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CARTERET COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

Pine Knoll Shores Town Hall

February 25, 2008, 2 pm

Attendance.

Commission Chair Buck Fugate, Vice-Chair William Donnelly, Commission Members Pete Allen, Jack Goldstein, Tom Hoover, Joan Lamson, Art Schools, Jim Willis, secretary Greg Rudolph, and the general public. Members Eddie Dawkins, Ted Lindblad, and Jim Stephenson were absent.

- (1) **Call to Order.** – Chairman Fugate called the meeting to order.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes - Regular Beach Commission Meeting (January 28, 2008) and Closed Session (November 26, 2007).** – Chairman Fugate asked the Commission if there were any corrections, additions, or comments regarding the regular session minutes presented in the agenda packet. With no comments forthcoming from the Commission, member Allen motioned the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by member Goldstein and unanimously approved. The Chairman subsequently asked for a motion to approve the closed session minutes notwithstanding any comments or corrections; which was made by member Goldstein and seconded by member Hoover. The motion on the floor passed unanimously.
- (3) **Carteret County Tourism Development Authority - Operations, Current Promotions, and Projects** – Secretary Rudolph introduced Elizabeth Barrow from the Carteret County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) and thanked Beach Commission member Art Schools for suggesting the idea of Ms. Barrow's presentation. Member Schools also serves as chairman of the TDA. The secretary added that half of the County's occupancy tax is designated for the purpose of beach nourishment while the other half is designated to the TDA, and accordingly, Ms. Barrow's presentation is geared towards this later purpose (tourism). The presentation is available at <http://www.protectthebeach.com/minutes/2008/2007pppresentation1.ppt>.

Introduction to the Carteret County Coastal Mapping Portal - Following Ms. Barrow's presentation, the secretary introduced Christopher Freeman with the firm of Geodynamics, LLC who was contracted roughly a year and half ago to develop an interactive coastal data website. The website is aimed to enable users to select data of their choosing, such as historical shorelines, turtle nests, beach access, hurricane paths, etc., and manipulate the data into different views and displays. The secretary conceded that the final product may be difficult to conceptualize/envision, and now the website is nearly complete and is functioning at www.protectthebeachmaps.com; Mr. Freeman's presentation today is essentially tutorial on how to use the website. Secretary Rudolph followed by thanking the Commission for authorizing this contract – it will help the Shore Protection Office/Beach Commission answer questions in more coherent and visual manner, acts as a

depository for coastal data, and puts us on the cutting edge of coastal GIS (geographic information systems).

Before opening website and highlighting its features, Mr. Freeman briefly elaborated on some of the difficulties that were encountered in just obtaining data – groups either did not have the data, or it was not in the correct format, or were unwilling to provide the data in the first place. Also, initially the www.protectthebeachmaps.com was going to be hosted at the County Courthouse, but in order to troubleshoot the site more effectively when problems do arise, a server was purchased and is now stored at Geodynamics – it is solely dedicated to the Carteret County website. Mr. Freeman also mentioned that the State has verbally agreed to provide some funding to augment the website. Mr. Freeman followed this introduction by opening the website and highlighting its features to the Beach Commission.

- (4) **Public Comment.** – None.
- (5) **Other Business.** – None.
- (6) **March 2008 Meeting Date (March 24, 2008 – proposed).** – It was agreed upon that the next Beach Commission meeting scheduled for March 2008 would be held on the 24th of the month at 2:00 pm, PKS Town Hall.
- (7) **Adjourn.** – Chairman Fugate asked for any additional comments and with no additional comments forthcoming, the meeting was adjourned.