

Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2011

Present: Mandy Evers, Mike Sandler, Andy Epstein, Lenore Nicholson, Dan McCarren, Wayne Maricle, Mark Griffith, Bob Boston, Bob Byrer

Called to Order: 6:30PM

A. Permitting update and Project Details

- Mark talked with Steve Andrews of the Army Corps of Engineers. Steve said he is starting the review/edit of the EASOF document prepared by Wetland Sciences which will result in draft permits. He is targeting an internal approved draft permit copy sent to Santa Rosa County by December 15th. He will copy Keith Johnson (Wetland Sciences) and Mark via email. The county must confirm that the draft is acceptable (represents the area and conditions expected) and notify the Corps who will then issue the final permit. The draft approval process should take about a week assuming someone is available to receive/respond on each side (County and Corps) between Dec 15 and the end of the year. Roger Blaylock, county engineer, said in an e-mail that the county would expedite the permit when they received it. Final permits should be issued by the end of Dec/beginning of Jan. if all goes according to this most recent correspondence.

B. Sponsorship

- Bob will draft a form to gather information necessary to create plaques for beach signs, updated the website draft to include direct link to PayPal, research creating a form in PayPal to gather information necessary for the execution of incentives offered to sponsors, and e-mail the committee a draft of a form to become a sponsor for committee approval/input.
- Mandy will talk to the county about signs in the park and determine where they are at with the installation of walkways (ideally signs would be located on/near the walkways), research prices and size for plaques on the beach signs, and assist Bob with website updates.
- Meeting to discuss sponsorship scheduled for January 3, 2012 at 6:30PM at the Best Western, Navarre. All invited to attend.

C. NDRA Grant

- DEP requested permits and permit applications. Mandy sent them on Nov. 30th and will follow up this week
- Our project is listed as a county priority with \$90,000 in matching funds
- Mandy will contact for clarification on the \$90,000 as the committee's understanding was the county would provide \$75,000 with a matching \$75,000 from the TDC

D. Community Awareness (Nancy)

- a. Past Events – Coffee and Commerce
- b. Future Events – None at this time

E. Other Business

- a. **Foundation Resolution** – Foundation approved the Resolution sent to them by the committee with minor changes.
- b. **Navarre Park development recommendations (TDC)** – Discussed TDC meeting regarding acceptable development in Navarre Beach County Park. Mandy will send committee members the minutes from that meeting for comments in order to decide if the committee should send a formal statement to the Foundation board.
- c. **Financials** – Run For the Reef total profit \$9011; Total in NBMS account \$21,670

F. Next Meeting – Jan 30, 2012 at 6:30PM at the Best Western, Navarre

G. Adjourn – 7:30PM