

Members Present: Bert Adams, Jimmy Burke, Cecil DeLorme, Helen Downing, Amy Lanier, Henry Levy, Lou Off, Joe Richardson, Freda Rutherford, Wick Searcy, Harry Spirides, William Sprague



Members Absent: Harvey Ferrelle, Mary McCracken, Mark Smith, Greg Stoeffler, John Wylly

Visitors / Ex-Officios Present: Mayor Jason Buelterman (by phone), Paul Wolff, Diane Schleicher, Mackie McIntosh (COE), Priya Desai (COE), Jerry King (COE), Shirley Sessions

CALL TO ORDER (Agenda Item 1):

Amy Lanier called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE AND GUESTS (Agenda Item 2):

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Agenda Item 3):

Lou Off moved to approve the minutes from February and March, Henry Levy seconded. All approved.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT (Agenda Item 4):

1. Pier Review Plan Status – Planning Center of Expertise in Mobile, AL has approved it and SAD has given the COE a preliminary approval as well. It has officially been posted to the COE website and they should be receiving funds within the next couple weeks. Ms. McIntosh reviewed the purpose of the Pier Review Plan and the funding for the 10-page document.
2. Cost Sharing Source of Funding for Phase II Study – Tybee has not received a funding source commitment as of yet for our share of the cost. Mayor Buelterman asked Ms. McIntosh when the COE would need our funds to not delay the process. Ms. McIntosh explained that the COE would be receiving their funds within the next few weeks and at that point the Project Management Plan will begin (which is done on a non-cost share Federal Register) and the COE will have approximately 90 days to complete the PMP (Project Management Plan). Upon completion of the PMP and negotiation of the Cost Share Agreement (which will be an amendment) the COE will need to have Tybee's funds in hand (approximately \$418,000). Lou Off mentioned that there was money left over that was given by GPA for Phase I of the study (approximately \$175,000) and he was wondering if it could be put towards Phase II. Mayor Buelterman made note and Ms. McIntosh said that she would look into these possible money source.
3. Surfrider Foundation Letter – The Surfrider Foundation has written a letter to the COE (Col. Kertis) asking if plans in the next renourishment could include a profile design that would create a surfing break. Ms. McIntosh stated that the letter has been received and a response is being formulated. She also stated that this could be considered.

OLD BUSINESS – AMY LANIER'S REPORT (Agenda Item 5):

1. GPA Reception – Plans are still underway for this informal reception for the Georgia Ports Authority and the City Council to get to know each other.
2. LOP Sand Fencing – A letter was received from Brad Gane with the DNR about the request to place sand fencing at four locations (southwest tip of the island, south of the Pier, north of the existing sand fencing located at Second Street, and on North Beach just west of Byers Crosswalk). He stated that the work would need to be completed prior to May 1st or after October 31st and that the DNR authorizes the placement of the sand fencing under the specifics addressed in the letter. Berta

Adams commented that the Beach Task Force encourages the city to install the sand fencing as quickly as possible.

3. Sea Wall Warning Signs – There are two signs up. Department of Public Works was able to do these two signs in house so that it does not affect this budget.
4. LNG Ceremony Status – Amy Lanier has been in contact with them to arrange for this ceremony.
5. Borrow Site Monitoring & Future Beach Profile Monitoring – Tybee has to monitor for O & M compliance, to establish trends for future profiling, along with borrow site monitoring and till the beach this time of the year, every year. Henry Levy made a motion to recommend to the city to not till where there is vegetation. Berta Adams seconded. Motion carried forward. The city received a proposal from a firm for borrow site monitoring. Discussion took place about borrow site monitoring requirements (Page 16) and also the funds dedicated to the monitoring costs.
6. Newsletter and PR – Sara Vet has been working with Amy on getting something together for a send out.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES (*Agenda Item 6*):

There were no updates for this month

OTHER:

1. Wick Searcy reported on his and Helen Downing's meeting with the Georgia Ports Authority. He stated that they met with Steve Green and felt it was a positive and good meeting.
2. Mayor Buelterman reported on his trip to Washington D.C. He met with Isakson and stated the Isakson feels that the GPA needs to contribute to whatever the long term solution is and that would be emphasized to them that they need to look out for Tybee. Mayor Buelterman also met with Chambliss's aid and they are setting up a meeting with Kingston's office, GPA, Tybee and the county offices to discuss these issues. The Mayor also suggested that the hiring of a lobbyist be considered so that there is someone in Washington D.C. looking out for Tybee's interests.

MEETING ADJOURNED (*Agenda Item 7*):