



Beach Preservation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
Friday, November 22, 2024, 9:00am
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

MINUTES

Present: Dan Slotchiver, Cindi Solomon, Andrew Vega, Council Member Pierce, Stephen Traynum (via phone), Mayor Pounds, Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr

Absent Council Member Miars, Tim Ahmuty

1. Call to order

2. Discussion of Proposed Recommendations and Continued Discussion regarding policy on Hard Erosion Control Structures

The Committee reviewed the Draft Report to City Council document included in the meeting packet to assess the level of consensus around possible recommendations to City Council. Recommendations were organized into three areas of Beach Restoration Projects, Proactive Response to Beach Erosion, and New & Consistent Funding Mechanism for Future Needs and Projects.

Prior to leaving the meeting early, Ms. Solomon shared information about subsurface structures acting as hard erosion control devices. She said the USACE encourages their use on Folly Beach. She said the State and BCM do not prohibit their use on private property.

Returning to the Draft Report to City Council, discussions ensued about the City ordinance prohibiting seawalls, the City's level of responsibility to emergency beach restoration work, the need for a City employee dedicated to beach management, and the makeup of an ongoing Beach Preservation Committee.

There was a brief discussion about the "other options that may not be palatable in the long-term but required in order for us to maintain a healthy beach.

3. Next Steps

Staff will update the Draft Report to City Council. The Committee will review that and clarify level of consensus with more Committee members present. The Committee will also discuss project cost sharing.

4. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Beach Preservation Ad Hoc Committee will be scheduled for the week of December 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane

City Clerk