

BEACH AND SHORE PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Indian River County (IRC) Beach and Shore Preservation Advisory Committee (Beach) met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007, in the County Administration Building, Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the agenda and the minutes on the IRC website - www.ircgov.com/Boards/BSPC/2007. Please note listed at the end of each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were Chairman Mayor Tom White, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Bill Glynn, Bob Anderson, David Barney, Robert Lindsey, and Cheryl Gerstner, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Council Member Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian Appointee; Councilman William Ahrens, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee and Robert Tench, Alternate, Town of Orchid Appointee.

Absent was Stephen Krasco, BCC Appointee; Mayor Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere Appointee; and Councilmember Paul Johnson, Town of Orchid Appointee (all excused).

Also present were Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan, IRC staff: Joseph Baird, County Administrator, Jason Brown, Budget Director; Dr. Jonathan Gorham, Coastal Resource Manager, Jim Davis, Public Works Director; James Gray, Coastal Engineer; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant. Others present were Marty Smithson, Administrator, Sebastian Inlet Taxing District (The District); Bill Johnson and Elizabeth Miller-Fox, Interested Citizens.

Call to Order – Chairman Tom White (00:00:10)

Chairman White called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of September 17, 2007 (00:00:23)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Anderson, SECONDED BY Ms. Simchick, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of September 17, 2007 as presented.

Recent County-wide Beach Erosion Summary – Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer Manager (00:00:51)

Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer Manager, gave a photo segment-

by-segment review of the beach conditions and damage observed from the nor'easter storm on September 29, 2007 through October 2, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Sectors 1 & 2 Beach Construction Schedule – Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources Manager (00:12:17)

Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources Manager, discussed Phase II of Sectors 1 and 2 Beach Construction. He indicated the state permit modifications and notices to proceed were being finalized. He anticipated taking a contract amendment from the contractor, Great Lakes Dock and Dredge, Inc. (Great Lakes) to the BCC at their October 23, 2007 Meeting. He stated if the BCC approves the contract amendment then an immediate notice to proceed would be issued to Great Lakes.

He stated there would be a pre-construction conference on either October 29, 2007 or October 30, 2007 at the Sebastian Inlet State Park with the Great Lakes, the County, and the state park officials because of the majority of the operations would be on state park lands. He concluded Great Lakes would begin mobilizing the pipe line and heavy equipment on November 1, 2007.

Discussion on Beach and Infrastructure Project Funding (00:25:55)

Mr. Jason Brown, IRC Budget Director, updated the committee on the Beach Restoration Funding by state and local sources and handed out a copy of the Beach Preservation 10-year Funding Plan by Sectors, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

A lengthy discussion ensued on funding needs. Mr. Brown emphasized that the \$28 million total cost for Sector 3 in the year 2008 would generate a major shortfall and require a 68% local funding and 32% state funding. He emphasized pursuing additional grants and state dollars as an alternative.

Status of County Beach Parks (00:51:54)

Mr. Jim Davis, IRC Public Works Director, told the committee on September 28, 2007, there was a meeting held with concerned citizens regarding the access for individuals with disabilities in the designing and the location of the public restrooms at Wabasso Beach Park.

Mr. Davis mentioned there was a draft letter to be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection requesting them to exercise their discretion to

favorably and expeditiously issue a permit for Wabasso Beach Park, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission (00:55:30)

Mr. Marty Smithson representing The District reported the sand dredged from the channel was not suitable for the beach, however would be evaluated further to see whether any of the sand could be used for projects.

Committee Members Matters (00:58:49)

There was none.

Chairman's Matters (00:58:57)

There was none.

Other Matters (00:59:00)

Ms. Elizabeth Miller-Fox, 1920 W Barefoot Place, wanted clarification on the comments made in a letter to the Summerplace Association members regarding the seawall and whether the Wabasso Beach Park would be closed to all activity until repairs were completed. A discussion followed.

Adjournment (01:06:33)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.