



AGENDA

BEACH TASK FORCE - ZOOM

September 16, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes: August 19, 2021

Old Business

2. Nancy DeVetter: Shorebirds Stewards City Council
3. Kate Burns: Georgia Coast is not an Ashtray program

New Business

4. Cathy Lewis: Nominating Committee Assignments
5. Alan Robertson: Beach Update
6. Alan Robertson: Beach Management Plan DNR Update

City Manager Comments

Adjournment

File Attachments for Item:

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Cathy Lewis called the meeting to order at 12:00PM, August 19, 2021. Those in attendance were: Frank Wooldridge, Mark Padgett, Joe Richardson, Michael Foran, Helen Downing, and Sam Adams. Officials in attendance were Council member Nancy DeVetter; City Manager, Shawn Gillen; and Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council.

City Manager Comments

Dr. Gillen gave an update on projects:

- USCOE, as the authorization for **beach re-nourishment** ends in 2024. They are pursuing an extension but the probability of the extension is low. Mr. Robertson and he are working with the Port Authority and USCOE for beneficial use of dredge materials. Placement is an ongoing issue due the cost.
- **Ship Induced Wake.** In working the USCOE the City has placed sensors in the water and Mr. Robertson will have a report to present to Mayor and Council at a later date.
- Moving forward with the SPA Permit to replace **benches on the crossovers.** The benches would be placed 100' landward of the most seaward dune and the City has some flexibility. His recommendation is the City move forward and to have public meetings for input from the residents. The DNR has requested we use their assistance to develop our ordinances regarding private crossovers as they have best practices and model ordinances. If there are no delays in the permitting process, the seven (7) crossovers benches would be replaced and in place by next season.
- **South Annex** is open for Parking Department, Code Enforcement and Police Officers. Code Enforcement will have six (6) cameras to oversee activities and possible violations on the beach.

Frank Wooldridge made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2021. **Joe Richardson** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Ms. Lewis asked for a recommendation for Nancy DeVetter to present to Mayor and Council the **Shore Birds Steward Program** for consideration. **Mark Padgett** made a motion to have Nancy DeVetter present to Mayor and Council. **Frank Wooldridge** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

New Business

- **Beach Management Plan.** Ms. Lewis stated Mr. Robertson will be looking in to ways to update the
- **Beach Task Force future role.** Ms. Lewis asked for any ideas or recommendations for the future of the Beach Task Force. Mr. Adams stated as the federal authorization ends, the City of Tybee is going to have to fund a private beach re-nourishment. We are tasked with understanding all things beach for the purpose of recommending to Mayor and Council, therefore the Beach Task Force needs to stay active. Mark Padgett stated the Beach Task Force has been instrumental with guidance regarding the beach. Dr. Gillen confirmed as the Beach Task Force was instrumental with the dune project(s) along with the crossovers. He would recommend to refocus the mission and membership to a smaller group. Mr. Padgett recommended at some point, the Beach Task Force may want to solicit new members for new ideas. Ms. Downing does not feel the Beach Task Force needs to disband but possibly cut back on the meetings. Mr. Adams recommended having meetings every other month. Ms. Lewis confirmed. **Frank Wooldridge** made a motion the Beach Task Force move to a bi-monthly meeting schedule. **Helen Downing** seconded. **Discussion:** **Mark Padgett** recommended amending the motion as if there is a need a called meeting it can be called outside the bi-monthly schedule. **Frank Wooldridge** accepted the amendment. **Helen Downing** accepted the amendment. Vote was

unanimous to approve. This will begin after the meeting in September 2021. Nancy DeVetter agreed with Dr. Gillen that the scope needs to be defined and the specific mission is. She recommended the Beach Task Force think about broader resilience issues, i.e., environment impact(s). Ms. DeVetter would like to see a succession plan for membership. Mr. Padgett recommended solicitation for new membership due to attrition.

As there was no further business, Ms. Lewis adjourned the meeting.

Jan LeViner, MMC
City Clerk