was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes – 2/17/16

Member Rothenberger made a motion to approve the February 17, 2016 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Member Harris and was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

At this time Deputy City Clerk Murphy informed Vice Chair Fontana that roll call had not been called. Therefore, roll call was performed at this time.

4. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Member Stamos made a motion to recommend Lynda Lind Fontana as Chairwoman. The motion was seconded by Member Rothenberger and was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Member Stamos made a motion to nominate himself as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Fontana and was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

5. Agenda Items

Mr. Clarke updated the Beach Stewardship Committee on the following items:

- a. Upham Beach Rock Jetty Project Update

Chairwoman Fontana asked Mr. Clarke to follow up with Pinellas County on the above-mentioned item. Mr. Clarke replied he would follow up with a note to the board members in approximately a week with the findings.

- b. 1st Avenue Jetty Repair Project Update
- c. Sea Turtle Nesting Season
- d. Red Tide
- e. Annual Sea Oats Planting Day

Mr. Clarke stated he would research to find the optimum planting timeline. Then with the Beach Stewardship Committee's endorsement, Mr. Clarke will make a suggestion to the City Commission and invite everyone to attend the sea oats planting day.

- f. Beach Access Sign Standardization

Member Stamos asked Mr. Clarke to research with legal staff about bicycles being allowed on the beach. Mr. Clarke replied he would speak with City Attorney Dickman in regard to bicycles on the beach.

- g. Public Works Beach Maintenance Division

Chairwoman Fontana asked Mr. Clarke if there was a better way for the Beach Stewardship Committee members to be informed when permits are submitted for beach events. Mr. Clarke made a suggestion to coordinate with the Recreation Department and ask as they issue permits to email and inform the Beach Stewardship Committee members.

Mr. Clarke updated the Beach Stewardship Committee in regard to the upcoming Forgiato Blow float party.

Member Rothenberger updated the board in regard to the following:

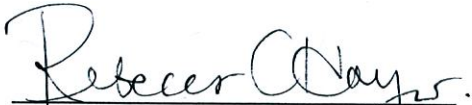
- Tampa Bay Watch
- Shell Key, sediment migration
- closing of one of the inlets
- beach nourishment

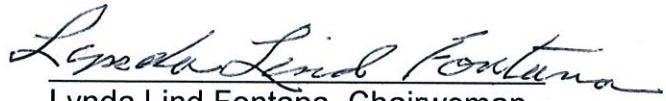
Member Stamos commented negatively on the rock project and suggested every couple of years to pump sand on the beach. Mr. Clarke stated he could bring that observation to the attention of the County project managers and ask them to review the reason for bringing rocks back in after removing the bags.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Lynda Lind Fontana, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: 8/17/16