



Beach Preservation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
Friday, March 8, 2024, 9:00am
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

MINUTES

Present: Dan Slotchiver, Andrew Vega, Tim Ahmuty, Cindy Solomon (via Zoom), Council Member Pierce (via Zoom), Council members Campsen and Miars, Mayor Pounds, Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Discussion and review of topics, issues and opportunities discussed at previous committee meetings**

Mayor Pounds reviewed the conversations of the previous meetings. He said he believes a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers will be ready to speak to the Committee later in the month about what Federal management of the beach could look like.

Mr. Vega believes the City needs to develop a two-part plan: a proactive policy that details how the City wants to take care of and renourish the beach, and a reactive policy that defines the City's policies and expectations of beach care in times of emergency.

Ms. Campsen would like to see the creation of a beach management page for the City's website that details policies, actions, and related municipal and Federal requirements.

Mr. Slotchiver expressed his preference for the City to follow Dare County's routine of beach management and nourishment. He would like to financially evaluate their program for the City's purposes prior to the Committee's conversation with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Administrator Fragoso said it is necessary that the City use the data provided by CS&E to determine what they want the beach to look like. She pointed out there is a clear understanding of how the beach should look at the north end and now it important to mimic that for the rest of the island.

She pointed out to the Committee that prior to last year, the City's position for emergency work was to step in after a named storm but other protective measures were the responsibility of the property owner.

Administrator Fragoso shared the City's current efforts regarding beach monitoring and future beach preservation. She reported that CS&E is conducting a new survey of Breach Inlet to determine sand volumes and beach profiles.

When Mr. Slotchiver suggested the City's lobbyist stress to the legislature the nature of the situation, Mayor Pounds said the State is very aware of what is happening but have not indicated they intend to do anything about it. He believes the only help the City will receive this year is the Army Corps project.

Mayor Pounds would like to follow up with Dare County to get more details. Administrator Fragoso said she could perform some calculations with their model to see what kind of funding estimates it would provide. She also suggested considering the feasibility of issuing bonds for beach nourishment projects as Dare County did.

Mr. Vega reiterated that determining what the beach should look like drives everything else.

3. Next Steps

The next meeting will include Stephen Traynum to help the Committee define a healthy beach and discuss the feasibility of dredging Breach Inlet. They will also invite Nicole Elko to discuss beach monitoring efforts on Sullivan's Island.

The next meeting of the Beach Preservation Ad Hoc Committee will be Friday, March 15, 2024 at 9:00am.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk