# CLAM BAY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013

**LET IT BE REMEMBERED** that the **Clam Bay Subcommittee** of the **Pelican Bay Services Division Board** met on **Thursday, March 21, 2013** at **1:00 PM** at the Community Center at Pelican Bay, 8960 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida. The following members were present:

# **Clam Bay Subcommittee**

Susan O'Brien, Chairman

Mike Levy

**Tom Cravens** 

Mary Anne Womble

# Pelican Bay Services Division Board Also Present

Dave Trecker

# **Pelican Bay Services Division Staff**

W. Neil Dorrill, Administrator Kyle Lukasz, Operations Manager Mary McCaughtry, Operations Analyst Lisa Resnick, Recording Secretary absent

# **Also Present:**

Tim Hall, Senior Ecologist & Principal, Turrell, Hall & Associates, Inc.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Roll call
- 2. Review draft of stakeholders' questionnaire, list of stakeholders, and letter to stakeholders
- 3. Review tentative timeline for updated Clam Bay preservation and management plan
- 4. Discuss merging the 1998 Clam Bay restoration and management plan and the 2010 Clam Bay restoration and and long term management plan into an updated Clam Bay preservation and management plan with appropriate tweaks (Susan O'Brien)
- 5. Audience comments
- 6. Adjourn

# **ROLL CALL**

All Clam Bay Subcommittee members were present.

# REVIEW DRAFT OF STAKEHOLDERS' QUESTIONNAIRE, LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS, AND LETTER TO STAKEHOLDERS

Mr. Tim Hall explained the intent of the Clam Bay questionnaire is to give stakeholders guidance to provide constructive feedback. The Subcommittee discussed additional potential stakeholders including hotels, consultants, and government agencies. Notices would be posted at kayak storage areas to reach recreational users.

# REVIEW TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR UPDATE CLAM BAY PRESERVATION & MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Hall explained the general timeline. Today he requested the Subcommittee approval of the invitation letter, list of stakeholders, and questionnaire, then April 3, make a recommendation to the Board to approve of the documents and authorize the mailing to stakeholders by April 5. April 23 is the deadline for stakeholders to submit feedback, so Mr. Hall could compile a summary of stakeholder input to present to the Board May 1; and the week of May 13, schedule the first stakeholder meeting to present the results of the questionnaire, and a draft goals and objectives statement.

Mr. Cravens made a motion, second by Chairman O'Brien, that the Clam Bay Subcommittee recommend to the full Board to approve the list of stakeholders[including the Ritz, Waldorf, South Florida Water Management District, & Fort Myers Paddling Club], questionnaire, and timeline, changing April 23 deadline to May 3, and May 1 to June 5, and leave off the two final items on the timeline until a later date. The Subcommittee voted unanimously in favor and the motion passed.

# STATUS OF LITIGATION REGARDING NAVIGATIONAL MARKERS

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Dorrill relayed the status of the litigation regarding navigational markers. PBSD complied with the initial request for document production and the plaintiff reviewed them at the office. However, there is a dispute between the plaintiff and the Foundation regarding document production that would be presented at a yet to be scheduled hearing before a judge. The County Attorney would represent PBSD at the hearing, but the PBSD is not an adversarial party in the dispute.

DISCUSS MERGING THE 1998 CLAM BAY RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE 2010 CLAM
BAY RESTORATION AND LONG TERM MANAGEMENT PLAN INTO AN UPDATED CLAM BAY PRESERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH APPROPRIATE TWEAKS (SUSAN O'BRIEN)

Regarding the applicability of previous management plans in the development of a new plan, Mr. Hall used the 2008 plan as an example and explained this plan was specific to management and maintenance of mangroves. He envisioned the updated plan as a comprehensive one, covering all manageable aspects of the system. Parts of older plans may be considered, but would need to be updated because the agencies are not going to accept information that is fifteen or twenty years old. Based on the goals and objectives that would be identified as manageable aspects of the system, a new Request for Proposals (RFP) was recommended to have environmental consultants prepare a comprehensive management plan and as part of the scope of services, identify subconsultants and other experts to carry out wildlife studies and hydrology modeling to determine dredge cut measurements.

Ms. Marcia Cravens commented.

### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Diane Lustig suggested the Subcommittee allow experts to speak without audience interruption.

Ms. Linda Roth commented on experts, data and motives.

Dr. Ted Raia commented on experts.

# **ADJOURN**

Mr. Cravens made a motion, second by Ms. Womble, to adjourn. The Subcommittee voted unanimously in favor, the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.

Susan O'Brien, Chairman

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