

**TOWN OF JUPITER
BEACH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 25, 2016**

The Beach Committee met in the Council Chambers on Monday, April 25, 2016. Denise Nieman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE (✓ Present ✗ Absent)

Louis "Coke" Coakley	✓	Gail Whipple	✓	Carol Watson	✗
Mark Zisk	✓	Bob Hamilton	✓	Lynne Gibbons	✗
John O'Connor	✓	Troy Holloway	✓	Rick Opton	✓
Denise Nieman, Chair	✓	David Uhlfelder	✓	Russell Ruskay, Staff liaison	✓
				Sandra Lazo de la Vega	✓

MINUTES – Gail Whipple made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 19, 2015 meeting. Bob Hamilton seconded the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC BUSINESS – None

I. New Business

- a. Introduction of New Members- Russ welcomed four new members to the committee: Mark, John, David and Carol (who was absent).

David is a new member. He was born in West Palm Beach and has lived in the Bluffs for more than 30 years. He has experience in property management.

John is a new member. He is also a resident of Ocean Trail. He lives in Jupiter seasonally and is concerned with the issue of Beach Renourishment.

Mark is a new member. He lives in Jupiter Ocean Racquet Club. He goes to the beach every day on his bike or with his dogs.

- b. Selection of New Vice-Chair- Rick Opton made a motion to name Troy Holloway vice-chair. Gail Whipple seconded the motion. Troy Holloway was unanimously elected as vice-chair.

- c. Dubois Park- Closing of Swimming Area – Russ introduced Tracey Hawse from the audience. Tracey had approached the Town with some questions regarding the status of the contamination and corresponding mitigation measures in the swimming area in Dubois Park. Bob Hamilton explained that the contamination in Dubois has been an ongoing issue for years. The county has looked at several options over the past 10 years. One of these mitigation measures was make all the facilities in the areas surrounding Dubois go on a sewer system several years ago. This effort continues, but the problem has persisted. The county will be meeting with Loxahatchee River District and the Health Department on May 12th to discuss the issue further. There are many ideas to explain the high contaminant readings, including the possibility that it may have to do with tidal flushing. These possibilities will be discussed at the May 12th meeting.
Tracy Hawse thanked the Committee for discussing the issue and offered support from the community moving forward.

II. Old Business

- a. Request for Handicap Viewing from AIA- Russ remarked that a resident had previously approached the Beach Committee because her husband was on a wheelchair and there was no place where the sea grapes were low enough to allow a person in a wheelchair to look at the ocean. Russ advised that he had obtained a field permit from DEP to install a 6x12 concrete slab and bench just North of Ocean Way.

- b. Review of Beach Committee Responsibilities – Russ explained that the committee advises Council on issues related to the Beach.

- c. Review of Town Beach Front- Russ explained that 1.8miles of Beach Front are owned by PBC and 1.3 miles are owned by the Town of Jupiter. There are also a few areas that are privately owned, to the mean high water line.
There are 56 walkovers, most are owned by either the County or the Town, but some are private. The AIA Beach Corridor was a big project for the Beach Committee. In 1997 the Town made several improvements to the AIA corridor to create paved parking, bike lanes and sidewalk. As part of these improvements, the Town took over some maintenance responsibilities from the County. Currently, the Town maintains the roadway and landscaping, including sea grape trimming. The Town picks up trash on the road and the County collects the trash cans on the beach. Friends of Jupiter Beach collects approximately 5,000lbs of trash from the beach every year. The County provides lifeguards and the Jupiter

Police Department provides public safety on the road. Jupiter Beach, Carlin, Karen Marcus, Ocean Cay, and Juno Pier are County Parks. The TOJ owns the beach at Carlin Park and the Civic Center. The small area south of the Jetty is owned by the Jupiter Inlet District.

The TOJ follows the County's ordinance regarding lighting near the beach. Turtle season is from March to October. This limits the time available for beach Renourishment.

Beach Renourishment is coordinated by PBC ERM and has been funded by Federal, State and County funds, but these funding sources are disappearing. All of the beaches in PBC have been declared critically eroded. Since 1995 3.6million cubic yards of sand worth \$49m have been placed on the beach. The County is requesting that the Town contribute funding to beach Renourishment. The Town has never contributed in the past (with the exception of two dune restoration projects).

The Beach Committee has dealt with several issues in the past, such as dogs on the beach, kite boarding, etc. Some of the forthcoming issues will have to do with beach renourishment and possibly Karen Marcus Park.

Bob Hamilton explained that the County only has a small design budget set aside for the park in the coming years, which will likely remain mostly passive.

III. Remarks

- a. Committee Members- Denise welcomed the new members. Coke thanked Jim Wilkinson for trimming the landscaping along the beach. Rick thanked Russ for the overview.
- b. Staff Members- Russ explained that Council had selected Beach Renourishment as one of the priorities for the next strategic planning cycle. Council will look at the issue.

IV. Next Meeting – Monday, June 27th.

V. Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.