

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA
COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION
October 3, 2006
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

Welcome to the City of Treasure Island Commission Meeting. If you wish to speak on a topic that is on this evening's agenda, a speaker's form [available in the rear of the room] must be completed and given to the City Clerk. Please do not address the Commission from your seat, but rather from the podium where your comments can be heard by all and recorded as required by Florida law. Unscheduled topics may be presented under the Public Comments section of the agenda.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Beach Trail
2. Date change of November 7, 2006 meeting

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IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

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CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item #: I - 1
Meeting Date: 10/3/06

SUBJECT:

The Beach Trail Master Plan including the Beach Trail extensions north and south and the upgrade of the existing portion of the Beach Trail.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends the following:

1. Approve moving forward on the Central (existing) Beach Trail as designed subject to funding, phasing and permitting. Staff will develop a plan of action and present this to the Commission for approval.
2. Investigate the cost and timeframe for permitting the South Beach Trail Extension. Staff will develop this information and present to the Commission for approval.
3. Due to the historic aggressive erosion characteristics and the overall costs associated with the combination of the existing trail upgrade and extensions, defer any action on the North Beach Trail Section until the Central and Southern section actions have been concluded.
4. Direct staff to prepare a cost and schedule for upgrading all Beach Access points in all three sections in conjunction with the Central Trail initial improvement package.
5. Request that the "oil spill" funding be allowed to be utilized on the central portion of the Beach Trail plan.

SUMMARY:

In August 1993, an oil spill occurred in Tampa Bay, which led to a settlement which funded a program of restoration projects intended to address the lost access and use of Tampa Bay area

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<p>Submitted by: Ralph Stone, City Manager, and Lynn Rosetti, City Planner</p>		

beaches and waterways. On August 14, 2001, the City of Treasure Island entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to fund two separate projects from the "oil spill" funding. The first of the project was the Sunset Vista Trailhead Park. The second project is the "Treasure Island Walkway Extension", more commonly called the Beach Trail extension. This project is intended to expand the current Beach Trail north approximately 3800 Feet from 119th Avenue to 127th Avenue and to the south approximately 4000 feet from 104th Avenue to 97th Avenue. The southern end would connect up to the Sunset Vista Trailhead Park. Funding in the amount of \$380,000 has been earmarked for this project. In addition, it is anticipated that the City of Treasure Island will be funding portions of the Beach Trail extension, if approved, and separately funding a project to improve the current Beach Trail.

At the February 8, 2005 meeting, the City Commission approved a request for landscape architecture services. When this selection was completed in March 2005, two assignments were initiated related to the Beach Trail. The first was to develop proposed improvements to the existing trail. The second was to develop options for the extension of the trail both north and south so that the NOAA funding can be utilized for the construction of this extension. The landscape architectural firm selected was Phil Graham & Company, P.A.

During this time, the City Manager and Public Works Director met with NOAA and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to review and coordinate the conclusion of the Sunset Vista project and the Beach Trail extension project.

Also during this time, the Treasure Island Civic Leaders Group held several meetings to discuss the beach trail extension and improvement. In April, 2005, a list of the Civic Leaders recommendations was presented to the City Commission for their review and consideration including a recommendation supporting the study of the Beach Trail.

In July 2005, the City Commission approved the development of the Master Plan for the Beach Trail extension as well as the upgrade of the existing portion of the Beach Trail.

DEVELOPMENTAL TIMELINE

Staff began working with Phil Graham & Company in September and October and after several meetings, a public Beach Trail Kickoff meeting was held on October 26, 2005. In addition to the Civic Leaders Group, the members of the Planning and Zoning Board, Beach Stewardship Committee, and Beautification Committee were invited to attend. Following this initial community meeting, staff held two meetings with the consultant in November, 2005, and then conducted a trail walk with the consultant on December 8, 2005.

During the last week in January, 2006, staff and the consultant held two meetings with the stakeholders (all owners of property west of Gulf Boulevard from the John's Pass Bridge to the Sunset Vista Trailhead Park) to discuss the idea of the trail upgrades and extension and to get important feedback as well.

In April, 2006, staff and the consultant participated in a Beach Trail Regulatory Agency meeting at the NOAA offices in downtown St. Petersburg to discuss the regulatory issues relating to both the upgrading of the trail and its expansion. Then in May, 2006, staff, the

consultant, and several regulatory agency representatives met and conducted a field reconnaissance of the entire length of the existing trail as well as the the proposed options for the trail expansion. Subsequent to this meeting the consultant provided opportunity for individual meetings with the commercial property owners along the existing trail.

BEACH TRAIL MASTER PLAN

The Beach Trail Master Plan was presented to the Planning and Zoning Board, the Beach Stewardship Committee, the Beautification Committee and the Civic Leaders Group at an evening meeting on September 12, 2006. Public comments were heard, as well questions from the various board members. Since then, the groups have met individually and are forwarding the following recommendations to the City Commission.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning and Zoning Board discussed the proposed Beach Trail Master Plan at their September 21, 2006 Local Planning Agency meeting and following a discussion voted on the following recommendations to the City Commission:

- 1) Explore the possibility of the reallocation of the \$380,000 oil spill money to use on the central trail.**

Vote to approve was unanimous.

- 2) In the event that we have to extend the trail, make it a natural (i.e. shell) trail that is eco-friendly and unobtrusive. Any extensions should go towards the south end.**

Vote to approve was 8 Yes and 2 No.

BEACH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Beach Stewardship Committee met on September 13, 2006, and made the following recommendations:

- 1) Unanimously voted to support improvement of the Central (existing) Beach Trail.**
- 2) Voted 3-1 to support the North and South Extensions subject to funding availability and permitting and including appropriate phasing of the project.**
- 3) Voted to support evaluation of a "sand" wayfinding system on the North and South Extensions as an interim project or in place of a boardwalk/sidewalk improvement.**

CIVIC LEADERS GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

9/27/2006

Will report at the Commission meeting.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Beautification Committee will be discussing the Beach Trail Master Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2006. Staff will report the committee's recommendations to the Commission following this meeting.

The Beach Trail Master Plan will be presented to the City Commission by Phil Graham. Each of the Commissioners has received the 11" X 17" version of the plan. The large "construction plan" size document is available for review in the Commission office. There are also petitions both for and against the trail extensions available for your review in the Commission office.



**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND
AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item #: 1 - 2
Meeting Date: 10-03-06

SUBJECT: November Meeting Date Change

RECOMMENDATION: Change the date of the November 7, 2006 meeting to November 8, 2006

SUMMARY: The State General election will be held in the City Auditorium on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Therefore, the Commission meeting will need to be rescheduled.

Reviewed by:

- Legal
- Finance
- Personnel
- Public Works
- Community Imp
- Recreation
- Police
- Fire

Originating Dept:

User Dept:

Attachments:

Motion

Costs:

Total

Funding Source:

- Capital Improvement
- Operating
- Other

Submitted by:

Dawn Foss, City Clerk

Appropriation Code:

MOTION TO CHANGE MEETING DATE

I move to change the date of the November 7, 2006 meeting to November 8, 2006. This change is necessary due to the State General Election to be held in the City Auditorium on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

Motion was made by Commissioner () and seconded by Commissioner (). Upon roll call, the vote was ().

Passed this 17th day of October, 2006.

Mary Maloof, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Foss, City Clerk