

SPECIAL COMMISSION WORKSHOP
December 18, 2001

The purpose of this special workshop was to receive a presentation from Henry Woodroffe, City Facilities Architect, and Phil Graham and Company regarding the proposed Blind Pass Entry and Sunset Vista Trailhead Park Projects.

All members of the Commission and the City Manager were present at this meeting.

Representative John Carassas presented a proclamation from Governor Jeb Bush designating the City of Treasure Island the Sand Sculpture Capital of Florida.

The City Manager presented Treasure Island Causeway calendars to the City Commission produced by Mr. Lee Laughlin and the toll takers.

The City Manager noted receipt of a memo from the Public Works Director regarding the design of the two end causeway bridges. He stated that the Commission must begin considering the architectural element for the bridges and requested that the Commission set a special workshop for Tuesday, January 15th at 6:00p.m. to discuss the issue. The Commission agreed.

The City Manager reported that the paving on 107th Avenue has been completed.

The City Manager introduced Mr. Phil Graham, Mr. Jake Zimmerman, and Mr. Henry Woodroffe.

Mr. Graham discussed the beautification master plan for Treasure Island and all of Gulf Boulevard and the Blind Pass Entry Project.

Mr. Zimmerman presented design drawings for the Sunset Vista Trailhead Park Project and discussed the components of the project and indicated public input is requested.

After presentation of the components of the project, questions were raised regarding parking at the site and Mr. Zimmerman explained that parking is not allowed on the site but there is parking available in lots close by. He explained that this park is intended to be a walk-up park.

Ms. Heidi Horak, a resident of Sunset Beach spoke in favor of the project but stated she does not favor constructing a shade structure.

Mr. Peter Volmar, a resident of Sunshine Beach, stated he feels that it is a wonderful plan and stated he feels that this project will do to Sunset Beach what the 107th Avenue project did for the downtown area. He urged the City to move forward with the project.

Mr. Harry Black, General Manager of the Island Inn, spoke in favor of the plan and stated he is looking forward to the project.

Mr. Mike Myers, Manager of Beach Nutts, indicated that he also is looking forward to the project.

Ms. Clara Lee Selby, a resident of Capri Isle, asked how the project would be funded. The City Manager explained that the project would be paid for through grants from N.O.A.A. and Penny for Pinellas Funds. Ms. Selby spoke in favor of the project and urged the Commission to proceed.

Mr. Graham thanked Mr. Zimmerman for the outstanding job he's done on this project and thanked the City for being the leader in the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project.

A resolution will be adopted in January approving the design.