



## **Town of Surfside**

9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside FL 33154

### **Sand Project Community Monitoring Committee Organizational Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014 – 7:00 pm**  
**Town Hall – Commission Chambers**

## **MINUTES**

### **Committee Members**

Joe Benton  
Juan Borges  
Deborah Cimadevilla  
Lee Gottlieb  
David Raymond  
Scott Stripling  
Barbara Woolverton

#### 1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Town Manager, Michael Crotty at 7:02pm.

**Also in attendance:** Mayor Daniel Dietch, Commissioner Michael Karukin, Courtney Cunningham, President of Cunningham Group, Joseph Kroll, Public Works Director, Ross Prieto, Building Official, Duncan Tavares, TEDACS Director, Frantza Duval, Recording Clerk

#### 2. Introduction of Committee Members

Juan Borges, resident, is interested in the helping the Surfside community in any way possible.

Scott Stripling, Chair of Surfider Foundation, is interested in the protection of the ocean, environmental nourishment, and health issues of the public.

Barbara Woolverton, resident, is interested in resolving the sand issue. Barbara will no longer be able to serve on the Board, but has asked that Marianne Meischeid replace her on the Committee.

Jeffrey Platt, resident, was asked to fill in for Deborah Cimadevilla, who will no longer be able to serve on the Committee. Mr. Platt is interested in the beach sand initiative.

Lee Gottlieb, Youth Environmental Alliance Director of Community Outreach, is interested in assisting to vet the health and safety concerns and to help protect the natural resources.

David Raymond, resident, is interested in helping the environment and specifically what happens on the beach.

Joe Benton, Surf Club, is looking to be a part of the solution to help move this forward.

### 3. Committee Charter

- Review of Charter Tasks  
Action plan includes community outreach.

Michael Crotty advised that the purpose of the committee was to address the issues and concerns since the sand transfer was undertaken and completed.

The first task is to address any and all chemical issues.

The Town Manager has provided all testing reports and communications related to the sand transfer to the committee.

The Town Manager suggested that the committee consider what can be done to bring sand transfer to a close with regards to toxicology at the next meeting.

The committee will eventually create a final report with their recommendations to the town commission identifying one of four options which include (no action, mix & blend, overlay, or remove the sand).

Dune restorations and escarpments have been major issues and this is something that the committee will also look into.

The committee will also look into if beach maintenance permits are beneficial to the Town.

The committee will also look into Legislative action requiring the state to adopt legislation to have people test sand for chemicals prior to transfers.

The goal is to have this completed within 60 days.

Scott Stripling inquired if there has been any additional health issues and it was advised that no additional issues have been reported.

Michael Crotty advised that reports have also been submitted to Miami- Dade Health Department for review.

Deborah Cimadevilla advised that Chlordane, a pesticide used in buildings in the past was never tested. Michael Crotty said this can be tested.

Juan Borges wants to the environmental audit done by the Surf Club to be made available to the committee. Joe Benton will make the request and have it available at the next meeting.

Michael Crotty advised that Dr. Leatherman will be available to the committee regarding beach issues and will be available at the next meeting being held on July 1, 2014.

Lee Gottlieb inquired as to how the Town derive at the list of chemicals to be tested. Ross Prieto advised that Teracon recommended it for testing. It the standard testing of chemicals for soil.

Barbara Woolverton advised that proper testing is needed. Joe Benton advised that recommendations can be made to Tallahassee requiring

them incorporate testing in the future whether there is suspicion or not of toxicology contaminations.

Joseph Kroll advised that work on the beach as far as the escarpment is concerned is complete.

Michael Crotty recommended walking the beach at 6pm prior to one of the meetings to discuss any issues on the beach.

Deborah Cimadevilla advised that there was a truck dredging sand out of the water and placing it out on the beach which was reported to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). She has videos of this happening. Joe Benton advised Deborah Cimadevilla to submit footage and photos for the records to be reviewed.

Courtney Cunningham, President of the Cunningham Group, helped identify issues within the action plan. The main component of the action plan to engaging the community and keeping them informed and keeping them a part of the process.

Mr. Cunningham job's is make sure the public receives the information in a timely and transparent manner. He wants to make sure that the residents receives facts that are supported by research.

Mr. Cunningham advised that a text message gateway will be available for residents to sign up for in order to receive the latest information.

David Raymond advised that the main issues that residents had was not properly being informed and getting pieces of information. He advised that status updates are regularly needed.

The committee is subject to the Sunshine Law for transparency.

Mr. Cunningham advised that social media pages were created, pending Town approval, that are ready to be launched.

- Establish schedule/priority of addressing assigned tasks

4. Establishment of meeting dates and times

Michael Crotty advised that on July 1, 2014 Dr. Teaf and Dr. Leatherman will be available to attend the meeting.

Michael Crotty suggested weekly meetings for the beginning phase of the committee.

The next meetings will be July 1, 10, 17, 2014.

5. Public comment

N/A

6. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

It was agreed that since two new members are absent it would be discussed at the next meeting.

A calendar will be provided showing the available dates for the next meetings.

David Raymond inquired if someone from FDEP will be available to join the committee at a meeting.

Jeffrey Platt recommends having Christian Lambright, a representative of FDEP, in on the meetings.

7. Other items

N/A

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Town Manager, Michael Crotty at 8:03pm.