

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 17, 2011, 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/2011.

Present were Chairman Bill Glynn, David Barney, Cheryl Gerstner, Stephen Krasco and Bob Anderson, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointees; Councilmember Mike Ochsner, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; Councilmember Bill Troxell, Town of Orchid Appointee; and Councilman Joel Tyson, City of Fellsmere Appointee.

Absent was Mayor Jim Hill, City of Sebastian Appointee; Brian Heady, City of Vero Beach Appointee; and Robert Lindsey, BCC Appointee (all excused).

Also present were IRC staff: Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan; James Gray, Coastal Engineer; David Fleetwood, Superintendent, Parks Division; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present were: Sheryl Koenes, Disney's Vero Beach Resort; Steve Smith, Ranch Road Sand Mine; Tem Fontaine, Coastal Technology; Steve Boehning, Coastal Waterways; Chris Hendricks and Barbara Lange, Interested Citizens.

Call to Order

Chairman Glynn called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2011

ON MOTION BY Councilman Tyson, SECONDED BY Councilmember Troxell, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the minutes of November 15, 2011 as presented.

Discussion on Member Appointments and Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Liaison O'Bryan told the members the County Attorney's Office was reviewing all the committees and its member's term to make sure all the terms were staggered and members met the proper qualifications. He suggested tabling the Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman until no later than

the March 21, 2011 meeting.

ON MOTION BY Councilman Tyson, SECONDED BY Councilmember Ochsner, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to table the Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman until no later than the March 21, 2011 Beach and Shores Preservation Advisory Committee.

Local Government Request for Funding Update for Fiscal Year 2011/2012

Mr. James Gray, IRC Coastal Engineer, stated each year the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems updated the Florida Beach Management Program Long Range Budget Plan which developed a prioritize list of Beach Projects to submit to the Department's Fixed Capital Outlay. He added top ranked beach projects submitted under the Fixed Capital Outlay received State cost share. He continued that IRC requested the following funding appropriations:

Sector 1 and 2 Beach Project - \$125,000 State Share
Sector 3 Beach Project – \$6.1 million State Share
Sector 5 Beach Project - \$50,000 for Feasibility Study

Mr. Gray indicated on November 29, 2010, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) submitted their preliminary rankings to the County and out of a total of 100 points to a given project the following points were awarded:

Sector 3 Beach Project - 29 points
Sector 5 Beach Project – 22 points
Sector 1 & 2 Beach Project – No points due to funds already appropriated and accounted for in grants with the state

Mr. Gray indicated County staff sent a response letter to the DEP stating the County did not agree with the ranking of points and requested a re-evaluation/readjustment of points awarded for the Sector 3 Project from 29 to 37 points for expected project performance and the projects use of innovative technologies (upland sand sources). Also, IRC requested the Sector 5 Project points be adjusted from 22 to 25 points to account for the County's long term funding source, the Beach Preservation Plan. He noted only an estimated \$6.8 million dollars of the 2011/2012 documentary stamp tax funds were currently allocated and stressed the importance of the additional points in order to be placed higher on the list. He noted the County had three years from the date of completion of the beach project to request funding. A lengthy discussion

followed on the rankings.

Sector 3 Update

Mr. Gray summarized to date approximately four miles of the Sector 3 Beach project had been fully constructed, including the Orchid area south of John's Island. He indicated approximately 300,000 cubic yards of sand had been placed to date and remaining was the 2.3 miles of the Phase II segment with construction scheduled to begin on February 7, 2011 with Treasure Shores and Golden Sands Beach Park identified as construction access points.

Sector 5 Update

Mr. Gray reviewed the information contained in his detailed handout regarding the Sector 5 Beach Restoration Project, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He highlighted on the following:

- Sector 5 Project Background
- Sector 5 Project – Beach Preservation Plan Update adopted in 2009
- Current Project Federal Status
- To Proceed with the Sector 5 Beach Project
- Project Partnership Agreement
- Federal Budget Schedule and Next Steps

Mr. Gray brought up a letter of interest to be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reaffirming the commitment from IRC, as well as the assumed responsibility to act as the non-Federal sponsor for the Sector 5 Beach Restoration Project. He advised the matter was scheduled to go before the BCC on January 18, 2011 for their consideration.

ON MOTION BY Councilman Tyson, SECONDED BY Mr. Anderson, the members voted unanimously (8-0) to recommend the Board of County Commissioners support a letter of interest to reaffirm the commitment from Indian River County, as well as the assumed responsibility to act as the non-Federal sponsor for the Sector 5 Beach Restoration Project.

Update from the Sebastian Inlet Taxing District Commission

Mr. Gray reported approximately 10,000 cubic yards of material was being

excavated from the tidal pool area for the dredge management area. The dredge management area would provide a place to store material for future projects. He stated prior to the construction of the dredge management area there were a number of gopher tortoises that needed to be relocated to Lake Louisa in Clermont, Florida and indicated there had to be a consecutive number of days with the temperature being higher than 50 degrees fahrenheit prior to relocation.

Status of County Parks

Mr. David Fleetwood, IRC Superintendent, Parks Division, stated the County relocated the lifeguard tower seaward at Round Island.

Committee Members Matters

Councilmember Troxell questioned Ranger Construction's decision to start construction for Phase II of the Sector 3 Beach Project from north to south and Treasure Shores Beach Park being closed during one of the busiest times. A lengthy discussion followed on the construction of Phase II of the Sector 3 Beach Project.

Chairman Matters

There was none.

Commissioner Matters

Commissioner Liaison O'Bryan mentioned Commissioner Solari had requested from staff a workshop to be held on Alternative Methods of Beach Preservation in the near future.

Other Matters

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.