



BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH

155 Corey Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
9:00 A.M.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

- 1. Changes to the Agenda** – Agenda items to be added, moved or deleted will be addressed at this time. Items added will be assigned agenda item numbers and items that are moved will retain the same item numbers. A notation will be made that those items will be taken out of order.
- 2. Audience Comments** – Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person to issues not on the agenda.
- 3. Action Items**
 - A.) Election of the Committee Chair
 - B.) Election of the Committee Vice Chair
 - C.) Approval of the Minutes of the August 16, 2017 Meeting
 - D.) Approval of the Minutes of the November 15, 2017 Meeting
 - E.) Approve a Recommendation to support the proposed new beach signage at Pass-A-Grille beach entrances.
 - F.) Approve a Recommendation to support the proposed Upham Beach parking lot renovation concept design.

4. Agenda Items

- A.) Upham Beach Groin Replacement: Project Update
- B.) Dune Crossover 12th Ave and 16th Ave: Project Update
- C.) Sand Wall at Pass-A-Grille Painting and Repair: Project Update
- D.) Restroom Improvements at Paradise Grille FY18 CIP: Project Update
- E.) Restroom Improvements at Hurley Park: Project Update
- F.) Beach Trash Pick-Up Update
- G.) Additional Bike Racks at Various Locations, Project Update

5. Discussion Items

- A.) Capital Improvement Projects Recommended for FY2019

6. Adjournment

APPEAL

If a person decides to appeal any decision made at this meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceeding and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the meeting is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105). The City does not furnish verbatim transcripts; interested parties should make the necessary arrangements for verbatim transcripts.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and F.S. 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact City Hall at (727) 367-2735 no later than four days prior to the meeting for assistance. The public is cordially invited to attend. All agenda material is available for review at City Hall.

BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2017

9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Fontana called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Lynda Lind Fontana, Chairwoman
Dan Rothenberger, Vice Chairman
Janet Harris, Member
Michael Welch, Member

ABSENT:

Lenny Stamos, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

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

1. Changes to the Agenda

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

2. Audience Comments

Chairwoman Fontana asked for audience comments.

David Westmark, P.O. Box 845, St. Petersburg, Florida, Blue Turtle Society, spoke in regard to alcohol on the sand beach creating a pathway for plastic waste to enter the Gulf of Mexico.

David Connor, Chair of the Suncoast Rise Above Plastics Coalition, spoke about protecting the marine environment and eco systems by working with consumers, working with businesses, and advocating for sustainable policies and ordinances at the city, state and county level.

Holly Parker, 1229 Mitchell Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, Florida Regional Manager for the Surfrider Foundation, spoke about the following items: protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves and beaches; plastic in the ocean; consider alternatives to plastic; educational component to the community; and Leave No Trace ordinances.

3. Approval of Minutes – 5/17/17

Member Welch made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Rothenberger and was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

4. Agenda Items

a. Beach Ambassadors Group: Volunteers to Assist Tourists

Chairwoman Fontana reviewed the purpose of the Beach Ambassadors Group with the Beach Stewardship Committee members and asked members to assist with finding volunteers.

Mr. Clarke, Public Services Director, stated he would review the aspects of the Beach Ambassadors Group with the City's Human Resources and legal department to ensure the group is authorized to officially represent the City.

b. Owl Statues on the Beach

Mr. Clarke updated the Committee members that a property owner had placed owl statues on the beach to scare Skimmers away, and it was reported that the task was unsuccessful.

c. Dune Removal: Plaza Beach Hotel, Permitted Actions

Mr. Clarke informed the Board that there are permits issued to property owners to protect properties from moving dunes, as long as the sand being moved returns to the beach into the dune system, to keep walkways open for traffic.

d. Upham Beach Groin Replacement Project Update

Mr. Clarke informed the Committee members that the project is a county project and that the permanent rock groins will be going in with a seven-month projection for completion.

e. Dune Crossover 12th Avenue and 16th Avenue Project Update

Mr. Clarke stated that the project is a 100 percent, non-matched, County grant of \$120,000.00 to design and replace the crossovers. It is scheduled to be on the City Commission agenda for approval on August 22, 2017.

f. Removal of Public Beach Access Signage at Cabrillo Avenue

Mr. Clarke informed the Committee that at this location the property owners adjacent to the access point requested that the sign be removed because it is private property and the City complied.

g. Sand Wall at Pass-A-Grille Painting and Repair Update

Mr. Clarke updated the Committee in regard to the following items:

- a neutral sand color will be selected this week to paint the wall
- concrete repairs are taking place
- benches are being replaced
- concrete patchwork is taking place

h. Fishing Pier at 1st Avenue Repair Update

Mr. Clarke updated the Committee in regard to the following items:

- the railing has been replaced
- the concrete decking has been restored

i. Restroom Improvements at Pass-A-Grille FY18 Proposed CIP Project Update

Mr. Clarke updated the Beach Stewardship Committee that the City Commission has a Capital Improvement project in the budget for consideration entitled Pass-A-Grille Restrooms. The project will be enlarging and improving the restrooms at Paradise Grille on 9th Avenue, and the budgeted amount is \$120,000.00.

j. Ordinance 2016-09 Amending CH 6, Alcoholic Beverages and Transient Lodging

Mr. Clarke informed the Committee that the City Commission will be discussing how to enhance the experience of guests when hotels allow beverage service within their property on the sand.

k. Beach Trash Pick-Up Date

Mr. Clarke updated the Committee in regard to the following items:

- contract with Waste Connections specifies the number of containers and the locations
- contract to be renewed this month
- requesting to increase the number of containers
- City Commission is moving forward with staff's recommendation to acquire a trash truck with a hydraulic arm

There was Committee discussion in regard to the following item:

- consideration for a Leave No Trace ordinance

Mr. Clarke stated he would prepare a document for the City Manager to bring to the City Commissioners to see if they would like Staff to develop an ordinance or policy.

- I. A recommendation to the City Commission to approve a proposal from Jeff Blair, Facilitated Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$38,500.00 to assist the City to develop a comprehensive Beach Management Plan.

Member Welch spoke about having all interested parties coordinated in an effort to improve the beach, as far as the environment, with a professional organizer.

Chairwoman Fontana stated that the Committee could make a recommendation that the City Commission review the proposal.

Member Welch made a motion that the City Commission review the proposal.

There was Board discussion at this time.

Deputy City Clerk Murphy informed the Committee that a motion had been made and there should not be any discussion before a second is made.

It was the consensus of the Board to have further discussion at this time.

Chairwoman Fontana asked for a recommendation.

Member Welch made a motion to recommend to the City Commission to review Jeff Blair's plan for beach coordination. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Rothenberger and was unanimously approved by a roll call vote, (4 yeses – 0 nos).

Mr. Clarke stated he would prepare an agenda item for the September 12, 2017 City Commission meeting.

m. FY 18 Proposed Budget for Beach Improvements: Recommendations from the Committee to the Commission

Mr. Clarke explained that the City Commission is interested in improving the beach and is prepared to allocate \$100,000.00 for FY18. Mr. Clarke asked the Committee for their input about types of beach improvements to incorporate into the project.

The Committee made the following suggestions:

- have a plan with a consultant
- have a discussion with stakeholders
- obtain a marketing firm
- offer recycling near the trash cans
- enclose trash can areas
- develop a branding for St. Pete Beach
- install benches
- plant trees
- increase the amount of handicap accesses to the beach
- obtain attractive trash cans

6. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Lynda Lind Fontana, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: _____

BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Fontana called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Michael Welch, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

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

1. Changes to the Agenda

Mike Clarke, Public Works Director, requested to table Agenda Item No. 3, "Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2017," until the next Beach Stewardship Committee meeting.

Member Rothenberger made a motion to table the August 16, 2017 minutes until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Harris and was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

2. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

3. Approval of Minutes – 8/16/17

This item was tabled until the next meeting during Agenda Item No. 1, "Changes to the Agenda."

4. Agenda Items

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

A. Hurricane Irma Preparations and Recovery Operations Update

- buoy replacements
- debris operations
- debris collection
- debris monitoring
- FEMA reimbursements

B. Pinellas County Upham Beach Groin Replacement Project Update

- Pinellas County pulling off the project soon; fleet equipment to base operations; will return in January
- removal of yellow sand bags
- installations of new rock groins by land and barges
- beach will be open while operations are halted; remaining equipment will be fenced in
- June deadline

C. Dune Crossover 12th Avenue and 16th Avenue FY18 CIP Project Update

- in design
- project deadline is scheduled for the end of this fiscal year
- budget: County grant; no match; \$120,000.00 free and clear
- ADA accessible at the 16th Avenue crossover

D. Sand Wall at Pass-A-Grille Painting and Repair Update

- concrete repairs are extensive; 3rd concrete repair contract
- preparing sand wall for painting in the summer season

E. 1st Avenue Jetty and Beach Improvements FY18 CIP Project Update

- will go before the City Commission on 11/28/17 for approval of design

F. Restroom Improvements at Pass-A-Grille FY18 CIP Project Update

- in design and discussions
- concession stand contract is up for re-bid in the spring
- will receive guidance from the City Commission

G. Beach Rinse Stations at Pass-A-Grille FY18 CIP Project Update

- discussing the Scope of Work and cost for the design of the project
- possibility of being on the January City Commission agenda

H. Beach Trash Pick-Up Update FY18 CIP Vehicle Purchase Update

- in the final negotiations of obtaining a favorable cost estimate
- the goal is to complete the purchase this calendar year

I. FY 19 Proposed Budget for Beach Improvements: Recommendations from the Committee to the Commission

- suggestion that the turtle watch group buy themselves a drone and stop using vehicles on the beach
- obtain new trash cans that are more attractive

6. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Lynda Lind Fontana, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: _____