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Meeting Minutes - Final

Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 4, 2024

5:30 PM

Staff Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall.

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Present: 7 - David Zill, Larisa A. Ford, Scott Lawson, Kathryn Hyatt, Harrison A. McNeil, Ruben Macias, and Janie Gifford
Excused: 2 - Armon D. Alex, and Glenn Duhon

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

B. Roll Call

Present: 6 - David Zill, Larisa A. Ford, Kathryn Hyatt, Harrison A. McNeil, Ruben Macias, and Janie Gifford
Excused: 1 - Scott Lawson
Absent: 2 - Armon D. Alex, and Glenn Duhon

C. Public Comment

There was one person from the public that wanted to speak about the potential smoking ban that PRAC is working on. He had handouts from various organizations, addressed to City officials, supporting his point.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

Larisa made a motion to excuse the absences and the February minutes, David seconded. The motion passed.

E. Committee Reports

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

No one from WBAC was able to attend the ISAC meeting. Darren did report that it was a very short meeting and not much happened.

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

Michelle Carter from the GLO attended the BMAC meeting and spoke about several topics. Many people turned out for this meeting. Several developers were in attendance which was good, they needed to hear what the GLO had to say, per Cliff. Cliff spoke about a request from the County for a beach maintenance permit from the USACE for the beach area at Bob Hall Pier. BMAC was not aware of this action and they were not happy but it is now on their agenda so that they will be keeping an eye on this application. Cliff relayed that BMAC has a lot of application coming in and spoke of one that was somewhat complicated. The committee tabled that application until the owners are able to show how they intend to working around the dunes. Darren added that the County does have a permit to work in that area and that he told Scott Cross that.

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

Howard started his report by telling the WBAC members that he would be reporting on all PRAC issues, not just the one that would relate to WBAC.

Sherrill Park's master plan is at 60% and has been submitted to staff for review. He spoke about another park that PRAC was looking at because of the parking situation. He spoke about the Harbor bridge parks, and a tree planting event. Lastly he reported that City Council pushed back the motion of support for the smoking ban from PRAC, they want some of the language changed. Howard did ask about changing the disability rating for the free beach stickers for disable vets, no one knew any details about that discussion. Harrison asked if Howard could provide WBAC with the details of the kickback from City Council on the smoking ban.

F. Staff Reports

Darren reported that Spring Break went well, and permit sales were good. He reported that the lifeguard pay rose to \$18.09 per hour and other incentives were created including a \$250 bonus if they stay for the entire 10 weeks. He reported that the ribbon cutting for the completion of the Packery Channel was held. He also reported that because of the recent coastal flooding about a quarter of the new beach is gone and the hope is that it will come back. The permit has had some movement, this is the permit to be able to move the sand from the north side to the south side of the channel. Harrison asked if there was any action with the erosion response plan and Darren said that they have the money and he believes that they are going to look for a consultant. Darren did report that the maintenance of the Packery Channel is now under Parks. There is now a fish cleaning station at the Packery boat parking lot thanks to SEA (Saltwater-fisheries Enhancement Association). Sergio responded to the channel surveying, he said they are getting a plan together.

G. Unfinished Business

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

4. [24-0322](#) Budgets

Darren reported on this. He has turned in his budgets, they didn't change much from last year. He relay the dollar amounts for his budgets. Darren works with 2 funds, the general fund (permits and HOT taxes) and the SHOT fund (state hotel taxes). In the general funds the Lifeguards' budget is \$480,000, beach operations is \$1,347,000. The permit budget is \$211,028 and this will have to be increased because the cost of the permits have skyrocketed. In the SHOT fund, beach maintenance is \$1,461,249 and Gulf beach lifeguards are \$623,975, and McGee beach lifeguards is \$197,439.

These are the numbers that Darren turned in. He asked for \$20,000 for the maintenance of the new storage building, \$43,000 for permits and \$30,000 for Packery Channel maintenance. He also asked for \$50,000 for start up for the new lifeguard building and \$120,000 for surveys for the Gulf beaches.

5. [24-0346](#) Proposed Presentation/Topic Schedule

In April the discussion was to be on the budgets but Darren has completed his part and there is really nothing that he needs WBAC to recommend.

In May Deidre will give a presentation. In June, the committee will be meeting at the beach and will discuss the beach maintenance plan. Darren will do a beach tour.

In August there will be a presentation from Sheryl Rozier, she is with the Galveston Parks Board and she will talk about what they have done in Galveston.

In September this committee will look at the PRAC master plan.

In November we hope to have the Erosion Response Plan to talk about and possible have a presentation on it.

I. Future Agenda Items

Smoking Ban Resolution
Deidre's presentation

J. Adjournment

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