

VILLAGE SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Minutes from May 5, 2010 Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Blau, Joe Brawner, Anne Kane, Tom Hayden, Dan McConnell, Ray Webb, Brooke Williams

Village Council Liaisons in Attendance: Andy Sayre, Gene Douglas

Village Staff in Attendance: Chris McCall

Guest: Brandon Sculley

Call to Order/ Review of Agenda / Approval of Minutes

- Chair Williams opened the meeting, welcomed the guest, and presented the agenda which was unanimously approved as written.
- The minutes for the VSPC meetings of April 7 were approved on a motion from Hayden and seconded by Kane.

Old Business

- **NCIT Ad Hoc Committee:** Tom Hayden reported the inaugural meeting of the Village appointed Ad Hoc Committee on the NCIT was well attended and successful. There was a lively discussion of the mission of this committee and the issue of the NCIT itself. A survey is being created to be sent to all stakeholders. This questionnaire should “inform” the committee’s thinking and help shape their final recommendation, targeted for delivery to the Village Council in June.

Tom alerted the group to the possibility that the Port Authority may seek deepening of the channel to accommodate the larger ships regardless of whether or not a new NCIT is built.

- **Shoreline Protection Manager Report:** Chris McCall, in his role as Village Shoreline Protection Manager, reviewed the “Tasks & Time Lines” of the Prime and Enabling Objectives which are part of the Comprehensive Shoreline Strategy. He suggested specify changes to reflect current reality and was tasked by the Committee to proceed with memorializing these changes while maintaining access to the original intentions.

Chris informed the group the Village awaits the “final reports” from Erik Olsen on the Engineered Beach Project. When received, these reports will form the basis, along with a financial accounting, of the report to stakeholders on this community-supported effort. One of the two reports will be directed toward satisfying requirements for recovery under FEMA.

- Chris reported on his conversations with several attendees at the recent CBIN conference on the Island concerning the viability of the “Dewatering Concept”. There was no support for this approach to erosion control and thus the matter is closed to further discovery.

- **Coastal Barrier Island Network (CBIN):** Bob Blau mentioned one of the more interesting items to come from the recent CBIN meeting hosted by the Bald Head Island Conservancy was the suggestion from the North Carolina Coastal Federation attendees that they might support a hardened navigational structure as a possible remedy to problematic navigational issues. This “exception” available to the USACE to discharge its mission would not require amendments to North Carolina law.

Those members of the VSPC who attended all or part of the CBIN meeting felt it was helpful to the island dialogue re: beach erosion.

- **Meeting of May 19 & 20:** The committee discussed the arrangements in progress for a meeting of the “Full Strategic Team” on Bald Head on Wednesday, May 19, and Thursdays, May 20. The attendees who provide the Village specialized consulting skills include Erik Olsen, George House, Charles Baldwin, and Rob Andersen. Others connecting to the Thursday meeting via telephone include representatives from our state and federal lobbying firms.

In advance of the meetings agendas will be created to platform presented thinking from our consulting partners and to maximize the value of this periodic full team meeting. The Thursday meeting will be closed.

- **VSPC Communication Piece:** The committee intends to produce a “communication piece” informing the public beyond published meeting minutes on various issues. Brooke Williams will meet with Dan McConnell to set this activity in motion.

- **Recommendations for 5/28/10 Village Council Meeting:**

- No recommendations will be made at the next Village Council Meeting

- **Public Comment:**

- There was no public comment offered.

-**Adjournment:**

- The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

