

**NOTICE and AGENDA**  
**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA**  
**BEACH STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 120 108<sup>th</sup> AVENUE, TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA 33706**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017 AT 1:30 PM**

Welcome to the City of Treasure Island Beach Stewardship Committee Meeting. If you wish to speak on a topic which is on today's agenda, a speaker's form [available in the rear of the room] must be completed and given to the Chairperson. Please do not address the Board from your seat, but rather from the podium where your comments can be heard by all and recorded as required by Florida law. Unscheduled topics may be presented under the Public Comments section of the agenda.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call

Heidi Horak (Chair)	District 4
Deborah Boyer	District 3
George Greenfield	District 2
Don Nolan	District 1
Greg Taylor (Vice-Chair)	Appointed by Mayor
Vice-Mayor Larry Lunn	Commission Representative

3. Acceptance of the April 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes
4. Changes to the Agenda
5. Dr. Ping Wang of USF to Discuss Beach Management Plan
6. Sea Oat Planting
7. Beach Renourishment Update
8. Beach Trail Update
9. Comments from Committee Members and Staff
10. Public Comments
11. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date is October 11, 2017

For any person desiring to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The requirements of this section do not apply to the notice provided in s. 200.065(3). (F.S. Chapter 286.0105) NOTE: Any transcript shall be requested and made by the individual requesting same at his or her own expense. Therefore a court reporter may be desired or required accordingly.

Any person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding is entitled to assistance at no cost. Please contact the office of the City Clerk in writing at 120 – 108 Avenue, Treasure Island FL 33706 or by phone at 727 547 4575 at least two working days prior to the meeting to advise what assistance is needed.

**MINUTES**  
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**WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2017 AT 1:30 PM**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Heidi Horak

**2. Roll Call**

Heidi Horak (Chair)	District 4	Present
Deborah Boyer	District 3	Present
George Greenfield	District 2	Absent
Don Nolan	District 1	Present
Greg Taylor (Vice-Chair)	Appointed by Mayor	Present
Vice-Mayor Larry Lunn	Commission Representative	Present

**3. Acceptance of Minutes from January 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved to accept the January 11, 2017 meeting minutes by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Nolan. The voice vote was unanimous.

**4. Changes to the Agenda**

There were members in the audience who wanted to speak.

Steve Freedman lives at Mansions by the Sea. He had questions about the Army Corp of Engineer's process.

Cathy Commons lives at the Mansions by the Sea. She attended a Sand Key Town Hall meeting and heard that Sunset Beach is set to get the renourishment. It doesn't extend to the beach in front of the Mansions. They would like the renourishment. Assistant Public Works Director Stacy Boyles said she believes the County may look into extending it. Ms. Horak wanted to know if there is a sand source from the Blind Pass Management Plan. Ms. Boyles said there is a plan, but there is no funding. Ms. Horak explained the Blind Pass Management Plan. A plan has to be in place and then the funds. Ms. Boyles said they should know soon if they are funded in 2017. If so, the work would start in December.

**5. DRAFT Administrative Policy-Beach Vegetation Management**

Public Works Director Mike Helfrich said that after the last meeting there was some interest in an administration policy for beach vegetation and dune protection. This is to develop the best management practices for beach vegetation. Ms. Boyles said there are practices they are currently doing. Mr. Helfrich said in prep for last year's budget they had an arborist come out and look at the invasive/exotic plants that are in the dune systems. This year the City is putting out an invitation for bid for the removal of the evasive plants. They are looking at about five years for the removal. That invitation to bid should go out in the next month. Mr. Helfrich stated he has been asked to cut sea grapes for views. The City stopped doing that about 10 years ago. However, they want to establish policy and procedures so they can

manage it. It is the property owner who has the ability to go beyond the construction line without a permit if they follow certain guidelines. Ms. Horak asked where the state guidelines are. Mr. Helfrich said he could email them to anyone who requests that. They would like some control over it to make sure they are not hurting the dune system.

Mr. Helfrich said the City hosts the sea oat planting. They should be putting in a dune walkover and it may cost \$150,000. They are looking at the north/central part of the beach near 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Taylor asked if it was near the public access areas. Mr. Helfrich answered in the affirmative. Mr. Taylor asked if it would be beneficial to establish where the dune line starts as a walkway or have a "rake zone" to the mean high water mark. Mr. Helfrich explained that during the summer months they do rake twice a month and described the parameters. Mr. Taylor said there is a pronounced area at the north beach. Mr. Helfrich said they are trying to establish a dune line but it is up to nature. It has been two years since they've established a rake zone. They rake the "kite area" to remove the sandspurs.

Ms. Boyer asked if there is a negative impact. Mr. Helfrich said many people bought their properties for the view. They are allowed to trim the sea grapes. Ms. Boyles said it is very specific. In the past they have done it. The City has had conflicting request. Mr. Helfrich said they are trying to protect the land for everyone. Ms. Horak suggested putting this on the website. Mr. Helfrich said to search for sea grape pruning and they will find the guidelines without a permit. Australian Pines can be removed without a permit. Mr. Helfrich said the administrative policy will be adopted by the city manager.

## **6. Beach Trash and Recycling Containers-Color Options**

Ms. Boyles said they are replacing 110 cans. They are going to try and put a recycling can with each trash can. Recycling is a shade of blue. The regular garbage cans will be sand colored. Public Works get a lot of complaints and they want to get something nicer. Ms. Horak said they should be similar to the residential can. Ms. Boyles believes the recycling cans should be blue. Ms. Boyer suggested the cream or tan and asked if the City puts out extra cans on weekends and holidays. Ms. Boyles explained the sanitation workers are picking up the garbage more often. Mr. Helfrich said they remove everyday including Sunday. Off season they go to Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Monday mornings it is overflowing. They do put out extra bins. Beachgoers take the trash bins and bring them closer to where they are gathered. Mr. Taylor suggested weighing the cans down, but it was explained that they are trying to make it easier for the workers, and it wouldn't be good for the truck.

## **7. Comments about the Beach Trail**

Mr. Helfrich explained that a settlement has been agreed upon. They awarded a bid for plans and specs at the last meeting. It needs to be below \$604,000 or they go back to the mediation room. They are looking at about a September to start the construction. They are hoping to get it done before season.

## **8. Proposed Sea Oat Planting Area**

Ms. Boyles said the County suggested not planting near the renourishment areas. Stay away from established dune systems. Mr. Helfrich explained that they plant to enhance the dune system. They will keep away from the north and south ends. They want to develop a new dune system. Ms. Horak wanted to know if there is an area between two dunes. Ms. Boyles said they weren't specific about how far it needs to be from another dune area. They want to do what is best and not upset people. It is difficult to round up the volunteers. Ms. Boyer asked why they are not going to do the dune walkovers. Ms. Boyles explained that it is close to an established area. Mr. Helfrich said the County wants to use the sea oats to

establish a new dune system. Ms. Boyles said last year they planted 10,000 sea oats. They will look for volunteers. They would like to be done before noon.

9. **DRAFT Blind Pass Management Plan** (28 pages)

Ms. Boyles said the City has been in contact with Andy Squires (Pinellas County Environmental Management Division). He will try to come to an upcoming meeting. Ms. Horak said the management plan is worth a careful read. There is a certain amount of sand that moves and it needs to be removed to keep it an inlet. It is usually about every six years that they will dredge. The sand will renourish Upham and Sunset Beach. The renourishment turns into a sandbar. They just got renourishment and it is gone. Estimates need to be done based on the natural movements, figure in the jetty and human dredging. Just because the sand can't be seen doesn't mean it is lost. It is in different parts of Treasure Island. Ms. Horak requested to know when it was finalized. Ms. Boyles said the comment period is ended. They could get a presentation once they get the final copy. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the County are adopting it. Mr. Helfrich said Treasure Island has little authority as to what is done on the beach.

**10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date is July 12, 2017**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. The next Beach Stewardship Committee Meeting is at 1:30 p.m. on July 12, 2017