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Meeting Minutes - Final

Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 11, 2024

5:30 PM Beach Operations Conference Room, 8185 Highway 361

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A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Larisa A. Ford, Scott Lawson, Kathryn Hyatt, Harrison A. McNeil, Glenn Duhon, and Janie Gifford

Excused: 2 - Armon D. Alex, and David Zill

Absent: 1 - Ruben Macias

C. Public Comment

There was no one from the public that cared to speak.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

Harrison asked that the 2 new members introduce themselves for those that missed the last meeting. The 2 new members are Glenn Duhon and Janie Gifford.

Scott made a motion to approve the May minutes, Larisa seconded, the motion passed.

Larisa made a motion to approve the excused absences, Scott seconded, the motion passed.

E. Committee Reports

1. [24-0821](#) PRAC Report - Howard Schauer

Howard was not in attendance therefore there was not a PRAC report.

2. [24-0822](#) BMAC Report - Cliff Schalbach

Cliff reported that BMAC has 2 interesting application going on. The next meeting is on Wednesday, the 17th, in case anyone want to go, "it should be interesting". BMAC is currently looking at the new beach access road that has been proposed and Cliff gave the group some of the details of the proposal. The area proposed is very narrow and there are concerns about what will happen with the next storm surge.

The other application involves the area near the Episcopal church where some wetlands were flattened and filled in. The county and the GLO both acknowledged this problem. Now the applicants have another pending application to compensate for the damage they have caused.

Cliff spoke about the elevation for the beach access road and how the dunes are going to need to be protected, they have already taken a couple of beatings with the last storms. Deidre spoke about the dunes and how they are looking at other ways to protect them from the storms, like filling in between the dunes. This would cover the vegetation but that could be re vegetated and would possible give it a chance to support the dune system.

3. [24-0823](#) ISAC Report

Harrison caught up with Charles Duffrey who is the new chair at ISAC. ISAC is working on a seawall issue with the City. The seawall is privately owned and ISAC & the City are trying to find ways to fund the seawall so that they can maintain it and insure it. The Island mobility plan and the Commodores park are also being talked about at ISAC.

F. Staff Reports

Darren reported that he has lots of sand to move around, and that Beach Operations has removed all items from the beach, twice now. Beach Operations is rebuilding the lifeguard platforms, these had survived Harvey but Alberto was too much for them. Darren has received the new permit so he is now able to move sand.

Harrison relayed a comment that he had received from the public; the driving lanes were closed when they appeared to be fine to drive on.

Darren updated the lifeguard status, they are missing about 6 guards but that we will not be hiring anymore now because by the time they would be ready to start, the season will be close to ending. He did note that there were enough lifeguards to cover the areas that needed them; McGee, North Beach and the Gulf.

Harrison commented that he wished there was a way to inform beach visitors about soft sand. Darren responded that Beach Operations does put out cones when they are working on the beach and remove them as the work progresses further down the beach. Darren has not heard anything more about the Erosion Response Plan.

G. Unfinished Business

4. [24-0661](#) Smoking Ban

Larisa reported that WBAC had a resolution ready but she found 1 typo and needed the date updated. Darren said the next step is that the resolution is emailed to the legal department and Robert Dodd. Harrison proceeded to read the resolution and after further

discussion Glenn made a motion to accept the resolution with the 2 changes, Scott seconded, motion passed.

H. **New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

5. [24-0638](#) Possible questions about Deidre Williams' presentation

Deidre presented last month for those that attended, the meeting was not official because we didn't have quorum. This item was left on the agenda in case anyone had any questions for Deidre.

Deidre was asked what would be seen if there was a survey done now, after the storm (Alberto) and her answer was that there would be significant erosion from Windward south. Deidre explained that this was not the only beach effected, the beaches from south of Bob Hall pier to Cinnamon Shores were also. Deidre explained that the beaches are the first line of defense against the storms, the wider the beach the less damage to the dunes.

6. [24-0818](#) Considerate Smoker Campaign Resolution for possible action.

The considerate smoker campaign was covered in the smoking ban discussion.

I. **Future Agenda Items**

Harrison is still speaking with the Galveston Parks Board regarding doing a presentation for WBAC.

A presentation and/or questions for Deidre Williams on shoreline surveys.

An update from Tyler or Sergio on the Erosion Response Plan.

Review the Beach Maintenance Plan.

J. **Adjournment**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.