



AGENDA
BEACH TASK FORCE - VIA ZOOM
October 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- 1 Minutes, September 17, 2020

Old Business

New Business

- 2 Abby Sterling Manomet: Tybee Island Shorebirds
- 3 Alan Robertson: Beach update from September BTF meeting
- 4 Alan Robertson: Volunteer Opportunities
- 5 Cathy Lewis: 2024

City Manager Comments

Adjournment

File Attachments for Item:

Minutes, September 17, 2020

Beach Task Force Minutes, September 17, 2020

Cathy Lewis called the meeting to order via Zoom at noon.

Those in attendance were Cathy Lewis, Cathy Sakes, Harvey Ferrell, Frank Wooldridge, Joe Richardson, Kate Burns, Sam Adams, Jimmy Burke, Michael Foran, and Helen Downing. Also in attendance were Nancy DeVetter, City Council Member, Shawn Gillen, City Manager and Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council.

Ms. Lewis asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from January 16, 2020 and February 20, 2020. Hearing none, there was a unanimous vote to accept the minutes as presented.

New Business:

Kate Burns: Coastal Georgia is not an Ashtray. Ms. Burns stated this is the third year the City has been involved in working with the coastal communities with the project. She still has tee-shirts with the logo if anyone is interested. Ms. Burns stated coasters and other information promoting the program, Georgia is not an Ashtray have been distributed to local restaurants for distribution with their customers. Ms. Burns thanked the residents that are still participating in beach sweeps.

Cathy Sakas: Blue-climate Initiative. Ms. Sakas stated the Blue-climate Initiative is a multi-year program involving the identification, implementation and acceleration of ocean-based solutions to climate change and other pressing issues. They will reward applicants putting forward the most compelling and actionable ocean-related strategies to combat climate change. Winning project will receive support, \$30,000 to \$70,000, each to advance their project. As the City has a project with dunes and sand-fencing, she is recommending we submit a preliminary application for possible grant. Dr. Gillen recommended they, Alan Robertson, Cathy Sakas and himself, have a meeting to discuss as there are other ongoing projects. Ms. Sakas confirmed.

Alan Robertson, Beach Update. Mr. Robertson was not able to be on the Zoom meeting. His report will be given at the October 15, 2020 meeting.

Cathy Lewis, Postponement of future meetings until January 2021. Ms. Lewis asked the Beach Task Force members if they would like to continue to meet via Zoom or delay future meetings until January 2021. A vote was taken and it is the will of the Beach Task Force to continue with Zoom meetings until such time they can meet in person. **Dr. Gillen** stated he will contact Todd Smith, IT Department, to have future Zoom meetings done with the City's account. In this way there is no time limit on the meetings.

Dr. Gillen answered questions regarding the removal of trash cans on the beach. The receptacles have been moved to the landward side of the beach which has helped with the litter on the beach. The Department of Natural Resources did not issue a permit to have the receptacles on the seaward side therefore they were moved. Harvey Ferrell referred to the snakes that are in the dunes. Dr. Gillen confirmed there have been more snakes in

the dune and he is working with Oatland Island for the safe relocating of these snakes when sited.

Michael Foran suggested members attending the Zoom meeting, mute and unmute themselves when wanting to speak. In this way there is no background noise during the meeting. He then asked Dr. Gillen if trash bags could be provided to beach goers at the crossovers. Dr. Gillen stated in the past, beach goers did not use them as intended and the City does not provide them anymore.

Being there was no further, meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM. Next meeting will be October 15, 2020 via Zoom.

Jan LeViner, MMC
Clerk of Council