

City of Treasure Island Beach Stewardship Committee

October 8, 2003

1:30 PM

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Robert Minning, Sully Lowe, Barbara Blush, Don Hambidge, Rick Raus; 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 September 10, 2003 meeting had been distributed and reviewed by the Committee members. Upon appropriate motion the minutes were approved as drafted. No changes to the agenda were requested.
2. Cliff Truitt reported on the status of the Sand Sharing permit. He said that Coastal Tech suggests delaying the submittal of the most recent response to FDEP's Request for Additional Information until the potential need for additional work and related costs can be assessed and discussed. The updated USF monitoring report for 1998-2003 was distributed to the Committee for review. Dr. Truitt expressed some concern about comments in the report which might make our case with FDEP even more difficult. Mr. Minning will invite the USF author, Dr. Ping Wang, to the November Committee meeting. In the interim, we will also try and arrange for Cliff Truitt and Dr. Wang to discuss the report themselves, before the Committee meeting.
3. Ramona Updegraff had requested time to make an informational presentation to the Committee on "A Sustainable Solution for Beach Renourishment." Ms. Updegraff was formerly the Mayor of Redington Beach and has been active in beach management issues. She indicated that she had also made a similar presentation to County staff and several of the County Commissioners. Her presentation described the use of Under Current Stabilizers as developed by Holmberg Technologies. The technology basically consists of low profile geotextile tubes filled with concrete and placed perpendicular to the shoreline to reduce the nearshore current velocity, thereby allowing sand to drop out of suspension and collect along the treated beach section. Following her presentation on how the devices function and photographs from example projects, she answered questions from the Committee and distributed copies of the "Paradise at Risk" series of newspaper articles from last year.
4. Committee Member Remarks:

Sully Lowe asked about the outcome of the two resolutions proposed for last month's City Commission meeting. One urged the Governor and Legislature to preserve the entire dedicated \$30,000,000 in the Beach Erosion Control Trust Fund and the second resolution asked the Commission to affirm that the City's Beach Improvement Fund shall be maintained with a minimum balance of \$500,000. Commissioner Blush reported that both resolutions were

adopted and that Dennis Jones also had asked the “Big C” to endorse the same resolution to the Governor and Legislature.

Commissioner Blush noted that Commissioners Kraus, Maloof and she had attended the FSBPA meeting last month and received certificates of achievement for their participation. She also noted a recent increase in sand loss at mid-Sunset beach and extending into Land’s End.

Mr. Mining noted that we had confirmed that the Corps of Engineers has assigned Jackie Hand to be the Project Manager for the Pinellas County projects including Treasure Island -- taking Rick McMillen’s place. The project schedule still calls for maintenance next spring.

There were no further remarks.

5. The next regular Committee meeting date was set for November 12, 2003 at 1:30

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.