

MINUTES
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Present: Bob Ringer, Matthew Kizer, David Blauch, Pat DeLoach, and Paul Oakley, Committee Members

Present Ex Officio: Town Administrator Iris Hill

Absent: Chairman Dallas Lovelace (notice given)

Chairman Lovelace requested that Mr. Bob Ringer preside over the meeting in his absence.

Call to Order

Mr. Bob Ringer called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. David Blauch moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2021, Beachfront Management Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew Kizer and was unanimously approved.

Comments from Town Administrator

Town Administrator Iris Hill reviewed and discussed the handouts given to the Committee. These handouts included groin maps and information, groin management plans and as-built groin survey. Ms. Hill stated that the Beachfront Management Plan was on the Town's website and asked the Committee to review the plan for more information.

New Business

- A. CSE Proposal, Groins 28-32** – Ms. Hill reviewed the Coastal Science and Engineering proposal with the Committee and asked the members to look for changes that needed to be revised. Mr. Kizer discussed removing vehicular access from the proposal and to make elevating the landward side of the groins a priority. Mr. Ringer and Ms. Hill discussed the dynamics of the beach and the issues being seen with groin number two. Ms. Hill stated that she would take out vehicular access and add landward groin elevation and would also add groin number two to the proposal. Mr. David Blauch moved to have Town Administrator Iris Hill revise the Coastal Science and Engineering proposal to take away vehicular access and add landward groin elevation and groin number two to the proposal and to request that Town Council approve the revised proposal and fund this proposal out of the Local Accommodations Tax. Mr. Paul Oakley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- B. Erosion/Scarp – 100-300, 2800** – Town Administrator Iris Hill informed the Committee that Westbank Construction had completed smoothing the escarpments at accesses 100-300 and 2800.
- C. 3108 Point St. – Sand Scraping** – Town Administrator Iris Hill read an email that she received from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Beachfront Permitting Project Manager Matt Slagel. Ms. Hill stated that the Town of Edisto Beach could not receive a permit for sand scraping for 3108 Point Street. Ms. Hill did state that the homeowner could apply for an emergency order permit that would allow them to do minor renourishment. Ms. Hill and Mr. Kizer discussed infrastructure impacts and options for nourishment, including the Town applying for a General Permit through

SCDHEC. Mr. Ringer and Mr. Kizer discussed safety issues that groins posed to the public and agreed that groin elevation need to be a top priority.

D. Nourishment Funding Update – Town Administrator Iris Hill informed the Committee that the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) has requested that seven million dollars be given to the Town of Edisto Beach for beachfront renourishment. Ms. Hill discussed the federal and state budgets with the Committee. Ms. Hill stated that she, along with Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, were advocating for funds from Colleton County and that the Town hired a lobbyist to work with the South Carolina Legislators to advocate for beach renourishment for the Town of Edisto Beach.

Mr. Bob Ringer asked for an update on the Army Corps Engineering Project and Ms. Hill discussed funding with the Committee and stated that the Town may receive funds in June 2022.

Comments

Mr. Bob Ringer asked if the Committee needed to meet at the March meeting. The Committee agreed to meet, and Ms. Hill stated that she could not attend, but Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus would be in attendance.

Adjournment

Mr. David Blauch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Pat Deloach, and unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk