

## City of Treasure Island Beach Stewardship Committee

August 14, 2002

1:30 PM

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Robert Minning, Sully Lowe, George Greenfield, Don Hambidge; Cliff Truitt, Coastal Tech;

Chairman Robert Minning called the Beach Stewardship Committee meeting to order at 1:35 PM in the City Hall auditorium, 108th Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida.

1. The draft minutes of the July 10, 2002 meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was approved to accept the minutes as drafted. Without objection, three additional items were added to the present agenda for discussion.
2. Dr. Greenfield displayed several photographs of beach scenes he had taken and processed into large format prints. He described the collection as representing “moods of the beach,” with scenes ranging from very tranquil to an approaching storm. The Committee unanimously endorsed the suggestion that the photographs be displayed in the Community or Recreation Center.
3. Cliff Truitt reported that most of the remaining items for the response submittal on the Sand Sharing project permit application have been received and sent on to FDEP. Any remaining issues will be addressed as soon as possible in a follow-up.
4. Dr. Greenfield had followed-up on last month’s discussion about water quality and resulting health issues on the beaches. The Florida Department of Health has a beach water quality monitoring program called the “Florida Healthy Beaches Program” (DOH website: [doh.state.fl.us](http://doh.state.fl.us)). Water is tested for two parameters, *Enterococcus* and fecal coliform, twice each month at several stations around the State. One of the stations is on Treasure Island and Dr. Greenfield had printed and distributed the results from the first two-week period in July. The initial test indicated a “poor” rating for both parameters, but beaches are not closed by DOH without a re-test to confirm the results. When the station was re-tested, both results were in the “good” range. The Committee discussed how flushing at each of the passes might affect results (either “good” or “poor”) in a relatively short time. Dr. Greenfield also distributed a short description of a coastal water contamination research program at USF.
5. Mr. Minning reported for the sub-committee on the beach vegetation education efforts with Ray Green’s firm, Paradigm Learning. He felt that substantial progress has been made and the schedule still calls for the work to be ready by the up-coming winter season. He asked that Committee members be thinking about who might act as facilitators at various group meetings where the program would be presented, and what would those target groups be.

6. Committee Member Remarks:

Sully Lowe asked if anyone had any more information about the report of the County Tourist Development Council “borrowing” beach maintenance funds for other uses. No one seemed to have heard about any final vote or meeting, but it was reported that the Barrier Islands Council had formally passed a resolution objecting to the idea.

Cliff Truitt noted that the annual meeting of the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association would be on September 25-27<sup>th</sup> at South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island.

7. The next regular Committee meeting date was set for September 11, 2002 at 1:30

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.