

## **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, September 15, 2008, in the County Administration Building, Building B, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, Robert Lindsey, Cheryl Gerstner, Bob Anderson and David Barney, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Mayor Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere Appointee; and Councilmember Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian Appointee.

Absent were Councilmember Paul Johnson, Town of Orchid Appointee; and Councilmember William Ahrens, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; (both excused).

Also present were IRC staff: Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan; Dr. Jonathan Gorham, Coastal Resource Manager; James Gray, Coastal Engineer; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present were Beth Mitchell and Marty Smithson, Sebastian Inlet Taxing District (The District); Stephen Boehning, Coastal Waterways; Melanie Neach, Keep Indian River Beautiful (KIRB); Sheryl Koenes, Disney's Vero Beach Resort; Michael Walther, Coastal Technology Corporation (Coastal Tech); and Richard Oujevolk and Lee Cockey, Interested Citizens.

### **Call to Order – Chairman Tom White** (00:00:03)

Chairman White called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of the Minutes of June 16, 2008** (00:00:20)

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Glynn, SECONED BY Mr. Barney, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of June 16, 2008 as presented.**

### **Presentation about the Upcoming Coastal Clean-up – Mrs. Melanie Neach (Jones), KIRB** (00:00:48)

Mrs. Melanie Neach, Executive Director, KIRB announced their partnership

with the Pelican Island Audubon Society in the world's largest waterway cleanup on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. She handed out an informational brochure, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office, and asked if there were anyone interested in volunteering at the Coastal cleanup to be at any of the locations listed on the brochure.

Mrs. Neach also mentioned IRC had expanded their recycling program to include plastics no. 1 through 7, cereal boxes, among other items and gave a brief overview of the County's first cigarette litter prevention program.

**Summer Biological Monitoring Update - Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources Manager** (00:05:47)

Dr. Jonathan Gorham gave a progress report on the post construction and pre-construction biological monitoring performed over the summer.

**Sector 1 and 2** First year of the three years required post construction monitoring, 60% complete.

**Mitigation Reef** Final year of the three years required post construction monitoring, 100% complete.

**Sector 7** Second year of the three years required post construction monitoring, 100% completion on the underwater reef monitoring.

**Sector 3** Pre-construction baseline monitoring in support of permit applications. Sector 3 was the largest monitoring effort; seven mile long project length, 100% complete.

**Countywide aerial photography for near shore reef extent mapping – 100% Complete**

**Countywide near shore sea turtle abundance monitoring 100% Complete**

Mr. Barney inquired on the status of the Sector 3 permitting. Dr. Gorham replied that Coastal Tech would be submitting a response to the request for additional information to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as part of the requirement for the permit.

Mr. Anderson asked for an update on the Florida Institute of Technology

(F.I.T.) Monitoring Grant Project. Dr. Gorham said F.I.T sends periodic progress reports and a sample video of the project to the County and noted a final report of the project should be completed by the end of the year 2009. A discussion followed.

Chairman White brought up the Strategic Beach Management Plan report sent out by the DEP and asked if Terri Collins-Lister, Recording Secretary would e-mail the report to the committee members.

**Derelict Vessel Removal Update – Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer**  
(00:22:26)

Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer, gave a presentation on the Indian River County Derelict Vessel Removal Program, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Gray emphasized there were no other grants available for derelict vessels or mitigation programs other than the Florida Inlet Navigation District Grant and he wanted to be more proactive with the program by removing the derelict vessels before they became a hazard or impacted sea grass or oyster/clamshell beds. A discussion followed on the derelict vessel removal.

**Status of County Beach Parks – Mr. Jim Davis, IRC Public Works Director**  
(00:40:52)

Dr. Gorham gave a brief update on Wabasso Beach Park. He confirmed the County had issued a notice to proceed to Ocean Gate General Contractors. He indicated the contract will begin on September 22, 2008 and contracted until April 20, 2009 for final completion and certification.

Mr. Barney commented on all of the obstacles the County had gone through to rebuild Wabasso Beach Park and the amount of time it took to start rebuilding one of the most popular beaches.

**Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission** (00:47:03)

Mr. Marty Smithson, The District, announced they had entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the County for the Sector 3 Project in order to provide 180,000 cubic yards of sand or up to \$4.6 million in funding.

Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan thanked The District for partnering with the County on the Interlocal Agreement.

### **Committee Members Matters** (00:49:35)

Ms. Simchick pointed out the Marine Resources Council 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration would be held on October 18, 2008 at the Lagoon House in Palm Bay, Florida from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Barney announced the Sebastian Inlet Surf Rider Chapter would be participating in the Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at the Treasure Shores Beach Park. He noted there would be free give-a-ways for those participating in the cleanup effort thanks to the Sebastian Dive and Surf, Inc.

### **Chairman's Matters** (00:50:44)

There was none.

### **Other Matters** (00:50:44)

#### **a. Wabasso Beach Park – Mr. Richard Oujevolk** (00:50:52)

Mr. Richard Oujevolk, 1871 East Sand Dollar Lane, Vero Beach, gave a presentation on other possible locations for general access of heavy equipment during the restoration of Wabasso Beach Park other than the park itself, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

A discussion ensued on damage to facilities and to public or private properties from the heavy equipment during restoration projects. Dr. Gorham indicated the contractors were made aware in advance, the County would not give final completion or release their retainage until the sites were restored to the satisfaction of the owner.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.