

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, May 9, 2013

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County Coastal Advisory Committee, in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 1:00 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at Administrative Building “F”, 3rd Floor, Collier County Government Complex Naples, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: John Sorey, III
VICE CHAIRMAN: Jim Burke
Anthony Pires
Robert Raymond
Joseph A. Moreland (Excused)
Victor Rios
Larry Hong
Debbie Roddy
(Vacancy)

ALSO PRESENT: Gary McAlpin, Director, Coastal Zone Management
Colleen Greene, Assistant County Attorney
Gail Hambright, Accountant
Dr. Michael Bauer, City of Naples

Any persons in need of the verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the video recording from the Collier County Communications and Customer Relations Department or view online.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sorey called the meeting to order at 1:00PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

IV. Changes and Approval of Agenda

Mr. Rios moved to approve the Agenda subject to the following changes:

- Deletion of item VII.5
- Item VII.4 to be combined with item VIII.5

Second by Ms. Roddy. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

V. Public Comments

Bob Krasowski expressed concern the Agenda and related backup material was not made available to the public in a timely manner.

Staff reported the Agenda was posted two days before the meeting with some information and items added the day before the meeting, as soon as the information was available.

Mr. Pires noted it would be prudent to ensure all information is available to Committee members and the public a minimum of 48 hours before a meeting so adequate public input may be garnered and Committee members have ample opportunity to review the information.

VI. Approval of CAC Minutes

1. April 11, 2013

Mr. Rios moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Raymond. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

VII. Staff Reports

1. Expanded Revenue Report – Gary McAlpin

The Committee reviewed the “*Collier County Tourist Tax Revenue FY 12 TDC Revenue Report*” dated through April 30, 2013.

2. Marco South Project – Update

Mr. McAlpin reported:

- The renourishment has been completed on the Marco South beach with the work on the “groins” continuing.
- Laser grading of other sections of Marco beaches was completed without adding sand to the system in an effort to reduce the potential for ponding of water on the beaches.

Mr. Rios and Mr. McAlpin to meet to field review any areas that still may need to be addressed after the proposed grading has been completed. Any subsequent work would be completed after turtle nesting season.

3. Wiggins Pass Project - Update

Mr. McAlpin reported the work necessary to straighten the Pass has been completed with the final aids to navigation pending placement. Contractors are still working to remove approximately 3 tons of rock in an area outside the main Pass with no impact on turtle nesting season. He provided a copy of Mr. Moreland's editorial "*Success without S at Wiggins Pass*" published in the Naples Daily News on May 5, 2013 for information purposes.

4. Major Beach Renourishment Bid - Discussion

(Combined with item VIII.5)

6. Doctors Pass – Discussion

Mr. McAlpin reported:

- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection intends to approve a permit amendment to place the dredged sand on the beach south of the Pass.
- The Tourist Development Council recommended approval of the proposal subject to the sand being placed on the beach, not a nearshore hardbottom.
- The item is scheduled to be heard by the Board of County Commissioners on May 14, 2013.

7. Major Beach Renourishment Permit – Discussion

Mr. McAlpin reported the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is preparing to issue the permit for the renourishment for the placement of up to 500,000cy of material on the beaches and will include permission for truck haul or dredging project. The other permits such as the one required from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management are under review no project delays are anticipated to delay the project.

Committee discussion occurred on the Pelican Bay Service Division efforts to renourish portions of their beaches utilizing Tourist Tax revenues given visitors to the Ritz Carlton Hotel use the beaches.

Mr. McAlpin reported 25Kcy of sand is to be allocated to the Pelican Bay beaches under the major beach renourishment plan for areas deemed to have "public access" (from monuments R29.5 – R31). Any renourishment to occur on the northern areas of the Pelican Bay beaches, and the funding source has not yet been determined.

Speaker

Bob Krasowski expressed concern on the avenue for funding renourishment of areas of Pelican Bay beaches not accessible to the public. If off shore sand is utilized to renourish the beaches in areas not deemed to have public access, given the sand is a public resource, the cost of the sand, should be borne by the Pelican Bay Foundation or Services Division.

8. Marco Island Beach Renourishment Project (*combined with Item VIII.5*)

VIII. New Business

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Gary McAlpin presented the Executive Summary "*Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman*" dated May 9, 2013 for consideration.

Mr. Rios moved to appoint John Sorey, III as Chairman and James Burke as Vice Chairman of the Coastal Advisory Committee. Second by Mr. Raymond. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

2. Summer Schedule

Gary McAlpin presented the Executive Summary "*Determine Summer Schedule for CAC Meetings*" dated May 9, 2013 for consideration.

Mr. Rios moved to cancel the August Coastal Advisory Committee meeting. Second by Mr. Pires. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

3. Tourist Tax Ordinance

Colleen Greene, Assistant County Attorney reported the Board of County Commissioners approved revisions to the Ordinance governing the Tourist Development Council and related revenue disbursements. She noted:

- The Statute, Collier County Ordinances (and related policies) are "*silent*" on any funding requirements for sand to be placed on a dry beach as opposed to a nearshore hardbottom. This determination would be subject to local policy.
- Staff to review the requirements of the Ordinance and related policies to determine if the use of TDC funds is permitted for placement of sand on any sections of the Pelican Bay beaches. The proposed activity would require a finding by the local authority "*the item promotes tourism.*"

Speaker

Bob Krasowski expressed concern on the reallocation of Tourist Tax Revenue funding categories and utilizing the General Fund for various "funding shortage" purposes. The beach related benefits of the Program primarily accrue to those property owners within close proximity to the shoreline as opposed to property owners' further inland.

Chairman Sorey reported the use of the funds is in the interest of the all County residents as studies indicate 70 percent of beach goers are local residents.

4. FY13-14 Grant Submittals

Gary McAlpin provided the Executive Summary "*Recommendation to approve Category "A" Tourist Development Council Grant applications from the City of Naples, the city of Marco Island and Collier County for FY-2013/2014 in the amount of \$17,024,593 authorize the Chairman to sign grant agreements following County Attorney's approval, and make a finding that these expenditures will promote tourism*" dated May 9, 2013 for consideration. He provided an overview of the following Grant requests:

1. Regulatory and Permit Compliance

Sea Turtle Protection Program - Collier County - \$160,000

Beach Tilling – Collier County – 80171 - \$40,000

Physical Beach & Pass Monitoring – 90536 - \$206,000

SUB-TOTAL - \$406,000

2. Projects

Collier County Beach Renourishment - \$15,000,000

SUB-TOTAL - \$15,000,000

3. Beach Maintenance

Beach Maintenance – Collier County/Marco Island – 90533 - \$167,000

Naples Pier Annualized Repair & Maintenance – City of Naples – 90096 - \$475,000

Beach Maintenance – City of Naples- 90527 - \$132,945

Vegetation Repairs/Exotic Removal – County Wide – 90044 - \$75,000

SUB-TOTAL - \$849,945

4. Administration

Project Management and Administration - \$17,548

Indirect Administration Costs - \$46,100

Department Rent – \$10,000

Division Fiscal Support - \$70,000

Tax Collector Fee's (2.5%) - \$25,000

SUB-TOTAL - \$768,648

TOTAL GRANTS -\$17,024,593

Discussion occurred on the request for the substantial repairs to the Naples Pier at a cost of \$475,000.

Mr. McAlpin reported the maximum funding amount allowed under the Ordinance is \$200,000 and Staff is recommending the request not be approved given funds are limited and the County is undertaking the major beach renourishment project in 2013/14.

Mr. Pires recognized the need to ensure facilities are adequately maintained for tourists and the public however expressed concern there was no engineering report identifying the necessity of the proposed work including alternatives for items such as replacing the decking on the Pier.

Discussion on the status of the capital project budget.

The Committee requested Staff to place an item on the next meeting Agenda for review of the capital projects budget.

Speaker

Bob Krasowski queried if any funds in the account financing beach facility improvements could be directed to the Naples Pier grant request.

The Committee requested Staff to investigate the requirements for the beach park facility fund and determine if this expenditure is feasible.

Regulatory and Permit Compliance

Mr. Pires moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve the following Grant Requests:

Sea Turtle Protection Program - Collier County - \$160,000

Beach Tilling – Collier County – 80171 \$40,000

Physical Beach & Pass Monitoring – 90536 - \$206,000

Second by Mr. Rios. Carried unanimously 7 - 0.

Projects

Mr. Rios moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve the Grant Request for the Collier County Beach Renourishment at an amount of \$15,000,000.

Second by Mr. Raymond. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

Beach Maintenance

Mr. Hong moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve the following Grant Requests:

Beach Maintenance – Collier County/Marco Island – 90533 - \$167,000

Naples Pier Annualized Repair & Maintenance – City of Naples – 90096 - \$200,000

Beach Maintenance – City of Naples- 90527 - \$132,945

Vegetation Repairs/Exotic Removal – County Wide – 90044 - \$75,000

Second by Mr. Rios.

Chairman Sorey stated an engineering report is available on the Naples Pier and will contact the necessary parties to have it forwarded the members of the Committee.

Motion carried 6 “yes” – 1 “no.” Mr. Pires voted “no.”

Administration

Mr. Rios moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve the following Grant Requests:

Project Management and Administration - \$17,548

Indirect Administration Costs - \$46,100

Department Rent – \$10,000

Division Fiscal Support - \$70,000

Tax Collector Fee’s (2.5%) - \$25,000

Second by Mr. Raymond. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

Break: 2:20pm
Reconvened: 2:28pm

5. Collier County Beach Renourishment

- A) Great Lakes Letter
- B) Target Volumes Summary Table
- C) Tropical Storm Fay Bid Form
- D) Reminder Volume of 2013-14 Renourishment Project
- E) Beach Volume Presentation

Gary McAlpin *Recommendation to reject all bids received for Invitation to Bid (ITB) 13-6076 Collier County Beach Renourishment Project; re-solicit the project with target volumes per beach segment; reduce bid acceptance/validity timeframe; approve the project price submittal form and bidding approach; approve a sand placement renourishment approach and make a finding that this project promotes tourism for information purposes.* He noted:

- The only bids received from vendors were those who propose a truck haul project.
- Dredging contractors who chose not to provide a bid to the County expressed concerns on several fronts as outlined in a letter from Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, LLC dated April 22, 2013.

Mr. McAlpin presented a *slideshow “Collier County Beach Renourishment Volume and Bidding Presentation”* outlining a revised bid package. Staff intends to recommend the following to the Board of County Commissioners:

1. *Reject all Bids from Solicitation 13-6076*
2. *Re-solicit with the following Target Volumes*
 - Vanderbilt Beach - 53,000 CY’s*
 - Park Shore Beach – 120,000 CY’s*
 - Naples Beach - 164,000 CY’s*
 - Pelican Bay Beach – 25,000 CY’s*
3. *+/- 15% volume variation without price change*
4. *Adjust Target Volumes as needed with a pre-renourishment survey approved by BCC*
5. *Reduce bid acceptance timeframe to not-more-than 60 days*
6. *Approve the bid forms and approach*
7. *Defer Truck Haul as a bidding option*
8. *Preferred renourishment timing is outside of turtle nesting season*
9. *Make a finding that this project promotes tourism*

Speaker

Bob Krasowski noted a truck haul proposals are important to provide a comparison bid (versus a dredge project) on the work and is beneficial to the local economy. It provides more flexibility for the placement of sand especially any work undertaken during turtle

nesting season. It may be appropriate to investigate the feasibility of a “blended” project and use of some funds for jetties to aid in promoting acclimation of sand.

IX. Old Business

None

X. Announcements

None

XI. Committee Member Discussion

None

XII. Next Meeting Date/Location

June 13, 2013 – Government Center, Administration Bldg. F, 3rd Floor

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 3:05 P.M.

Collier County Coastal Advisory Committee

John Sorey, III, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____
as presented _____ or as amended _____.