

Meeting Notes

Public Meeting at Town of Indian Shores - Town Hall

Topic: 2017 Sand Key Nourishment Project

March 30, 2017, 6–8 pm

Pinellas County Staff Present:

Andy Squires, Coastal Resources Manager
John Bishop, Coastal Management Coordinator
Kelli Levy, Director, Environmental Management Division

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Staff Present:

Laurel Reichold, Project Manager
Lynn H. Zediak, Real Estate
Jeff Bergen, Engineering
Amanda Parker, Corporate Communications
Andy Cummings, Construction Manager

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Town of Indian Shores Mayor, Pat Soranno, welcomed the attendees promptly at 6:00 pm and introduced Andy Squires from Pinellas County. Mr. Squires briefly summarized the amount of funding (~\$32 million) for the upcoming Sand Key nourishment project. He also explained the continuous nature of nourishment projects with construction followed by 3+ years of beach monitoring coincident with planning and permitting for the next nourishment project that have typically occurred 5-7 years after the previous construction project. Mr. Squires also emphasized the need to secure easements required by the Army Corps to ensure the project can be constructed as planned. The other County and Army Corps personnel present then introduced themselves prior to the project presentation.

PROJECT PRESENTATION

John Bishop presented an overview of the Sand Key Shore Protection Project. The presentation covered: 1) a brief project overview and history, 2) where requested easements are located and why, and how many are needed, 3) key easement provisions, and 4) the next steps moving forward for the Sand Key Shore Protection Project. During the presentation, Dr. Bishop fielded numerous questions from the audience. Questions were raised about project timing and duration, sand quality, project boundaries, property taxes on privately owned beachfront property, and others. The last several slides showed ground-level 1985 post Hurricane Elena photos juxtaposed to 2017 photos at the same location and perspective. These slides demonstrated the long-term success of the Sand Key Shore Protect Project, initiated in 1988, that has resulted in wide sandy beaches that were absent in 1985. The presentation is available to view at the project web page:

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/environment/coastalMngmt/sandkey.htm>.

Why Perpetual Easements Are Required

Early in the presentation, Laurel Reichold of the Army Corp presented three slides (6-8) about the project. These slides described the Federal emergency project funding acquired to repair Hurricane Hermine damage, the proposed sand placement volumes for the 2017 Sand Key project, and the addition of two beaches that may be added to the Sand Key project, Sunset Beach on Treasure Island and Upham Beach on Long key. Laurel noted that Slide 6 listed Sunshine Beach in error, instead of Sunset Beach, as one of the beaches that may be added to the project if included in the Army Corps FY2017 Work Plan. Ms. Reichold also explained why the Army Corps requires that “perpetual” easements be obtained. A number of questions were answered about why the easements are needed now and not previously. The reason stems from a 1986 congressional Act (Water Resources Development Act of 1986) and a subsequent Army Corps policy to acquire perpetual public access easements on privately owned beach front property. These easements are needed before Federal funds can be spent to place sand on those private properties. The policy was not clearly communicated nor enforced until the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Since then, the Army Corps has begun implementing the policy nationwide.

POST-PRESENTATION QUESTIONS

The presentation ended about 6:50 pm whereby County and Army Corps personnel responded to several additional questions. Some of the questions focused on the rationale of the easement language, the need for them to be “perpetual,” and the general broad scope of easement provisions. County staff noted that some of the provisions can be deleted, such as constructing dunes, planting vegetation, and constructing other erosion control measures. The County can provide an alternative easement for those interested in such revisions. Other responses and clarifications covered beach berm elevation, what shorelines will be nourished, the need to reconstruct dunes at Dan’s Island in Clearwater, the sand source for the project (Egmont Shoal), and concerns about fill sand with large rocks and shells observed after the 2012 project.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Mr. Squires made a few concluding remarks to end the meeting at about 7:40 pm. He reminded the audience of the importance of maintaining viable wide sandy beaches for storm protection, tourism, and the environment. Finally he emphasized that there are considerable public funds reserved for the upcoming project and the importance to acquire some 120 easements to ensure the project can proceed as planned. County and Army Corps personnel remained onsite until 8:00 pm after all questions were answered.

SIGN-IN SHEETS

In addition to Pinellas County and Army Corps personnel listed above, there were 63 attendees listed on the sign-in sheets.

Copies of the sign-in sheets are on the following pages.

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