

City of Treasure Island Beach Stewardship Committee

May 9, 2007

1:30 PM

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Robert Minning, John Burke, Lisa Romano-Martinez, Dennis Velasco, Don Hambidge; Reid Silverboard, City Manager; Cliff Truitt, Coastal Tech.

Dennis Velasco was asked to assume the duties of temporary Chairman and he 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 April 11, 2007 meeting had been distributed and reviewed by the Committee members. Upon appropriate motion, the minutes were approved as drafted.
2. There were no changes proposed to the Agenda.
3. As noted at last month's meeting Bob Minning has been elected to the City Commission and under the City Resolution establishing the Beach Stewardship Committee, he may serve as a Committee member if appointed by the Commission, but may not be one of the Committee officers. Therefore, it was concluded that new elections should be held. Mr. Velasco was nominated to be the Chairman and was elected by unanimous vote of the Committee members.
4. Cliff Truitt provided a status report on the work to establish an Erosion Control Line (ECL) as a requirement for the Sand Sharing project. Nicole Elko and Cliff met with the City Attorney, Maura Kiefer, following last month's Committee meeting to discuss what options the City might have. Much of that discussion centered on the involvement and possible responses of the City of St. Petersburg to the issue as the only 'other' property owner potentially affected by the establishment of an ECL as proposed. It was agreed that Ms. Kiefer would contact the City of St. Petersburg Attorney's office and arrange to meet directly with their staff for further discussions.
5. Bob Minning reported on the continuing follow-up to the dune preservation area discussion with the City Commission. He and Rick Raus had walked the dune areas last month with Lauren Waters of Delta Seven. Lauren felt that there were a few 'ephemeral' areas, but many areas that lacked the obvious green vegetation were simply being impacted by the drought and would come back as soon as the moisture returned. The Committee discussed a number of issues related to the locations of the areas proposed for identification/designation and the use of the terms 'no rake' versus 'dune preservation.' A motion was offered and passed unanimously to endorse the Delta Seven revised map as 'dune preservation areas' within which existing ordinances and dune management practices would apply. The motion will be forwarded to the City Commission for review and agreement.
6. Committee Member Remarks:

Dennis Velasco discussed the success of using the larger, gallon-size plants in the recent City and private dune re-vegetation efforts. He suggested getting copies of good photos of the plants in their grown-out condition to share with Nicole Elko for possible public presentations. There was additional Committee discussion of the dune area and plantings at Sunset Chateau.

Robert Minning followed this discussion by noting that the County has already sent an Email asking for requests for sea oats and other plants for June and July grow-out and delivery. There was initial discussion that perhaps we could not use any additional plants, but Dennis Velasco pointed out that Sunset Chateau was an example where more planting could be done if the owners wanted to participate. Lisa Romano-Martinez said that she had contacts at Sunset Chateau and could contact them to discuss a planting program. It was also suggested that we contact Nicole Elko and ask her technical opinion if additional plants could be used at Sunshine Beach.

Robert Minning then asked about the Elnor Island work and Don Hambidge said he had reviewed the draft bid advertisement and returned it to Lynn Rosetti, and he understood that the bidding time frame had been extended for two weeks to allow for additional responses. Bob also asked about the status of the dune walkover grants and Don replied that there was supposed to be a draft state contract this past week, but it had not been received.

John Burke announced the details for the next beach clean-up on the north.

There were no further remarks.

7. The next regular Committee meeting date was set for June 13, 2007 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.