



**Town of Surfside  
Sand Project Community Monitoring Committee Meeting  
July 21, 2014  
7 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Surfside, FL 33154

## **MINUTES**

### **Committee Members**

Joe Benton  
Juan Borges  
Lee Gottlieb  
Marianne Meischeid  
Jeffrey Platt  
David Raymond  
Scott Stripling

#### **1. Opening**

##### **A. Call to Order by Chair Jeffrey Platt**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeffrey Platt at 7:06pm.

##### **B. Roll Call of Members**

All the above listed members are present with the exception of Scott Stripling.

Scott Stripling is absent with regrets.

**Also in attendance:** Michael Crotty, Town Manager, Joseph Kroll, Public Works Director, Ross Prieto, Building Official, Mayor Daniel Dietch, Vice Mayor Eli Tourgeman, Commissioner Michael Karukin, Michelle Kligman, Joseph Graubart, Dr. Stephen Leatherman, Dr. Chris Teaf, Alex Front, Surfside Residents

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Marianne Meischeid made a motion to approve the minutes with her additional email attachments, dated July 21, 2014.

The Town Manager commented on the attachment and indicated that the word "positive" should be replaced with the word "detected" on the following two bullet points:

- The results from "A" samples (Hard Pack) showed: Positive "TCLP" LEAD LEACHABILITY in all three "A" Samples. (96th St, 90th St, 87 Terr).

- The results from "B" samples (Mid-Beach Renourished Sand) showed: Positive "TCLP" LEAD LEACHABILITY at the 96th St. Negative at 90th St & 87 Terr.

Ms. Meischeid had no objection for the substitution of "detected". The Town Manager further stated that the recording of the July 1 meeting indicates that Mr. Front did state that the detected lead levels were insignificant.

David Raymond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes were approved.

### **3. Update: Sunshine Law and Public Records**

Michael Crotty reminded the Board about the Sunshine Law. All Board members cannot click "Reply-All" on an email. It is recommended that the Board members communicate with Town Staff and the Consultants directly if they have any questions or need clarification on an item.

### **4. Test Protocol – Dr. Christopher Teaf**

Town Manager advised that all testing from Miami Dade Health Department, DERM, etc., show that the arsenic level are within the normal natural occurring levels on the beach.

The residents feel that the only acceptable levels of arsenic are the residential default rate.

Additional testing will only produce the same test results.

Chair Jeffrey Platt suggested hearing from Dr. Leatherman's take on the situation first.

Dr. Teaf suggested taking 60 samples at 38 locations. (10 off site, 16 in the dunes, and 34 beach samples). As outlined in his report entitled "Sand Sampling & Chemical Analysis Plan".

Dr. Teaf advised that the cost for the testing will range from \$60,000-\$75,000.

Monica Grandeze suggested that the samples be split for testing by the Town and the residents.

Tina Paul inquired if the Town can host a special election to vote on the issue of the sand, especially if tax payer's money is being used.

The turnaround time for test results can be weeks.

Jeffrey Platt inquired who will be providing the money to pay for additional testing.

The board would like to know the total cost for testing prior to it being done.

Juan Borges made a motion to direct staff comeback with three proposals for engineering that are qualified to collect samples, while implementing Dr. Teaf's testing protocol and to explore fund sourcing for the testing; David Raymond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Presentation by Dr. Stephen Leatherman**

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**A. Sieve Testing Results**

Dr. Leatherman did not have a chance to complete the testing as he was out of the country. He will have the results available at the next meeting.

**B. Sand Beach Compatibility**

**C. Other issues**

Dr. Leatherman advised of beach scraping programs. The top of foot of the sand is scraped to build a dune to act as a store house of sand, energy dissipater, and a surge barrier.

Juan Borges wanted to know where the Surf Club is with complying with FDEP. Joe Benton advised that the Surf Club has replied to the State.

FDEP tested the Surf Club sand in November 2013 and April 2014 for beach compatibility. Both results show compatibility.

Juan Borges inquired if everything checks out okay and the option is to move the sand into the dunes who will be responsible for moving the sand.

Lee Gottlieb advised that a determination of what kind of sand is on the beach is needed.

The following residents provided their feedback and concerns regarding the sand:

- Barbara Woolverton
- Norma Parron
- Conchita De Antunanor
- George Kousoulas
- Renee Tischler
- Deborah Cimadevilla
- William Kelly Urban II
- Sindy Posso
- Michelle Kligman
- Rob Ludicke
- Jose Castro
- Larisa Alonso
- Marcos Arancibia
- Flavio Sa Carvalho
- Tina Paul
- Monica Grandeze

- Peter Filiberto

The overall consensus of the residents is having the sand removed.

David Raymond wants the Town to do a public records request to DERM for Surf Club's environmental phase 2 permits.

Marianne Meischeid inquired if the implementation plans are set for each outcome. The Town Manager advised that the plans are set for each outcome.

Dr. Leatherman suggested offering the sand to Miami Beach as fill for work being done on Alton Road to help with the flooding.

Jeffrey Platt suggested looking at other alternative locations for sand placement.

Lee Gottlieb inquired as to who has jurisdiction on the beach and it was advised that FDEP covers the beach. Michael Crotty advised that the Town can make recommendations to FDEP regarding the Town's action plans.

Juan Borges wants the Town to find out how much fill does Miami beach need prior to proceeding.

David Raymond made a motion to remove sand and offer it as fill to Miami Beach for Alton Road project or other use the state may so approve; Marianne seconded the motion. The members voted in the following manner:

Joe Bention – NO  
David Raymond – YES  
Lee Gottlieb – NO  
Marianne Meischeid - YES  
Juan Borges – NO  
Jeffrey Platt – YES

Being a tied vote the motion dies. The members who voted "no" voted on lack of information provided to move forward.

David Raymond made a motion to proceed with the testing and that cost sharing be explored with the developers. The motion died for a lack of a second.

It was suggested that the Board listens to Dr. Teaf's recommendations regarding the testing protocol.

Town Manager suggested that based on the discussion regarding the Committee's motions, a course of action to consider would be to requests that staff identify the necessary action steps to move forward the option of the removal/relocation of the sand.

David Raymond made a motion to authorize staff pursue the option of total removal and come back with parameters such as cost & permitting to be done before the next Commission meeting, but an update provide at the next sand meeting; Juan Borges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Woolverton is distraught that there is no representative from FDEP at any of the meetings.

Lee Gottlieb suggested that FDEP be present at the next meeting.

**7. Public comment**

**8. Other issues**

**9. Next meeting Date**

**The next meeting date is July 29, 2014**

**10. Adjournment**

David Raymond made a motion to adjourn the meeting Marianne Meischeid seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 10:59pm.