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Meeting Minutes - Final

Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 7, 2024

5:30 PM

Staff Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall.

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A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Armon D. Alex, David Zill, Larisa A. Ford, Scott Lawson, Kathryn Hyatt, Harrison A. McNeil, Ruben Macias, and Glenn Duhon

Excused: 1 - Janie Gifford

C. Public Comment

There were 2 people from the public that wanted to speak. Deidre Williams went first. She told the group who she was, a coastal research scientist in the Coastal Dynamic Laboratory at the Conrad Blucher Institute for science at Texas A & M, Corpus Christi. She services as a technical resource focusing on coastal erosion on the Gulf Coast facing beaches, as well as the bay front parks and beaches for the city of Corpus Christi since 2008. She works with the city staff to provide updates on the status of plans to stabilize the eroding bay front parks along Corpus Christi bay. Erosion along the parks escalated in the 2020 hurricane season when there were 6 storms that affected the coastline. Erosion of the bluff presents a public safety issue, reduces the park footprint and threatens the park infrastructure. She did say that there has been progress on locating funding for this project, there is a TGLO/CEPRA grant that the city received last year and working on the matching funds. Once this process is over the city will be part of the TGLO/CERPA "family". This will benefit the city with future projects. There are 3 beach already in the "family"; North Beach, McGee Beach and University Beach. Currently there is a project before the Type B board for CEPRA matching funds. If this gets approved, it will then go to City Council for approval. She would like WBAC to present a resolution of support to the Type B board.

The other person from the public was Philippe Tissot, also from the Conrad Blucher Institute. He let the committee know that he had been on WBAC for many years and has worked on the erosion issue during that time. He is at WBAC tonight to let the current

committee members know that WBAC has been very involved with this issue and that WBAC needs to continue being involved and push for this.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

Glenn made a motion to accept the September minutes, Scott seconded, the motion passed. Armon made a motion to approve the absences, Ruben seconded, the motion passed.

E. Committee Reports

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

Cliff had nothing to report because they have not met in the last 3 months. He did mention that he would have something next month because they have a special meeting coming up. Cliff was asked if his committee is involved with the Whitecap development and they are not, their jurisdiction runs from the vegetation line on the beach to 1000' landward.

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

The meeting was changed to the week after our meeting so there is not a report for tonight.

F. Staff Reports

The beaches are not busy and there has been a lot of coastal flooding. Beach Operations is working on redoing the Windward Parking Lot. Deidre is working on a survey, it's already been approved. Darren had to get approval, again from GLO to move sand. There are 13 lifeguards on staff.

G. Unfinished Business

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

There is not an update on this item.

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

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

WBAC had a presentation regarding the long term plans for beach sediment planning happening in Galveston. Harrison asked the group if anyone was interested in leading a resolution for a project like that. Armon was interested in putting a group together to discuss. Harrison suggested that someone could put a resolution together and present that to the committee. Darren suggest that we could go through USACE or CAP. Darren said that he would call Scott Cross and see if the County is interested, they did not respond the first time they were asked. Darren says that a study is needed first before

going to other groups. The desired outcome is that the City continues to look for dredging material and/or have a long term strategy for beach re nourishment and funding. Harrison reminded the committee about the process that Galveston used. He suggested that the resolution should address finding sources for sand. Larisa volunteered to draft something for discussion next meeting.

5. [24-1777](#) Resolution for Corpus Christi B Corporation - Type B to support the Cooperation Agreement with the Texas General Land Office to Mitigate Shoreline Erosion of Public Parks along the Corpus Christi Bay

The city was awarded a CEPRA grant to mitigate shoreline erosion of the public parks along Corpus Christi bay. The City is deciding if they will be matching funds. This will go in front of the Type B board next week and City Council after that for approval. Harrison explained that this is an opportunity for WBAC to support, or not, the City providing matching funds. Harrison is recusing himself from the discussion because his employer may be working on this project in the future. Darren suggested that WBAC could do a resolution in support of this, or against this project moving forward. Armon noted that he would be in support because the project has been invested in and necessary. Glenn made a motion to support the City matching the funds for the CEPRA grant, Ruben seconded, the motion passed. It was also suggested that WBAC could go in front of the Type B board. Kathryn & Ruben will go to the board in person to present a resolution in support of this. Darren will draft the resolution and forward it to Larisa to sign.

I. Future Agenda Items

Discuss a draft resolution on long term beach sediment planning.
Members terming out.
The annual report.
Update on the resolution of support regarding the CEPRA grant.

J. Adjournment

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.