

Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee February 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes

1. Permitting Update: No new updates to report at the meeting; The following information was received from Mark Griffith after the meeting regarding an email from Keith Johnson at Wetland Sciences: "Got feedback from Keith today. The gulf side survey has been complete and will be drawn up soon. Basically we are still on track budget and schedule wise with the permitting but are likely to experience a slight delay due to NOAA's probable request for a formal consult on the biological assessment information. This is both good and bad. The good thing is that it is less subjective and is governed by firm statutory time clocks which reduce the chance that any parties opposing the project could drag their feet and make continual objections in hopes that we just get discouraged. The bad is that it will likely be a slight delay over the time it would take if there were not any parties strongly opposing the project (two-three month?). Still within our timetable at this point but probably more to the 14 month end of the timeframe."

2. Fundraising

-- Reef Sponsorship Program

Mandy, Mike and Nancy attended the Santa Rosa County Marine Advisory Committee meeting on February 2nd and gave them a brief overview of the project. Mandy will attend their March meeting to make a more formal presentation and request support. It does not appear there will be any problem with the County approving placement of sponsorship signage.

As a class project, students at University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point will be designing the sponsorship sign and some educational brochures and signs for our marine sanctuary.

-- Grants

International Paper Grant submitted for \$5400; Note: Mandy received email on February 26 informing her we were not selected. She will follow up with them for more information.

Letter of Intent for Impact 100 grant has been sent and we continue to research additional grant opportunities.

-- 2010 Run for the Reef will be October 16th. A separate committee meeting will be scheduled to begin planning. Still need race director and committee members.

Some other fundraising options were suggested and will be looked into by those making the suggestions.

3. Community Awareness:

10th Annual Seagrass Awareness Festival in Gulf Breeze – March 27th
Sunset Stampede on Navarre Beach – May 1, 2010

Will look into other opportunities to raise awareness such as Navarre Beach Leaseholders and monthly informational program presented at Navarre Library.

4. Other comments:

Robin Stewart informed us she registered the domain name snorkelicious.com/.net/.org/.biz and navarrereefs.com. Her hobbies are snorkeling and kayaking and she plans to build a website to

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promote her interests and her business. She will include a link to our website. She said makenavarresnorkelicious.com is still available and Mark will look into purchasing.

Lenore Nicholson will contact Friends of Navarre Library for possible presentation at their monthly community information program.

Robert Byrer, an instructor at UWF, volunteered for Run for the Reef committee and will look into more involvement from students and/or staff at UWF.

5. Next meeting March 22, 2010 at 6 pm at the Visitor Information Center .