

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, March 16, 2009, in the County Administration Building, Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were Chairman Bill Glynn, David Barney, Cheryl Gerstner, Bob Anderson, Robert Lindsey and Stephen Krasco, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Councilmember Tom White, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Councilmember Mike Ochsner, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; Councilmember Paul Johnson, Town of Orchid Appointee; and Councilmember Andrea Coy, Alternate, City of Sebastian Appointee.

Absent were Councilmember Dale Simchick, City of Sebastian Appointee; and Joel Tyson, City of Fellsmere Appointee (all excused).

Also present were IRC staff: Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan; Jim Davis, Public Works Director; Dr. Jonathan Gorham, Coastal Resource Manager; James Gray, Coastal Engineer; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present were Marty Smithson, Sebastian Inlet Taxing District (The District); Don Dexter, City of Vero Beach; Stephen Boehning, Coastal Waterways; Michael Walther and Jim Marino, Coastal Technology Corporation; Sheryl Koenes, Disney's Vero Beach Resort; and Louise Schmitt, Gayle LeGore, Al Stock, Lee Cockey, Mary Jane Smith, Barbara Lange, William Suddath, and Frank Zorc, Interested Citizens.

Call to Order

Chairman Glynn called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of February 16, 2009

ON MOTION BY Mr. Anderson, SECONDED BY Councilmember White, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the minutes of February 16, 2009 as presented.

Sector 3 Beach Restoration Permitting Update - Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources

Dr. Gorham distributed to the committee, a copy of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Beach Management Funding Assistance Program, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He told the committee the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project was not on the DEP's FY

2009/2010 Beach Restoration and Nourishment Priority Projects List. He briefly summarized how the DEP categorized the projects and proposed several options:

- 1) Proceed with the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project and apply for re-imburement from the state
- 2) Seek special funding from legislative delegation
- 3) Modify the Sector 3 project and/or re-schedule to the year 2010/2011

A lengthy discussion ensued on funding for the Sector 3 Beach Project. Chairman Glynn asked if Terri Collins-Lister, Recording Secretary, would invite Mr. Jason Brown, IRC Budget Director, to the April 20, 2009 Beach Meeting, to address what the County options were to fund the Sector 3 Beach Project and whether the County could fund the entire Sector 3 project, or add one cent to the tourist tax.

Dr. Gorham pointed out the permit for the Sector 3 project would be valid for up to five years. A discussion followed on whether the Sector 3 Beach Restoration should be scaled down.

ON MOTION BY Councilmember White, SECONDED BY Ms. Gerstner, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend the Board of County Commissioners ask staff to further explore other options and alternatives such as tourist tax and how much funding the County could provide for the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project.

Sector 3 Beach Restoration Upland Sand Source Follow-up – Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources

Dr. Gorham reported staff had received approval at the March 3, 2009 BCC meeting to include upland sand sources in the Sector 3 Beach Restoration project permitting process. He indicated DEP would consider the County use of upland sand sources in the Sector 3 Beach project, but approval would be highly dependent upon the characteristics of the upland sand source. He indicated according to the DEP, adding an alternate sand source to the permit may delay the permitting process by four months which would push the date from late August to late December.

He brought up several alternatives for the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Upland Sand Source for the committee's consideration:

- 1) Not issue the work order and abandon the upland sand source
- 2) Issue the work order in it's entirety (\$175,000 cost)
- 3) Ask the BCC to authorize a work order to explore alternative upland sand sources that were compatible to beach sand. (\$50,000 cost)
- 4) Stay with the offshore sand source which was durable and compatible to beach sand.

ON MOTION BY Councilmember Coy, SECONDED BY Mr. Johnson, to recommend option #1 - not to issue the work order and abandon the upland sand source, because upland sand sources can not meet the characteristics of offshore sand. THE MOTION FAILED.

A lengthy discussion ensued on "who" and "how" to set the standard for upland sand sources, how much the County would need to spend to verify if the proposed criteria was "beach compatible" or better. It was staff's recommendation to go with alternative 3 to explore the possibility of finding an upland sand source that was beach compatible.

Councilmember White left at 4:50 p.m.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Anderson, SECONDED BY Mr. Barney, the members voted (6-2) in favor of Alternative 3, requesting the Board of County Commissioners authorize a work order to explore alternative upland sand sources that were beach compatible. Councilmember's Coy and Ochsner opposed.

Status of County Beach Parks – Mr. Jim Davis, IRC Public Works Director

Mr. Davis told the committee the Wabasso Beach Park construction was on schedule and estimated a late April opening.

Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission

Mr. Marty Smithson, The District, reported the DEP approved the wetland line so that permitting for the Dredge Management Area at the Sebastian Inlet may begin.

Committee Members Matters

Mr. Anderson felt the committee should further look into the NuShore Total Management System; however concerns were expressed that the system had not been tested on the East Coast.

Chairman Matters

There were none.

Other Matters

There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.