

## City of Treasure Island Beach Stewardship Committee

October 8, 2008

1:30 PM

Committee Present: Dennis Velasco, Robert Minning, Don Nolan, Mary Daughtry, Ruth Philipon, Rick Raus

Chairman Dennis Velasco called the Beach Stewardship Committee meeting to order at 1:35 PM in the City Hall Auditorium, 108th Ave., Treasure Island, Florida.

1. A draft of the minutes of the August 13, 2008 meeting had been previously distributed and reviewed by all committee members. Upon appropriate motion, the draft was approved as submitted.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. Dennis Velasco reported that due to the FY 08/09 budget cut backs, Cliff Truitt, our representative from Coastal Technology, will not be attending the Beach Stewardship meetings on a scheduled basis.
4. Commissioner Minning reported that Taylor Cabana Rentals was in the process of suing the City of St. Petersburg over them being charged rental for setting up on the part of the beach that St. Petersburg says they own. A ruling should be forthcoming.
5. Commissioner Minning wants the committee members to be involved with the design of signage along Gulf Blvd for the access points to the beach, as well as upgrades to the existing beach trail. It was unanimously suggested that committee member Ruth Philipon sketch some designs for the new beach access signs, for presentation at the November 12th meeting.

It was suggested that BSC members meet onsite at the County Park to discuss any ideas or changes involving the beach sidewalk and the adjacent sand wall. The meeting will take place at 8am on October 29th.

### 6. Committee Member Remarks:

Don Nolan reported that they had several successful beach cleanups and that the next cleanup would be held on November 8th. He also stated that some of the newly planted Seaoats were looking bad after several wind events this summer.

Mary Daughtry inquired about a beach chair that was locked to a fence at parking lot #4, and whose property it was actually on. Rick Raus said he would look into the matter.

Commissioner Minning reported that he had attended the annual Florida Shores and Beaches meeting. Some of the highlights were that Treasure Islands renourishment

project next year, which is on a 3-4 year schedule, was full funded and ready to go. When it begins, sand will be used from John's Pass for the Sunshine Beach area and sand from Blind Pass will be used for the Sunset Beach area. Another topic that was discussed by several participants at the seminar was the melting of the ice caps and sea level rise. The world's oceans are rising by approximately one foot every 100 years.

There were no further remarks.

7. The next regular Committee meeting was set for November 12, 2008 at 1:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34PM.