

REVISED Minutes

Briefing Meeting
of the
Captiva Erosion Prevention District
11513 Andy Rosse Lane, Unit 4, Captiva, FL 33924
February 21st, 2019 @ 1:00pm

Commissioners Present: Mike Mullins (Chair); Dave Jensen (Commissioner)

Absent (excused): Michael Lanigan (Vice Chair); Harry Kaiser (Secretary); Bob Walter (Treasurer)

Staff Present: Carolyn Weaver (CEPD Administrator); Randall Burris (CEPD Deputy Administrator)

SCCF: Kelly Sloan (Sea Turtle Program Coordinator); Rae Ann Wessel (Natural Resource Policy Director)

CCP: David Mintz

1. Call to Order

Chairman Mullins called the meeting to order at 1:00 P. M.

2. Roll Call

The Chair called the roll and the results are outlined above.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Beach Vehicle SOPs – SCCF

Ms. Weaver stated the beach vehicle was purchased to assess beach maintenance. She discussed the items and details that were recorded in the SOPs about the beach vehicle to SCCF and expressed a potential partnership with them. They expressed interest in partnering together in some capacity.

Chairman Mullins asked what concerns SCCF had with the beach vehicle. Ms. Sloan stated some concerns that the action items CEPD had for the beach vehicle were a duplication of what SCCF already does, and they wanted to be sure of the goals we had in mind to confirm it wasn't already been done, as they feel beach driving has a negative impact. Chairman Mullins responded that CEPD does not plan to do extensive driving on the beach when there are no projects in place, and when a project was present more extensive driving would take place. He reported that we will be working with the engineers and beach use will be contingent on what their needs are as related to beach projects.

Beach tilling was mentioned by Chairman Mullins, who expressed that we are in agreement with SCCF to work towards not requiring tilling after the next renourishment, as both parties agree it

is not necessary.

Commissioner Jensen reported that we need to lay out more details and remove any duplication of what SCCF is already doing. He reported that he agreed we need the vehicle for certain things but to minimize what is already being done by others. Chairman Mullins responded to beach cleanup and how far CEPD goes with that in a legal sense and mentioned we need more details from the District's attorney on what we can or cannot do, or should/should not do as far as liability.

Chairman Mullins mentioned that we coordinated with Lee County to be proactive with fish kill and to keep it under control and what might that look like in the future in conjunction with SCCF. Ms. Sloan and Ms. Weaver had been in contact during the last cleanup, and will continue to do so once in turtle nesting season.

Ms. Weaver mentioned that a log will be completed every time the vehicle is used.

Chairman Mullins expressed his thoughts regarding using the vehicle on the road, especially during nourishment projects, i.e. Turner Beach and back. Mr. Burris mentioned that he can look into if the vehicle can be licensed for that purpose.

Kelly Sloan reported about Shore Birds and the impact the beach vehicle could possibly have with flush issues. Chairman Mullins responded that CEPD can partner with SCCF to identify and educate tourists of the impact and reiterated that we plan to minimize beach vehicle usage.

Mr. Mintz questioned the purpose of the beach vehicle. Ms. Weaver reported the beach vehicle will be used for monitoring beach conditions, littering, vandalism, maintenance with poles and ropes used to stabilize the dune areas, and provide a daily report to MOTE on beach condition. Chairman Mullins also provided that this work was done before by walking the beach and it was very time consuming; that it was not manageable and was unrealistic to walk the entire beach and back to monitor the littering, breakdown of the poles and ropes, furniture being left out, holes being left on the beach from beachgoers, erosion that is active, etc. Mr. Mintz suggested that we get in contact with residents who currently walk to beach each day; they might be a good source to assist.

Mr. Burris asked Ms. Sloan how often they pick up crab traps and other debris from washup and beachgoers, as there were a number of sites that were not being picked up. Ms. Sloan responded that this was her sixth season and she's never seen so many traps as there are this year, but gave no response as to how often they go out to pick up that kind of debris.

5. Chairman Mullins reported that CEPD will not finalize the SOPs until we get further input from SCCF; however, we will need to finalize it soon. He reiterated that the SOPs of the beach vehicle are in very rough draft.

Chairman Mullins and Ms. Wessel discussed dunes and the boardwalks and structures being placed by property owners that had not been grandfathered in.

Chairman Mullins suggested Ms. Weaver extend an invitation to the SCCF for the April 9, 2019, Tentative Apportionment Public Hearing.

6. Federal Contribution to Renourishment Project

Chairman Mullins began a discussion regarding why we are not seeking to keep Federal funding for the renourishment project. CEPD is unsure about moving forward with Federal funding based on previous discussions regarding the US Army Corps of Engineers and what they want in order for us to use their funding (i.e. easements, continuous accesses to property, etc.). Chairman Mullins asked Ms. Weaver if she has heard from the USACE to discuss more options; she has not, but will reach out to them to see what other options are available. Chairman Mullins also introduced the idea of having an independent engineering firm consult with CEPD regarding the renourishment project to judge the fairness of what needs to be done and the funding needed.

7. Commissioner Comments

None

Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:06 P.M.