



APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Membership – June 10, 2006

The Special General Meeting was held in the Mission by the Sea Church and was called to order by President Ken Osborne at 9:20 am. Osborne explained the purpose of the meeting as discussing the options and issues with a beach renourishment and road protection projects proposed for Alligator Point. Notice of the meeting was included with the survey sent to all Alligator Point taxpayers in May 2006. Only members of APTA may vote on any motions and the registration at the entrance has identified that there are 78 members/households present.

Dick Waters presented the background/history, issues and options for beach renourishment and road protection. Identified were four options for renourishing the beach as developed by Mike Dombrowski of MRD Associates but only options 1 (area in front of old campground) and 4 (16,000 ft from old campground to Bald Point State Park) seemed to be competitive. Various funding options were presented as well as a breakdown of possible costs and sources. The final recommendation presented to the Association is to support Option 4, the largest but most extensive option. The presentation contents, cost breakdown and other information are available on the APTA website (<http://www.apta-fl.org>).

At the completion of Water's presentation, President Osborne asked if there were any questions before going to the results of the opinion poll. [Secretary's note: While many comments were made both for and against beach renourishment and the recommended option 4, these minutes have focused on capturing the questions and their answers, if any. To the extent possible the names of the questioner are given.]

Question by Jan Clark: What are the planned access points to the renourished beach for each option?

There is not a short answer. There are the two parking lots as part of South Shoals Development. Access is required within a quarter of a mile of the renourished beach. For Option 1 there is adequate access. For Option 4 access points must still be identified but they can use parking along the road. There is a huge gap in existing access points between Sunrise Beach and the old campground.

Question by Keith Sumner: We talk about parking with these beach accesses but are there going to be restrooms?

That has not been listed as a requirement anywhere but may be a problem.

Question by Pete Olson: How are we going to encourage/get support from the State Parks?

Waters has discussed with Parks department; they expressed interest in the project and have a policy of supporting beach renourishment in front of their property.

Question by Paul Sawyer: Does this project include the road paving?

Some 3000 ft just east of the old campground will be repaved but none of the rest of Alligator Drive or Bald Point Road is included.

Question by John Malone: What happens if we "get slammed" again within the next two years? Are we back to square one?



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The understanding is that the design of the project may change but this is a multi-year project and the state and county money should be available to complete even if a storm hits.

Question by (name unclear): I am on retired and on fixed income and want to support the renourishment but how can I do that if I don't know how much I will have to pay?

The exact amount is unclear but if you take the funding shortfall and go to the bank to finance the \$1.75M or \$3.25M over eight years, you would have to pay a total of \$225,000/yr or \$450,000/yr. If you divide that by the number of properties on Alligator Point; approximately 1200 platted lots; then the amounts would be \$190/yr and \$375/yr for each property. If you use only developed lots, then the cost per year would be higher. There are other options as well, which is why the County is hiring a consultant to run through the different scenarios.

Question by (name unclear): What is going to happen to the land just west of the beach renourishment?

It is generally believed that the sand moves east to west, which would cause the beaches west of the renourished area to be built up. In addition, the sand is tapered down at each end that reduces the affect on adjacent beaches.

Question by Arthur Gay: If the State contributes half and the County contributes half, isn't the County willing to identify the funds right up front so that the project can move forward?

No, the County does not have the funds. They have diverted all available funds to the hospital. Right now they have spent more than \$2M and it is unlikely that they will recover those funds in time to support the beach renourishment.

Comment by Henry Romersa: This is déjà vu for them – they have a place on Captiva Island and 8-9 years ago, they had the same issues with beach renourishment and the need for a \$10M bond issue. There are 500 residents on the island so the funding issues are very similar to Alligator Point. The ultimate decision was to do the renourishment, since the loss of value of the island would be unacceptable. They are now at the point of having to refurbish the renourishment.

President Osborne presented the results of the opinion poll conducted in the past few weeks. As of the meeting 147 replies have been received out of 911 ballots sent. The detailed results are shown on the APTA web site and include ballots received after the meeting.

A motion was made to recommend Option 4 with contingent Option 1. Motion was seconded but after discussion was withdrawn. A vote between Option 1 and Option 4 was held.

Option 1 - 22

Option 4 - 44

President Osborne read a e-mail from Alan Pierce indicating that 25 loads of milled asphalt will be put on Alligator Drive as soon as next week. This should cover the exposed area of Alligator Drive.

At the conclusion of the announcements, the meeting was adjourned.



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Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting – June 10, 2006

President Ken Osborne called the meeting to order. All members were present. President Osborne dispensed with the normal agenda to get two critical items of business. Joe Hambrose's committee on dues recommended that the Bylaws be changed to increase the amount to \$30/yr. This will have to go on the ballot for the September meeting. Also election time is here again – a nominating committee chaired by Don Munroe and consisting of Betty Cummins, John Murphy, Karen Waters and Frank Gibson was appointed.

Motion made and seconded to change meeting location to the Mission by the Sea Church. Motion passed. Gibson agreed to check with the Church on availability.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Houston, second by Feifer, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.

Members absent: (none)