

Tybee Island Public Safety Committee Meeting
February 25th, 2010 at 5:30 P.M.
Tybee Island City Hall

Attending:

Wanda Doyle, Frank Shuman, Chief Price, Chief Sasser, Jimmy Brown, Shirley Sessions, Jason Buelterman, Diane Schleicher, Jonathan Lynn And George Reese.

New Business:

Nomination of Chairperson:

Wanda Doyle was nominated the chairperson of the public safety committee.

Signage for North And South End—Warning Signs For Dangerous Areas on the Beach:

South End Sandbar:

Chief Sasser stated that the city purchased four 4x4 reflective danger signs for the south end sand bar. Total cost of the purchased signs was \$1200.00.

Chief Sasser advised the sand bar will be posted a dangerous area with two 4x4 reflective signs on the sand bar as well as two signs on the cross over in the area of the sand bar. Two of the purchased signs will be held in reserve.

North End Danger Zones:

Mayor Buelterman stated that he wanted Diane Schleicher to research some signage for the danger zones on the north end in areas where the surfers frequent and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Shirley Sessions stated that she will investigate any grant opportunities that may financially assist in placing warning signs in the north beach area.

Hurricane Planning Exercise:

Jimmy Brown discussed alternatives to creating a hurricane planning exercise. Jimmy Brown suggested that the City of Tybee create a design team who will decide the objectives we wish to accomplish with the hurricane planning exercise. It was also suggested that the design team make contact with C.E.M.A. on implementing the hurricane safety exercise. Jimmy Brown stated that it could take up to six weeks before an exercise could be arranged with C.E.M.A.

All department heads were advised to e-mail any suggestions on the hurricane exercise to Jimmy Brown.

Future Topics:

Wanda Doyle expressed some concern over the parades being held on Tybee and the danger of children being placed in harm's way when they attempt to retrieve candy and beads being thrown from parade floats.

Chief Price advised that more barricades are being used to keep people from walking into the street during parades but also suggested that we could use volunteers to help with crowd control in the future.

Wanda Doyle also had some concerns about the growing number of people under the influence of alcoholic beverage at parades being held on Tybee. One solution to cutting down the number of intoxicated people at the parade was that the parades should start earlier in the day between 10:00 am and 12:00pm.

Mayor Buelterman stated that during our next meeting he would like to discuss more life guard funding through county, state and federal agencies.

Mayor Buelterman stated that he also would like to talk about the new public safety building in the next meeting.