

Walton County Board of County Commissioners

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2017

9:00 AM

Regular Meeting

South Walton Annex

TDC Destination Improvement Committee

Call To Order - Chair

The meeting was called to order.

Quorum Call – Chair

A quorum was established.

Bob Sullivan, Elaine Neumeyer, Marilue Maris, Rick Talbert and Leigh Moore.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Approval of the Minutes – Chair

Ms. Maris made the motion to approve the January 12, 2017. Ms. Neumeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed all ayes.

New Business

Coastal Dune Lake Signage

Mr. Kellenberger presented the committee with the revisions of the Coastal Dune lake signage. He stated the revisions would include the remaining seven signs plus the original five. The pictures and theme will remain the same on the signs. It also will enhance the “you are here” map section. At the next committee meeting the signs will be presented to the committee for approval. Ms. Maris stated that the Coastal Dune Lake Advisory Board were aware of the changes and were OK with them.

Old Business

Waterways and Beach Activities Ordinance

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

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- 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".**

and Director of Emergency Operations have the authority to declare a state of emergency. He stated the SWFD is the provider of beach safety and should be included to the decision making process. Mr. Kellenberger stated that he would bring that up at the March 14th meeting.

Council Comments

There were no Council comments.

Public Comment

Mr. Thomas Tennant stated he is a property owner on Seahorse circle. He understands the ordinance has changed and would like clarification. Does it mean that you have to be fifteen feet away from the shore? Mr. Kellenberger stated yes it does. The reason for this is to have a clear corridor for emergency personnel to use in case of an emergency.

Mr. Kellenberger informed the committee there will be a customary use workshop on March 14, 2017 and encouraged the committee to attend. If the WCBCC votes to approve the ordinance it will go in effect April 1, 2017.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

