



**BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH**

155 Corey Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 9:00 AM

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

1. Presentations
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Audience Comments - Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per person
4. Presentations -
 - a. **Shorebird Monitoring Presentation - Holley Short**
5. Action Items -
 - a. **Approval of Minutes 8/18/21**
 - b. **2022 Meeting Schedule Approval**
6. Items for Discussion -
 - a. **Paddleboard and McKenney & Egan Launches**
 - b. **Mobi-Mats**
 - c. **Upcoming Projects**
 - o **Sea Oat Planting at Dog Beach**
 - o **Beach Cleanups**
 - d. **Beach Buoys Update**
 - e. **SB 224: Regulation of Smoking in Public Places -**
<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/224>
 - f. **Clarification of Zones of Restricted Operation of motorized vessels along the beach**
7. Adjournment

APPEAL: In accordance with 286.0105, Florida Statute (Notices of meetings and hearings must advise that a record is required to appeal), if a person decides to appeal any decision made by this committee, board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA): In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes, if any person with a disability defined by the ADA needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, then not later than two business days prior to the proceeding, he or she should contact City Hall at (727) 367-2735.

**The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.
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DRAFT BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 18, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Dan Rothenberger, Chair
Lenny Stamos, Vice Chair
Linda Borgia, Member
Michael Welch, Member

EXCUSED: Janet Harris, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Mandy Edmunds, Parks Supervisor
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

Chair Rothenberger called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

1. Changes to the Agenda – Chair Rothenberger explained that the Black Skimmer Nesting and Bird Monitoring presentation will be postponed to a future meeting and added a discussion item 4d. regarding the November meeting.

2. Audience Comments – There were no audience comments.

3. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes – 5/19/2021

Member Welch moved and Member Borgia seconded the approval of the May 19, 2021 minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentations

a. Turtle Tracker Presentation

Lisa Reich and Danielle Kimberly of Sea Turtle Trackers were present to explain what they do, concerns, and solutions. Ms. Reich thanked the City's Public Works Department for their coordinated efforts. She explained that turtle season begins on April 15th and a primary patrol takes place to look for tracks and nests, and findings are reported to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). During their second patrol they check every nest for predation, disturbance, or hatching. The data and inventory is reported to FWC as well as any weather events or strandings. Any evidence of disorientation of turtles or hatchlings (from lights) is reported to FWC as well as the source. The property or resort is notified of the report and their non-compliance; the City of St. Pete Beach has an ordinance to protect turtles from the adverse effects of artificial lighting. Twice a year Turtle Trackers perform a lighting survey. FWC reports that to the County, who should report to each city. Lighting on St. Pete Beach needs improvement – great improvements were made at the Tradewinds this year – progress may happen one resort at a time.

Board discussion followed which included Duke Energy's awareness of lighting issues and how they are improving, motorized traffic on the beach (including authorized), adding signage to beaches, and volunteer efforts for education. Ms. Edmunds will follow up with the Permitting Department to investigate possible improvements to the volume of permitted vehicles, particularly during nesting season.

Ms. Reich concluded that volunteers are always needed and welcome for a variety of roles. She and the Sea Turtle Tracker organization offer their assistance to the City to help however possible. Volunteers are needed for the Beach Cleanup at Upham Beach on October 16th.

5. Items for Discussion

a. Red Tide Update - Ms. Edmunds provided a report for the day. Although there are only low levels currently and no large fish kills, there is a significant bloom in the Sarasota area that is expected to move north in the coming days. She reported that there was good collaboration with the County during the peak, but dumpsters have been removed.

b. Sea Oat Planting Status - Over 1,000 Sea Oats were planted on the 14th Avenue section in Pass-a-Grille and three more plant varieties are being added to rebuild the area. Next will be the 4th Avenue area and volunteers are being sought.

c. Coyote Update – The one “problem” coyote was removed by FWC when reported to the Department of Environmental Protection. There are two more in the area, but they do not seem to be affecting the turtles or seabirds.

d. November meeting (added) – The members indicated to the Chair that November 17th would still be a good date for the next meeting.

Other Items - Ms. Edmunds reported that Public Works is in the process choosing the best way to repair the seawall near the Pass-a-Grille snack stand. She will check into the erosion and gullies formed by water pump outs at the Starlight Tower. She also reported that the Parks and Beach Divisions are working on an informational flyer/brochure/web posting for residents and visitors regarding what is and isn't allowed on the beach and the negative impacts of balloon releases can be included.

6. Adjournment Next meeting is November 17, 2021

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 AM.

These minutes will be considered for approval at the November 17, 2021 Beach Stewardship Committee meeting.

Notice of Meetings
Beach Stewardship Committee
2022

The Beach Stewardship Committee meets on a quarterly basis on the third Wednesday of the month in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Packet Deadline</u>
February 16, 2022	9:00 am	February 9, 2022
May 18, 2022	9:00 am	May 11, 2022
August 17, 2022	9:00 am	August 10, 2022
November 16, 2022	9:00 am	November 9, 2022

Meeting to elect the Chair and Vice Chair will be on May 18, 2022.

The Code of Ordinances pertaining to this board can be found at:
https://www.municode.com/library/fl/st._pete_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH22BOCOCO_ARTXIBESTCO

EXHIBIT A

