

Walton County Board of County Commissioners

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

9:00 AM

Regular Meeting

South Walton Annex

TDC Beach Management Committee

Call to Order - Chair

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order.

Quorum Call - Chair

A quorum was established.

Lisa Boushy, Phillip Poundstone, David Vaughn, John Henderson and Jack Wilson Jr.

Public Comment on Agenda Items - Chair

There was no public comment.

Approval of the Minutes - Chair

Mr. Vaughn made the motion to approve the January 10, 2017 minutes. Ms. Boushy seconded the motion. Motion passes all ayes

Approve minutes

Attachments: [BM 1-10-17 minutes](#)

HSDR Project Update- Matt Trammell

Mr. Matt Trammell of Taylor Engineering stated they are working with the Corp of Engineering to make the HSDR project permit inactive. We are in the planning a public workshop to discuss emergency responses in the event of a storm. The plan would include outreach activities, beach surveys and pre and post storm activities and maintaining permits.

New Business

Ms. Boushy reported the customary use committee will present their recommendations to the Walton County Board of County Commissioner on March 14, 2017. The WCBCC will then vote on the issues.

Old Business

Mr. Kellenberger reviewed with the committee the changes as voted on the Walton County Board of County Commission. **Items**

approved are in red.

1. **Sec. 22-60(a) – Policy. Implement a Public Beach Vendor Management program. The vendor management program could be as simple as a property lease agreement or as complex as a contract for services agreement. The program could also be a combination or variation of the two types. The selected/awarded beach vendor would, through either program model, have to adhere to a performance specification that would regulate how the vendor uses/services the public beach. Please reference Exhibit A – Public Beach Vendor Management Plan Performance Specification. **Item was discussed and tabled in favor of being sent back to “committee” by BCC.****
 - a. **Regional Beach Accesses**
 - i. **1 beach vendor for each of the seven Regional Beach Accesses. Or...**
 - ii. **1 – 3 beach vendors for each of the seven Regional Beach Accesses.**
 - b. **Neighborhood Beach Accesses – (Program model would require omitting 22- 60(d)(8) – Upland property owner authorization requirement).**
 - i. **1 - 5 Beach vendor(s) for all Walton Co. Public Beaches. Public beaches assigned to particular vendor(s). Or...**
 - ii. **5 – 10 Beach vendors for all Walton County Public Beaches. Public beaches assigned to particular vendor(s). Or...**
 - c. **Do not implement a Beach Vendor Management plan at public beach accesses.**
2. **Sec 22-60(b)(1) – Storage of vendor beach equipment at the toe of the dune.**

Remove or omit verbiage that allows for delivery vendors to store equipment at the toe of the dune. Beach equipment used on public beach must be removed from the public beach each day.

 - a. **Provide/allow collective storage boxes for vendors to use to store equipment at public beach accesses.**
 - b. **Leave existing terms in code, no change**
3. **Sec 22-60(d)(3) – Beach equipment set up standards**
 - a. **Change ambiguous verbiage of “reasonable distance from water’s edge” to specific verbiage for minimum distance beach equipment is allowed next to water’s edge.**
 - i. **Minimum distance of 15’. TDC voted to approve for recommendation to BCC**
 - ii. **Minimum distance of 10’.**
 - b. **Add verbiage to allow for a specified minimum distance for clear corridor at the toe of the dune or most seaward point of dune walkover to allow for emergency/maintenance vehicles to traverse the beach unobstructed.**

- i. **Minimum distance of 25'.**
 - ii. **Minimum distance of 15'.**
 - iii. **Change verbiage referring to public access aisles to more specific verbiage of "allow for 6" wide public access aisle to water every 4th chair/umbrella setup".**
 - c. **Add verbiage to prohibit vending of tents based on size. (Tents are prohibited by WC Municipal Code Chapter 23-Customary Use).**
 - i. **Not greater than 6'x6'x6.**
 - ii. **Not greater than 8'x8'x8'.**
 - iii. **Not greater than 10'x10'x8'.**
 - iv. **Not greater than 12'x12'x8'.**
 - 4. **Sec. 22-60(d)(8 & 10) – Vendor authorization by upland property owner and vendor zones on public beaches associated with neighborhood beach accesses (NBA's). Item was discussed, recommendation listed below.**
 - i. **Remove or omit the verbiage that requires the upland property owner's written authorization for commercial vending. Or...**
 - ii. **Discontinue the vendor zones on public beaches associated with NBA's. Or...**
 - iii. **Limit commercial vending on public beaches associated with NBA's by allowing door delivery of beach equipment only, no set up of equipment on flat portion of beach. Or...**
 - iv. **No change to existing municipal code.**
 - 5. **Sec. 22-62- Penalties, fees, and fines. Item was discussed and approved. The fees were set by resolution number 2017-06.**
 - a. **Change cost of beach vending permits for initial delivery permit or specific place permit. Change cost of any subsequent specific place permit.**
 - i. **Initial Specific Place or Delivery permit cost**
 - 1. **\$1,000**
 - 2. **\$750**
 - 3. **Percentage increase up to 25%**
 - 4. **No change in current fee of \$500**
 - ii. **Subsequent Specific Place permits cost.**
 - 1. **\$250**
 - 2. **\$150**
 - 3. **Percentage increase up to 25%**
 - 4. **No change in current fee of \$50**
 - 6. **Sec 22-59(a) – Special Event - Policy and objective.**
 - a. **Add paragraph to define that all special events held on the public beach must be conducted by a permitted beach vendor and all required permits for activities for a specific special event must be obtained by the same permitted vendor.**
 - b. **Change cost of special event permits to be assessed**

- based on quantity of people in attendance.*
 - i. **Greater than 50 attendees - \$1,000.**
 - ii. **Between 50 and 25 attendees - \$500.**
 - iii. **Between 25 and 10 attendees - \$250.**
 - iv. **Less than 10 attendees - \$100.**
 - v. **No change in current fee of \$50.**
- c. **Limit special events at NBA's based on space available to accommodate special event permit request.**
 - i. **Restrict based on quantity of events at specific public beach accesses**
 - ii. **Restrict based on quantity of attendees**
- 7. **Sec 22-59(c)(2) – Special Event permit application.**
 - a. **Change verbiage for permit requirement based on quantity of people from "50" to "30".**
 - b. **Make no change in current verbiage of special permit required for greater than 50 people.**
- 8. **Sec 22-59(c)(3) – Special Event permit application. Item was discussed and tabled in favor of sending back to committee.**
 - a. **Add detailed list of items that are allowed for use on the beach and a list of items that are restricted for use on the beach during special events.**
 - b. **Add verbiage to permit application required items to include.**
 - i. **Detailed parking plan.**
 - ii. **Detailed equipment list and layout to include quantity of tables, chairs, lights, and misc. fixtures/equipment.**
 - c. **Add verbiage to include required distance for a special event from any active turtle nests and how a turtle nest that becomes established after a special event permit is issued for a particular public beach access may restrict or prevent the special event from occurring on the particular public beach access.**
- 9. **Sec 22-54(g) – Regulation of use and conduct on the beach and waterways. Item was discussed. Recommendation listed below next to sub-item options.**
 - a. **Add paragraph prohibiting/restricting use of generators on the beach.**
 - i. **Prohibit completely.**
 - ii. **Restrict based on noise output level, power output, and/or physical size.**
 - b. **Add paragraph prohibiting steel bladed shovels on the beach.**
 - i. **Exceptions for authorized personnel (county employees, public safety personnel).**
 - ii. **Exceptions for specific place permitted vendor personnel.**
 - c. **Add verbiage restricting use of tents on public beach based on size. (Tents are prohibited by WC Municipal**

Code Chapter 23- Customary Use)

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Mr. Kellenberger stated these recommendations were presented and approved by the WCBCC on February 7, 2017.

Council Comments

Mr. Wilson asked if there plans to enhance the West Allen Loop Neighborhood Access? He stated the community would like to see more golf cart park parking and enhancement of the vegetation. Mr. Kellenberger stated if he would contact Josh Ervin (Beach Management Manager) they could work on this together.

Public Comment

Ms. Georgina Newell stated she had been attending meetings since November and is very impressed *with the way the* TDC addressed this ordinance. She stated that now we have to educate the public and future guest on these changes. Mr. Kellenberger stated that the Marketing department is in the process of updating all its print material. They are also working with media to get stories out about changes. They will have segments on local news. All of this information is available to bed tax collectors.

Mr. Kellenberger stated the TDC has recently added a complaint form to the website. If you have an issue on the beach you can fill out the form and it will be sent to all officers on duty. Then the closet officer to the violation can address the situation. Committees stated it was a very unfriendly form and that to many clicks to get there. Mr. Kellenberger stated they are working to resolve these issues. Link listed below will take you to the form.

www.visitsouthwalton.com/industry/beach-operations/beach-code-enforcement.com

Mr. Kellenberger informed the committee the TDC would be managing the Pilcher Park. This is the new access under the 331 bridge.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.