

Seaside Park Environmental Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Denise Koury at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers, 6th & Central Aves.

1. Call to Order 7:30 pm
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call -

Present:

Ann Hayes

Denise Koury

Edie Klink

Margaret Husar

Maureen O'Haire

Lynda Roberts (excused)

Sherry Villano (excused)

Greg Penn

Excused: Mike Tierney

Review and Approval of the Minutes 7/13/16 Meeting

MMB Eddie/2nd Maggie

4. Council Report:

Mike Tierney - \$1.3 Million grant was approved for bay shoreline remediation, will cover 800' from the Marina and south. DEP to handle permitted process for that project. Project to include a bulkhead of increased height. Filters may possibly be used in conjunction or as alternative application along bay front.

New dune system may be in place by 2017 season. DEP will present program for public on anticipated system that is 20' high (above sea level) and 75' wide at base, 150' beach will be in front of the dunes. Harvey Ceders has a similar dune system now in place. A graded "sandbar" effect at water's edge will be used to recreate wave patterns. The project will cover 10,000' of beach in SSP, 500' will have restricted access for each stage of the project.

Dunes will be continuous, and will be planted with dune grass. Access will be by "V" shaped walkway over dunes. There will be 17 entrances, as we have now. 5 years of maintenance by the Army Corps.

5. Review of Soil Conservation Conference Ann Hayes presented information on attached notes and potential applications for SSP.

Committee discussed future possible project of signage along the boardwalk to educate the public on the purpose and function of the dunes.

Mike Tierney expressed interest in presentation on Filtrxx system for rebuilding shorelines. Ann to for-

ward information and contacts.

6. Pumping Stations: Greg gave report on public meeting covering Pumping Stations and plumes that appeared over the summer. No landscaping of pumping sites has been done (due to DOT budget issues)

Mike Tierney reported that the jelly fish count was down for 2016 season. Mats to lessen velocity of outflow have been effective to stop the “bloom” of silt from the pumping stations. Deck with railing and “Do Not Enter” signs is final stage of covering outflow pipes. L Street Pump has been very effective to clear S curve roadway during storms.

7. Additional benches at 14th Avenue garden: Maggie proposed adding two additional benches along the semi-circle facing the garden to allow visitors to sit in front of and see the garden. Maureen suggested two more benches would be beneficial as existing benches are used regularly. Also of benefit would be increased accessibility as benches would be placed next to ramp. Denise will send Council and DPW inquiry of possibility of adding benches for spring 2017.

8. Butterfly Garden: October pruning and replenishment of annuals for fall is due. Maggie stated mums to be purchased by EC funds and installed by BC and EC jointly. Ann stated that the Bayberry will need to be pruned in fall and spring. Ann Hayes and Sue Mazoorli of BC to develop 12-month schedule of upkeep for garden.

Maureen circulated an updated schedule of planter-barrel watering through mid-October.

9. Summer Garbage Collection schedule: Sherry made presentation to Council. No new resolution.

10. EC and Terms: Three seats at end of three-year terms (Edie, Greg, Maggie). Members will need to notify Karen Barna in writing of their intentions to serve another three years or step down. Announcement to public of available seats will be done after declarations by above members.

Greg stated he is available to serve again if needed.

Maggie and Edie stated they would like to see more projects undertaken that enhance the town. Discussion of possible projects and future direction of the EC followed.

Denise would like to see more feedback and/or direction from council. MT has had the most consistent attendance as council liaison.

Edie would like to identify more goals for the EC.

Maureen suggested looking to other barrier island towns’ EC plans for project ideas. Maureen and Greg to bring info on other communities EC projects to see if we can partner or copy ideas.

Ann suggested a change to two-year term. This would encourage more people to serve as shorter commitment and bring new energy and ideas to the EC and allow for an influx of new people. Would also make re-enlisting for a second term more likely if needed.

Mike Tierney suggested that a useful role of EC is to research and attend conferences and present to the council any ideas to help with storm water, pollution, energy savings.

Agenda for October to include a review current EC ordinance for ideas for updates from committee. MMB Eddie, 2nd by Maureen.

11. Programs: Edie discussed possible project for the 5th Ave. Pier, a bench made from recycled plastic. Green Tree Plastics company has an “ABC Project” program. The town submits 10K plastic bottle caps of any type, must be clean, sorted and no metal included. GTP will fabricate materials into a bench or other product for the community. Possible partnership with the schools for collection. Eddie to research viable company for SSP to do similar project.

Maureen suggested scheduling a Star Gazing program in fall 2017 to work with schools. TBD at Jan. Meeting.

Adjourn. 8:37. MM Eddie/ 2nd Greg

Next Meeting. October 12, 2016 7:30