

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 18, 2009, 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/2009.

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

Absent were Robert Lindsey and Stephen Krasco, BCC Appointees; Joel Tyson, City of Fellsmere Appointee; and Councilmember Paul Johnson, Town of Orchid Appointee (all 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 Marty Smithson, Sebastian Inlet Taxing District (The District); Don Dexter, City of Vero Beach; Stephen Boehning, Coastal Waterways; Sheryl Koenes, Disney's Vero Beach Resort; Steve Smith, Ranch Road Sandmine; and Gayle LeGore, Donna Cockey, Barbara Lange, Chris Hendricks, and Doug Disil, Interested Citizens.

Call to Order

Chairman Glynn called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of April 20, 2009 (00:00:20)

ON MOTION BY Vice Mayor White, SECONDED BY Mr. Anderson, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of April 20, 2009.

Vulnerability of Coastal Structures to Erosion Damage – Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources (00:00:40)

Dr. Gorham gave an overview of the observations from damage assessments and the lessons learned after the 2004 Hurricanes, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He indicated the majority of damage was from water and wind, even for the oceanfront structures.

Sector 3 Beach Restoration Permitting and Funding Update - Dr. Jonathan Gorham, IRC Coastal Resources (00:13:52)

Dr. Gorham updated the committee on the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project and stated the County had submitted a response to a request for additional information (RAI) #4 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on April 30, 2009. He felt the state agencies were "comfortable" with the basic design and scope of the project although there was still some concern with environmental monitoring and mixing zone variances. He added the County had requested a partial refund of the permit application fee for Sector 3 project based on the reduction in the volume of sand being placed on the beach.

Dr. Gorham reported County representatives met with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (Corp) representatives, the National Marine Fisheries Service, DEP, and with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission via teleconference on May 6, 2009 at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office in Vero Beach to discuss the Sector 3 permit application.

Dr. Gorham also reported the County was working with Coastal Tech to develop a scope cost and schedule for the preparation of the Sector 3 bid documents; however no date had been set for the bidding of the project.

A discussion followed on the erosion control line and an engineered beach. Dr. Gorham indicated the state required preparation and certification of an erosion control line of the Sector 3 project area prior to giving their notice to proceed.

A question was raised concerning if the permit would need to be modified for the Sector 3 Project to allow the bidding by upland sand sources. Dr. Gorham replied the permit would need to be modified if the project would happen to be awarded to an upland sand source. A lengthy discussion followed about upland sand sources.

Mr. William Johnson, 1155 Winding Oaks Circle, Vero Beach, Florida, requested staff could put together a general schedule of items needing to be accomplished for the Sector 3 Restoration Project along with a timeline.

Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission (00:56:31)

Mr. Marty Smithson, The District, reported the design for the dredge material management area had been completed. He told the committee, that a professor from the Florida Institute of Technology, Dr. Gary Zarillo, was in the

process of finishing his annual update of the State of the Sebastian Inlet Report. He concluded the District would be scheduling aerial photography of the Sebastian Inlet sometime in June 2009 which would tie into the study by Dr. Zarillo.

Status of County Beach Parks (01:01:03)

Commissioner O'Bryan remarked Golden Sands and Wabasso Beach Parks were opened and a dedication was planned for either the end of May or June 2009. He indicated Terri Collins-Lister, Recording Secretary, would e-mail the members the date of the dedication.

Committee Members Matters (01:02:53)

There were none.

Chairman Matters (01:02:58)

Chairman Glynn asked Vice Mayor White if he had heard whether the Federal Government had set aside stimulus dollars for the City of Vero Beach for beach restoration. Vice Mayor White replied the stimulus dollars would go to the state for disbursement; however he had not heard the amount dedicated to beach restoration.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.