

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING & BENEFIT UNIT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

THE AD HOC BEACH RENOURISHMENT COMMITTEE OF PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION BOARD WILL MEET FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014 AT 1:00 PM AT THE PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION OFFICE, SUITE 302, 801 LAUREL OAK DRIVE, NAPLES, FL 34108

AGENDA

1. Roll call
2. Agenda approval
3. Audience comments
4. Discussion of PBSB policy for beach renourishment
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

ANY PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM WILL RECEIVE UP TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER ITEM TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THE BOARD WILL SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND ANY PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK WILL RECEIVE UP TO THREE (3) MINUTES. THE BOARD ENCOURAGES YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL A DECISION OF THIS BOARD WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING PERTAINING THERETO, AND THEREFORE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS AN ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING YOU ARE ENTITLED TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION AT (239) 597-1749 OR VISIT PELICANBAYSERVICESDIVISION.NET.

BACKGROUNDER ON BEACH RENOURISHMENT IN PELICAN BAY

Over the past several weeks, I spoke with Gary McAlpin, head of Coastal Zone Management; Nick Casalanguida, head of the county's Growth Management Division (in the form of Q&A at a presentation he made); and Commissioner Georgia Hiller.

From these discussions and previous information on beach renourishment, the following story emerged – some of it new, some of it not.

- State statute defines public beach in terms of beach access to the public. All beach is public below mean high water. Above mean high water, it is public one-half mile in both directions of a public access point. For Pelican Bay, that means our beach is private from one-half mile south of Vanderbilt Beach Road to Clam Pass – that is, in terms of markers, from about 30.5 to 41.5; from just south of The Remington to Clam Pass.
- The PBSB has beach renourishment responsibility for that stretch of beach. Any renourishment in that stretch of beach will not be funded by the county. Funding must come from Pelican Bay. No one I spoke to cares how it is divvied up within Pelican Bay or whether the PBSB pays for it all. That's something that must be decided within Pelican Bay.
- If the PBSB foots the entire renourishment bill, the PBSB can dictate the policy – where renourishment is carried out, how much sand is emplaced, what the resulting width of the renourished beach will be.
- Timing of renourishment of the Pelican Bay beach should coincide with timing of county beach renourishment – this to keep costs in check.
- The county is dramatically revising its policy on beach renourishment. It now plans to restore sand on an annual as-needed basis – that is, only where there has been serious erosion, not the entire shoreline; and every year, not every six years. Further, as things now stand, the county will renourish only to a width of 100 feet, the guideline used in the last project. Quarry sand trucked in from the east will again be the first choice. (Dredged sand is cheaper, but only if the scale is very large. Several million dollars in set-up costs are incurred for each major dredging project.)

- Alternative means for funding county beach renourishment are being explored – sources other than tourist tax revenues. But that has no bearing on us. Pelican Bay must fund its own beach renourishment.
- The county will apply for a new 15-year multi-use permit covering beach maintenance. The permit is expected in “spring of 2015.”
- Regarding cost, according to 2/24/14 numbers from CZM, the PBSB and Foundation together paid about \$800,000 for about 23,000 cu. yds. of sand in the recent project. For future planning, we are told to use \$38/cu. yd. of sand. On that basis, a worse-case scenario would require sand for the entire length and width of the private beach (11,000 feet long x 100 feet wide x 1.5 feet deep) or about 61,000 cu. yds., costing about \$2.3 million.

The PBSB does not have to establish policy at this time, but I think we should for planning purposes. The policy can always be changed. Here are some things we should consider.

- Should the PBSB assume responsibility for the entire private beach? It would be cleaner if we did. Pelican Bay has to pay for it one way or the other, whether through the Foundation or PBSB. If we fund it, we control policy.
- If so, should we limit restoration to a 100-foot width, coincident with county policy for the public beach?
- If so, should the 100 feet be measured from the markers or from the vegetation line. This is a big issue with the Bay Colony folks.
- Should a standing PBSB committee be formed to monitor/guide beach renourishment activities? Or should we wait until renourishment is needed and then appoint another ad hoc group?

Corrections or additions to this backgrounder prior to the 5/16/14 meeting are welcomed.

Dave Trecker
5/12/14

DR Trecker

May 16 Beach Renourishment

CLAVENS MTN, Trecker 2ND

The PSD acknowledges its responsibility, as directed by ordinance, to determine annually an acceptable level and disposition of renourishment for the Pelican Bay Beach for which it has responsibility, this renourishment being consistent with county design standards.