



Meeting Minutes - Final

Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 6, 2025

5:30 PM

Staff Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall.

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A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Harrison A. McNeil, Ruben Macias, Glenn Duhon, Larisa A. Ford, and Scott Lawson

Excused: 1 - Kathryn Hyatt

C. Public Comment

There was no one from the public in attendance.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

Glenn made a motion to accept the November minutes, Ruben seconded, the motion passed. Glenn made a motion to approve the absences, Ruben seconded, the motion passed.

E. Committee Reports

1. [24-0822](#) BMAC Report - Cliff Schalbach

Cliff was not in attendance for this meeting.

2. [24-0823](#) ISAC Report

Darren reported that the ISAC meeting was mostly about the TIRZ2 and what the committee wanted to get done and how those items would get financed. They also spoke about trying to get the building code changed regarding the sloping.

F. Staff Reports

Darren spoke about the sand project that is currently happening. He explained how the beach was raised to be level and then it would be moved out to the water, this is in hopes of having the beach 150 to 200' wide. Harrison asked about the lifeguards and Darren responded that the lifeguards no longer report to him. Ana Tortorello is now the superintendent for the guards. He did say that first tryouts would be on February 22nd, that they did have what guards they needed for the winter, except they are missing one senior guard and that they are planning on hiring a training guard. Ana is on track to getting USLA certification for the Gulf beach lifeguard program. The Mardi Gras parade is coming, it will be going by the seawall this year. Darren explained how he hopes the parking will go in front of the seawall.

G. Unfinished Business

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

3. [24-1162](#) Beach Maintenance Plan

Darren reported that he has not looked at the maintenance plan; he is down a couple of people.

4. [24-1612](#) Discuss resolution to support long-term beach sediment planning

Larisa has not had a chance to work on this, there was a death in her family. She will have something put together by the next meeting.

5. [24-1928](#) The Annual Report

Harrison reported that the committee didn't have a chance to vote on this because it was due last month. He submitted the report and read the completed report to the committee.

6. [24-1929](#) Members Terming Out

Darren asked the committee what they think about changing the frequency of these meetings. He said the ACM had asked him. The members terming out have already resigned or have been reappointed.

I. Future Agenda Items

Frequency of meetings

Budget wants, including dollars for the erosion control on the bay beach

Ana Tortorello's introduction

J. Adjournment

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.