

**TOWN OF JUPITER
BEACH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2016 6:00 PM**

The Beach Committee met in the Council Chambers on Monday, October 24, 2016. Troy Holloway called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES – Bob Hamilton made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 27, 2016 meeting. Louis "Coke" Coakley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – Russ received correspondence regarding a memorial bench for Dr. Cook at Xanadu. Approvals for this project would come from the County.

I. New Business

- a. Dune Walkovers- Town Staff has inventoried the existing dune walkovers within Jupiter and is reviewing them to determine maintenance needs. There are several walkovers with signs with incorrect numbers and ownership. Town staff has met with County staff to clarify ownership and signalization moving forward.
- b. Friends of Jupiter Beach- Russ Ruskay has started attending FOJB Board meetings to better coordinate efforts to maintain the beach dog- and people-friendly. The Town is looking into installing dog stations with trash on the beach-side and FOJB will re-do their boxes as well.
- c. Post Storm Update- Town staff and County staff inspected the beaches the day after the storm, and the damage appeared minimal. Five days later, however, the swell activity had taken more sand. The County estimates that 123,257 c.y. of sand were lost at Jupiter/Carlin and 28,818 c.y. of sand were lost in Juno. The County is running models to get a better idea of how much of that sand might return on its own. The Army Corps of Engineers will ask for a Hurricane Relief Funding bill from Congress to replenish sand to pre-storm

conditions. If the bill is approved, the Army Corps of Engineering would carry out the work.

II. Old Business

- a. Beach Nourishment update- The Town has met with staff from Juno Beach. The two municipalities will partner to solicit assistance from regional partners to fulfill the County's funding request.

III. Friends of Jupiter Beach Report

Rick Opton, who is on the Board of Directors of Friends of Jupiter Beach and on the Beach Committee, could not attend this meeting, but Karen Gray (Executive Director of FOJB) attended to give an update in his place. FOJB is increasing its efforts on the areas of education and outreach. On October 15, FOJB volunteers had an all-day education and outreach event where they passed out information on the rules of the beach and surveyed more than 200 people. They are also working with HOAs and Management Companies to distribute information on the rules to their residents. Discover the Palm Beaches is also publishing information about the rules and there have been several articles on the Palm Beach Post and Jupiter Courier. The message FOJB and the Town are promoting is that the beach is not a "dog-beach," but a people-beach where the presence of dogs is a privilege.

Mark Zisk asked about Police presence at the Beach. Russ Ruskay explained that police are collecting infraction data during a 30-day period to better inform policy and enforcement moving forward.

Gail Whipple asked if staff is responding to resident complaints. Russ Ruskay is responding to each complaint. Karen Gray (FOJB) also receives complaints and meets with residents to address their concerns. Russ explained that 44% of the beach is dog-free.

Coke Coakley asked about the FOJB ambassadors program. Through the program, an ambassador receives a t-shirt to identify the person as an ambassador and flyers with the rules to distribute to dog-owners at the beach.

Gail Whipple asked about the possible development of Karen Marcus Ocean Park Preserve. Bob Hamilton explained that the plans for the park are just conceptual and will have to be revised when the project gets underway- which is likely several years away. The existing conceptual plans include mostly preserve and passive recreation.

IV. Remarks

- a. Committee Members

Gail Whipple- wants JID and FIND to attend a committee meeting to speak of their upcoming Beach Renourishment projects.

Coke- would like to speak to the committee about the potential impact of oil spills on the beach in Jupiter at a later meeting.

Carol- asked about walkovers with incorrect numbering. Russ advised they were being addressed as part of the dune walkover inventory and assessment currently underway.

b. Citizen comments

DD Halpern from the Old Florida Preservation Society asked about Shark Fishing regulations. She shared pictures of a tiger shark that had been mutilated. DD advised that FWC can monitor social media for such instances and that they should be notified of that type of activity.

V. Next meeting—Monday January 23, 2017

VI. Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.