

## City of Treasure Island Beach Stewardship Committee

July 20, 2004

1:30 PM

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Robert Minning, George Greenfield, Denis Velasco, Alan Bildz, Ruth Philipon, Don Hambidge, Rick Raus; Cliff Truitt, Coastal Tech.

Chairman Robert Minning called the Beach Stewardship Committee meeting to order at 1:33 PM in the City Hall auditorium, 108th Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida. The meeting date had been changed from the normal second Wednesday of the month because of a scheduling conflict for the meeting room. The revised meeting date was properly noticed beforehand.

1. The draft minutes of the June 9, 2004 meeting had been distributed and reviewed by the Committee members. Dr. Greenfield requested that item 3 of the draft minutes be revised to state that the recommendation to the Commission was that all beach related activities be within the purview of the Beach Stewardship Committee. Upon appropriate motion the minutes were approved as amended.
2. Without objection the Committee added agenda items to discuss the status of the Sand Sharing permit application and the Upham/Sunset restoration schedule.
3. Rick Raus reviewed the history/status of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to retain an environmental consultant to conduct the baseline ecosystem data collection for future use in an expanded Beach Management Plan. The three firms that were 'short listed' for the project by our sub-committee were present to make presentations to the Committee. Each of the firms – Delta Seven, Coastal Resources and URS – made a 15 minute introductory presentation followed by 15 minutes of questions from the Committee. Following all presentations the Committee members completed an evaluation form and voted to rank the firms based on qualifications as: 1) Delta Seven, 2) Coastal Resources and 3) URS. The ranked list will be forwarded to the City Commission for their review and possible action.
4. Cliff Truitt updated the Committee on the Sand Sharing Project permit application. The conference call with FDEP and City staff that was being arranged by Coastal Tech was cancelled after FDEP staff indicated that they did not expect much progress could be made. After discussion among the Committee members, it was decided to pursue a trip to Tallahassee to meet with FDEP staff in early August. Nicole Elko, with Pinellas County had indicated to Bob Minning that she wanted to be kept informed of the status and any contact with FDEP. Cliff Truitt will talk with her.
5. Robert Minning reported that in his conversation with Ms. Elko she said the County had completed the 'ground-truthing' of the hardbottom area identified off Treasure Island and did not find any resources of significance. The Notice to Proceed with construction is expected by the end of next week.

6. Committee Member Remarks:

There were no further remarks.

7. The next regular Committee meeting date was set for August 18, 2004 at 1:30  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.