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CARTERET COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

Pine Knoll Shores Town Hall

October 26, 2009, 2 pm

Attendance.

Commission chair Buck Fugate, vice-chair William Donnelly, Commission Members Pete Allen, Jack Goldstein, Tom Hoover, Joan Lamson, Ted Lindblad, and Jim Willis, secretary Greg Rudolph, and the general public. Members A.B. "Trace" Cooper, Dr. Antonio Rodriguez, and Art Schools were absent.

- (1) **Call to Order.** – Chairman Fugate called the meeting to order.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes - Regular Beach Commission Meeting (September 28, 2009).** – Chairman Fugate asked the Commission if there were any corrections, additions, or comments regarding the September 28th regular session minutes presented in the agenda packet. Member Lindblad subsequently motioned the minutes be approved, which subsequently was seconded by member Donnelly and unanimously approved.
- (3) **Occupancy Tax and "Beach Fund" Update.** – Secretary Rudolph referred the Commission to the agenda materials and noted the August 2009 occupancy tax report constituted a 10% decrease in revenue if compared to the August 2008 collections. Interestingly, the August 2008 collection was the first time the \$1 million mark was eclipsed for the month of August. Now, the August total is slightly under \$1 million, but hopefully will go up again once the economic recession passes. The July collection has routinely exceeded the \$1 million threshold since 2004. Also in the past few months there has been a discrepancy between the revenue obtained from the hotel/motel sector vs. that from the condo/cottage sector – predominantly the hotel/motel sector has been down while the condo/cottage sector has been up or near neutral. For the August 2009 collection, both sectors were down. And finally, the estimated Beach Nourishment Reserve balance is estimated at ~\$8.6 million.

Member Lindblad asked if the Tourism Development Authority pays the same County administration fee for the occupancy tax as the Beach Commission. Secretary Rudolph replied "yes" and that the guidelines for the administration fee are specified in the occupancy tax law (SL 2007-112).
- (4) **2008 - 2009 Annual Report: Bogue Banks Beach & Nearshore Mapping Program.** – Secretary Rudolph introduced Moffatt & Nichol's Johnny Martin who subsequently provided a [PowerPoint presentation](#) to the Beach Commission and audience summarizing the key aspects of the 2009 Bogue Banks Beach & Nearshore Mapping Program that includes periodic surveying of Bogue Banks, Shackleford Banks, and Bear Island. The secretary also introduced Chris Freeman and Ben Sumners with Geodynamics who were responsible for the data acquisition phase of the

monitoring effort. The secretary also added that as mentioned in the agenda materials, it has been difficult in the past to ascertain true erosion rates and identify hot spot areas for the island thanks in large part to the frequent nourishment activity that took place from 2001 to 2007. With a couple of years of non-activity preceding this year's survey, we are beginning to see some of the longer-term and finer-scale trends for the island.

It was noted the draft report will be completed next week and the final copy should be delivered shortly thereafter. Copies will be furnished to all the Bogue Banks municipalities, stakeholders, and a few extra copies for Commission members wishing to retain a hard copy. The report will also be made available on-line at <http://www.protectthebeach.com/Monitoring/monitoring.htm>.

- (5) **Public Comment.** – None.
- (6) **Other Business.** – None.
- (7) **November 2009 Meeting Date (November 23, 2009 – proposed).** – It was agreed upon that the next Beach Commission meeting would be held on November 23, 2009 at 2:00 pm, Pine Knoll Shores Town Hall.
- (8) **Adjourn.** – Chairman Fugate asked for any additional comments and with no additional comments forthcoming, the meeting was adjourned.