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Meeting Minutes - Final

Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:30 PM

Staff Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall.

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A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Larisa started the meeting by having the 2 new members introduce themselves. The new members are Janie Gifford & Glenn Duhon. The rest of the group introduced themselves to the new members.

Present: 5 - Armon D. Alex, Larisa A. Ford, Scott Lawson, Glenn Duhon, and Janie Gifford

Excused: 4 - David Zill, Kathryn Hyatt, Harrison A. McNeil, and Ruben Macias

C. Public Comment

Larisa first read the rules for public comment. There were 2 people from the public that wanted to speak about the smoking ban and the third wanted to talk about the County's new permit which includes the area south of Access Road 6.

The 2 speakers were encouraging support from WBAC for the smoking ban that PRAC is working on. One of the individual was also present in our last meeting with the same appeal. PRAC is working on a resolution to ban smoking and vaping in all parks in the City and they want WBAC support to change the ordinance.

The next speaker, representing the Jones family, wanted to voice their concerns on the additional area included in the new County permit. The speaker passed out copies of the correspondence between the Jones family and all the other parties involved.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

Armon made a motion to approve the April minutes, Janie seconded. The motion passed.

Glenn made a motion to approve Scott's excused absence, Armon seconded. The

motion passed.

Scott made a motion to have Armon and Glenn absence changed to excused, Janie seconded. The motion passed.

E. Committee Reports

3. [23-1761](#) ISAC Report

ISAC has not met in May but Darren and Bonnie reported on the previous month's meeting. ISAC did get a presentation on the Type A Sales Tax, and that was about it for the meeting.

2. [24-0088](#) BMAC Report - Cliff Schalbach

Cliff started his report by introducing himself to the new members of WBAC. Cliff reported that BMAC has had a lot of application come in for construction on the Island. 2 of the applications are very large scale projects located on Mustang Island. The main concern of this group (BMAC) is to make sure the dunes are protected. These permits must be approved through several agencies. If the application is successful, the applicant will get a "A Dune Protection Permit". Cliff did report that a violation to a permit could cost as much as \$1000 to \$2000 per day. On one particular incident, the permit holder had to put the landscape back to the way it was, which is not a cheap operation.

1. [24-0089](#) PRAC Report - Howard Schauer

Howard reported that PRAC got an update on the Type A sales tax reauthorization and he would like WBAC to put this item on their agenda. PRAC was updated on the Commodores paving project. Howard did email the resolution that PRAC did on the smoking ban to Harrison and all the members of WBAC have been sent a copy. Howard did request from the City, what the plans are now that Park & Recreation is managing the care of the channel. Howard also said that the USACE is very close to releasing the beach management permit.

F. Staff Reports

Darren reported that the coastal flooding has taken sand from the beach and hopefully if he gets his permit, he can help rebuild some of it. The seaweed is particularly bad right now and Beach Operations can't touch it. It will be good for the beach eventually. Lifeguard hiring is doing well but they still need more. The increase in the lifeguard pay has really helped the hiring process. There is a Cinco de Mayo event on the south side of the Packery this weekend and a surfing competition on the north side.

G. Unfinished Business

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

4. 24-0661 Smoking Ban

PRAC has a resolution that they have presented to WBAC. Armon likes the idea of the smoking ban and ask if we are endorsing their resolution. Larisa explained that WBAC could sign PRAC's resolution, or make a resolution in support of their's or do nothing. Armon would like to see specific wording regarding the signage. Darren thought the place for the signage wording, would be in the ordinance, Bonnie disagreed. Bonnie thought it would be better to be clear about the signage wording in the resolution. The group discussed whether this issue would include the beach in the future. Larisa recapped the discussion saying that there is a want to revise PRAC's resolution by adding a guarantee for signage and strike the wording "potential for the beach". Glenn's idea was to promote a campaign for considerate smoking. Scott made a motion to rewrite the resolution as WBAC and include the signage language, Glenn seconded. Armon wanted to amend the motion to read that WBAC would be preparing a resolution, which would support PRAC, Glenn seconded. The motion passed. Larisa will prepare the resolution and it will be distributed to all the members for discussion at the next meeting.

I. Future Agenda Items

Presentation by Deidre Williams on Shoreline Surveys
Smoking Ban Resolution
Considerate Smoker Campaign
July Meeting
Nueces County Permit Discussion

J. Adjournment

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.