

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, May 19, 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, Stephen Krasco, Cheryl Gerstner, Bob Anderson and David Barney, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Mayor Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere Appointee; and Robert Tench, Alternate for the Town of Orchid.

Absent were Council Member Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian Appointee; Councilman William Ahrens, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; Councilmember Paul Johnson, Town of Orchid Appointee; and Robert Lindsey, BCC Appointee (all excused).

Also present was IRC staff: Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan; Dr. Jonathan Gorham, Coastal Resource Manager; Jim Davis, Public Works Director; James Gray, Coastal Engineer; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present were Don Dexter, City of Vero Beach; Marty Smithson, Sebastian Inlet Taxing District (The District); Michael Walther, Coastal Technology Corporation (Coastal Tech); Steve Boehning, Coastal Waterways; Peter Young, John's Island Property Owners Association; Sheryl Koenes, Disney's Vero Beach Resort; and Barbara Lange, Interested Citizen.

Call to Order – Chairman Tom White (00:00:02)

Chairman White called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of April 21, 2008 (00:00:16)

ON MOTION BY Mayor Savage, SECONDED BY Ms. Gerstner, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of April 21, 2008 as presented.

Legislative Session Final Update - Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources Manager (00:00:38)

Dr. Jonathan Gorham handed out a copy of the 2008 Legislative Session

Final Update Packet, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He pointed out a few items in the packet and mentioned at the close of the legislative session there was \$27.8 million appropriated for the 2008 Beach Program. He stated there was a concern from some of the legislative sponsors of the beach program on how the funds were being used. He indicated the Appropriations Bill called for the formation of a working group to review how the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was managing the beach construction funds and program. He included the working group would also focus on issues such as responsiveness and timeliness of the state's permitting process, how the state managed their contracts with local governments and the escalating cost of post construction monitoring and mitigation.

Sector 3 Beach Restoration Permitting (RAI#2) – Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources Manager (00:11:17)

Dr. Gorham indicated the County had received a second request from the DEP for additional information related to issues being addressed in the Federal Environmental Assessment portion of the project. He noted a letter of support for the Sector 3 Beach Project was sent to the DEP by the Board of County Commissioners.

Dr. Gorham had informally discussed with The District the potential for the County to use the Sebastian Inlet sand trap as a local sand source in the northern section of the Sector 3 Project. He relayed this would be a cost savings to the County and therefore a benefit for the District by removing sand from their sand trap. A discussion followed on the benefit of being an engineered beach and the funding for the Sector 3 Beach Project.

Status of County Beach Parks – Mr. Jim Davis, IRC Public Works Director (00:20:25)

Mr. Jim Davis, IRC Public Works Director, stated that the County had not received the Notice to Proceed for the Wabasso Beach Park because of a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Administrative Hearing Request filed with the DEP. He told the committee the County's Attorney Office was communicating with the DEP to determine whether they would release the notice to proceed.

Mr. Davis said there were over 13 bids received for the Wabasso Beach Park Project and the County was in the process of communicating with previous customers of the lowest bidder of the project. He concluded once the notice to proceed was received, a recommendation of the bid award would be taken to the BCC.

Mr. Davis briefly discussed the construction on the new Golden Sands Beach Park.

A discussion ensued concerning illegal activities at Wabasso Beach Park after the lifeguards leave at night. It was determined a letter would be sent to the IRC Sheriff's Department requesting additional police patrol at the Wabasso Beach Park.

Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission – Mr. Marty Smithson, The District (00:34:52)

Mr. Marty Smithson, The District, told the committee The District had been working with the Sebastian Inlet State Park to build a containment area for the sand transfer system.

Committee Members Matters (00:41:20)

Mr. Anderson asked Dr. Gorham if there was any update on the grant from the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) for the monitoring. Dr. Gorham replied FIT received a \$250,000 grant through the County from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Chairman's Matters

There was none.

Other Matters

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.