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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 2, 2022

5:30 PM

Staff Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall.

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A. Call To Order

Chair Terry Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Chair Terry A. Palmer, Jyoti Patel, Larisa A. Ford, Vice Chair Meredith Darden, Philippe Tissot, Harrison A. McNeil, Robert Hyatt, Ruben Macias, and Scott Lawson

C. Public Comment

No one from the public, in attendance wanted to speak. Harrison wanted the committee to know that he had a great experience with a lifeguard and wanted to let this committee know that the guard was very informed and on top of the job.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [22-0996](#) Approval of the minutes of the Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee May 5, 2022 regular meeting.

The minutes from the May 5, 2022 meeting were distributed for review. Scott made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Larisa seconded, Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

E. Committee Reports

2. [22-0997](#) PRAC Report - Howard Schauer

Howard reported that the work on the new beach maintenance facility is moving along well. He also reported that he is working with Ryan on the locations within the parks, for the dog station placement.

3. [22-0998](#) ISAC Report

Terry didn't have his notes so he will be emailing the meeting agenda and minutes to the WBAC members. He did note that most of the meeting was discussion about the golf carts. He didn't think that there was much to do with our committee.

4. [22-0789](#) BMAC Report - Cliff Schlabach

Cliff reported that BMAC is working on permit, nothing unusual. What they have been working on is the rewrite of the management plan, which Cliff says is long overdue. The GLO requirements and the erosion response plan are 2 major factors involved in approving or not approving these permits.

F. Staff Reports

5. [22-0999](#) Staff Liaison Report

Darren reported that Beach Operations picked up 19 tons of trash from the holiday weekend and during the entire month of May the lifeguards had 2017 contacts and 850 preventables. The biggest surprise was that there were 9 missing kids over the holiday weekend.

2,878 parking permits were sold amounting to \$34,536.

There was a discussion regarding the Beach to Bay event and how it went. There was public concern over the port-a-potties that fell over during high tides on the evening of/day after Beach to Bay. Darren said that these port-a-potties had been emptied prior to them falling over so there was not a health or pollution risk. He also mentioned that Beach to Bay was responsible for removing the port-a-potties and not the City, even though the City got some backlash on social media about them.

Lifeguard stands are up and Beach Rescue is only 4 short of having all the positions filled.

McGee Beach didn't have any rescues but they have lots of first aid issues, Darren plans to have that beach looked at because there is dangerous materials (possibly concrete, rebar) below the water surface which is why people are getting injuries.

There is a meeting next week regarding the nourishment of North Beach.

G. Unfinished Business

6. [22-0782](#) Parks and Recreation SWOT

Andrea is no longer with the City and Darren will be collecting the committees suggestions.

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

7. [22-1019](#) Philippe Tissot's Report on the Surfrider Meeting

Philippe wanted to report on the Surfrider meeting that he went to that also included Judge Canales. During Q & A the issue of the portable toilets problem with Beach to Bay came up and Philippe thought it would have been helpful if Beach Operations, or the City would have been able to speak about the issue. Darren let him know that Beach Operations is not to use social media, there is a City person assigned to that role. Philippe also relayed that the Surfriders would like a guard stand on Bob Hall pier. Darren told him that the pier belongs to the County not the City. Philippe believes that the Surfriders need to hear about what been happening on the beach, all the good stuff! Philippe would be happy to present to the Surfriders, he has the research. There was discussion about putting some of the numbers (preventable, rescue, contacts) on social media, Darren will look into putting some of this information on the Beach Rescue facebook page.

8. [22-0780](#) Plans for Gulf Beach and Packery Channel monitoring/beach management by City staff

Terry had left a message for a City official but didn't get a reply. Darren reported on his conversation with Jeff Edmonds; the Packery Channel will not be surveyed until the repairs have been completed. The hope is that after the survey, it could be dredged. The beaches will be surveyed according to the need, Darren will work with others to figure out the cost of the surveys and probably use TIRZ2 money to fund the work. Nothing will be happening with the channel until the work has been completed. Meredith wanted to know if there was a danger of someone getting injured or killed by delaying the channel monitoring. The risk of having unidentified and unmarked obstacles (e.g., sand bars) were identified as having such danger. Darren said he suspected that the City would say: "go out in the channel with the Beach Rescue boat and check it with the depth sounder" if he voiced any concerns about potential channel hazards. Meredith feels very strongly that this is an issue that WBAC needs to get more involved in. Terry will work with Meredith and have something for the next meeting.

9. [22-1001](#) Bruckner Chase Presentation

Not discussed at meeting because the presenter did not attend.

10. [22-1002](#) Bay Beaches Erosion Planning - Kevin Johnson

Not discussed at meeting because the presenter did not attend.

11. [22-1003](#) Jeff Turner

Not discussed at meeting because the presenter did not attend.

I. Future Agenda Items

Gulf Beach and Packery Channel monitoring/beach Management
Bay Beach Erosion
Jeff Turner

Philippe's Presentation
Update on signs by Meredith

J. Adjournment

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m..

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