

BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 19, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Dan Rothenberger, Vice Chair
Janet Harris, Member
Linda Borgia, Member

ABSENT: Lynda Lind Fontana, Chair
Lenny Stamos, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

- 1. Changes to the Agenda** - There were no changes to the agenda.
- 2. Audience Comments** - There were no audience comments.
- 3. Approval of Minutes – 11/20/19**

Member Borgia made a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes with the correction of the word ‘coastal’ in discussion items. The motion was seconded by Member Harris and was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

- 4. Action Items** - There were no action items.
- 5. Discussion Items**

Mike Clarke, Public Works Director, gave updates on the following items:

a. Invasive plant removal along dunes between 13th and 14th Avenues

The City has a permit from the FDEP and has begun removing some of the larger invasive plants.

b. Dune Crossover 12th and 16th Avenues FY18 CIP Project

The City Commission approved a line item in the budget for one dune crossover, which was awarded to George F. Young and construction should begin in the fall.

c. Restroom Improvements at Pass-A-Grille FY18 CIP Project

A job order contract may come before the City Commission in March.

d. Beach Foot Wash Stations on dune crossovers between 1st and 7th

Once the County installs a meter this month and water supply is available, crews can begin to place PVC piping and stations.

e. Clarification of bike signs on Pass-A-Grille Way at 12th and 13th

Mike Clarke will check into a sign at 1st Avenue heading north to match the southbound sign specifying that bikes may use the entire lane.

f. Evaluation of restricting smoking on beaches based on SB 670

The Florida Senate is working on a bill that would allow counties and/or municipalities to restrict smoking in public parks or beaches.

Member Borgia moved that the Beach Stewardship Committee recommends that the City Commission follow state legislation on SB 670 and that this committee would be in favor of prohibiting smoking on the beaches. The motion was seconded by Member Harris and was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

g. 1st Ave Fishing Pier maintenance and repair closure update

h. 11th Ave Fishing Pier maintenance and repair closure update

A line item is expected in the FY21 budget for design and construction on these two projects along with Egan Park.

i. Procedure for identifying streetlights to be extinguished during turtle nesting season

Mr. Clarke is working Duke Energy to match all lights to those on Gulf Way. A funding source is being sought.

j. Municipal election March 17, 2020

The Chair and Vice Chair for this committee for the coming year will be elected at the May 20th meeting.

Other Business

Public Works is coordinating with the County's marine contractor to replace missing swim buoys at Blind Pass. Public Works has no jurisdiction over any other offshore signs, but Mr. Clarke will inquire if there are others scheduled to be replaced.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

These minutes were approved at the November 18, 2020 Beach Stewardship Committee meeting.