Town of Surfside

CHARTER
Sand Project Community Monitoring Committee

PURPOSE

The Town Commission, at its June 10, 2014 meeting, authorized the Town Manager to implement its Sand Project Action Plan (see attached), which included the creation of a Community Monitoring Committee (Committee). The purpose of the Committee is to serve as a resource to the Town Administration as it addresses issues and concerns relating to the recently completed sand transfer project. This Committee process will also provide an opportunity for the community to be involved in an educational initiative pertaining to beach management and beach opportunities going forward.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee consists of seven members appointed by the Town Manager that represents a cross-section of community stakeholders.

COMMITTEE TASKS

A. Sand Testing Results (chemical composition): 1. Receive educational presentations from independent subject matter experts (both public and private sectors) on the sand testing protocol and results relating to arsenic, lead and asbestos; and 2. Determine process to bring this issue to closure based upon best scientific data and evidence.
B. Sand (physical composition): 1. Receive educational presentations from independent subject matter experts (both public and private sectors) on the physical composition of sand and expected changes over time; 2. Review the options identified by FDEP available to address citizens' concerns regarding the color/texture issue and provide recommendation; and 3. Determine process to bring this issue to closure based upon best scientific data and evidence.
C. Beach Management: 1. Receive educational presentations from independent subject matter experts (both public and private sectors) on beach issues including current beach conditions; sand issues; erosion and beach renourishment opportunities; 2. Determine process to obtain CCCL Maintenance Permit to allow regular maintenance of beach (similar to Sunny Isles Beach).

D. Remaining Issues: 1. Dune Restoration at Surf Club; 2. Escarpments/Cliffs/Walls; 3. Sifting –address concerns of construction and establishment of regular debris monitoring of beach; 4. Legislative Action (urging resolution to require chemical testing for transferred sand in the State of Florida); 5. Prepare enhanced regulations for Surfside that reflect lessons learned with regard to chemical testing and public notice and engagement; 6. Renourishment – identify schedule, sand source and other relevant details; 7. Sea Turtles—public education on importance of sea turtles to the ecosystem and the impact on timing/scheduling of beach improvements; 8. Other issues identified by the Committee.

NATURE OF COMMITTEE

The Committee is advisory in nature and their input/recommendations/report will be submitted by the Town Manager to the Town Commission.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

- The Town Manager will provide administrative leadership and will serve as the presiding officer
- Town Staff will provide administrative and clerical support
- Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair at their organizational meeting
- Meetings will be publically noticed and broadcast on Channel 77
- Committee may determine methods of public outreach and engagement to enhance public involvement and input

DURATION

Due to the urgency of these issues, the Committee is requested to completed its assigned tasks and prepare its final report no later than 60 days from the date of the organizational meeting.

SUNSET PROVISION

The Committee shall sunset upon the completion of its assigned tasks unless the Town Commission takes formal action to reauthorize the Committee to continue its work with similar beach or environmental issues.