

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, January 21, 2008, 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/2008. 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, Stephen Krasco, and Cheryl Gerstner, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Councilmember Paul Johnson, Town of Orchid Appointee; Councilman William Ahrens, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; and Council Member Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian Appointee.

Absent were Robert Lindsey, BCC Appointee and Mayor Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere Appointee (both excused).

Also present were Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan, IRC staff: William G. Collins, County Attorney; 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 Robert Tench, Alternate, Town of Orchid Appointee; Melanie Jones, Keep Indian River Beautiful (KIRB); Louise Schmitt, Frank Baker, Gayle LeGore, Cristin Ryan, Jayne Kenworthy, Chuck Cook and Barbara Lange, Interested Citizens.

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

Chairman White called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of December 17, 2007 (00:00:28)

Councilmember Ahrens mentioned the December 17, 2007 meeting minutes indicated his absence. The meeting minutes were amended to reflect Councilmember Ahrens present.

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

amended.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman (00:00:47)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Glynn, SECONDED BY Mr. Anderson, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to re-elect Mayor White as Chairman.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Anderson, SECONDED BY Mr. Johnson, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to elect Mr. Glynn as Vice Chairman of the Beach Committee for 2008.

Sector 1 & 2 Beach Restoration Construction Summary – Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources Manager (00:01:58)

Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources Manager, gave an update on the Sector 1 & 2 Beach Restoration Project and indicated the construction for Sectors 1 & 2 was complete. He noted there was additional Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation funding which was used to plant 90,000 sea oats on the newly constructed dune. He was pleased to announce that a change order would be going before the BCC at their January 22, 2008 for an adjustment in the contract which would include the sea oat plantings and a net contract price reduction of \$950,000.

Upcoming Dune Restoration Projects – Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer (00:06:22)

Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer, reported following Tropical Storm Noel, the County and the City of Vero Beach made an application to the state for emergency dune work. He indicated the state was able to appropriate some funds for dune projects and the County was looking at some sites mainly Wabasso Beach, Sea Grape Trail, and Conn Beach. However, he felt there would be no dune restoration this coming turtle nesting season mainly due to the special conditions that the permits required, however the funding would be secured until next year. A discussion followed.

Sea Turtle Lighting Workshop – Mr. Rick Herren, IRC Environmental Specialist (00:14:47)

Mr. Rick Herren, IRC Environmental Specialist, discussed the Sea Turtle Lighting Workshop on February 2, 2008 in which there would be presentations by local, state and federal wildlife biologists on sea turtles and the effects of lights

on sea turtles. He also mentioned the Sea Grape Give-a-Way, a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant for post hurricane habitat restoration projects, offered to all beach front residents in IRC residing in single family owned homes

Sector 3 Design Alternatives – Mr. Michael Walther, Coastal Technology Corporation (00:29:29)

Mr. Michael Walther, Coastal Technology Corporation, gave a Power Point Presentation of the Beach and Dune Restoration Project for Sector 3, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. A discussion followed on the recommended design for Sector 3, the construction schedule and the hard bottom.

Mr. Walther indicated the plan of action was to resubmit the permit application to the Department of Environmental Protection by the end of January 2008. He noted the timing of the permit processing would depend on the response from state and federal agencies to the analysis performed by Coastal Technology.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the recommended design and permits. Mr. Walther recommended that the County move forward with the permits that could be obtained by the state and federal agencies.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Glynn, SECONDED BY Mr. Krasco, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend the no hard bottom impact design alternative to the Sector 3 Beach and Dune Restoration Project.

Funding Sources for Beach Projects – Mr. Jason Brown, IRC Budget Director (01:29:28)

Mr. Jason Brown, IRC Budget Director, gave a brief summary of the Beach funding sources and other funding options available for Beach Projects. He opined the changes to the Sector 3 Beach and Dune Restoration Project may have some impact on the consumption use in the funding and would like to take another look at the numbers and bring it back to a future Beach meeting with the revised figures. A discussion followed and Commissioner O'Bryan wanted to see what funding options were available for the long term

Committee Members Matters (01:41:22)

There were none.

Chairman's Matters (01:41:26)

There were none.

Other Matters (01:41:28)

Mr. Gray mentioned the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association Conference will be held in Sarasota, Florida from January 30 - February 1, 2008.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.