

**MINUTES  
CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH  
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BOARD**

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The Indian Rocks Beach Environmental Stewardship Board Meeting was held on **Wednesday, June 2, 2010**, at 7:15 p.m., in the Public Services Department Conference Room, 1507 Bay Palm Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.

**Present:** Board Member Rod Baker  
Board Member Jill Ginter  
Chairperson Scott A. Holmes  
Community Services Supervisor Calvin Warren

**Absent:** Board Member Carol McGlaughlin  
Vice Chair Ted Simon

**1. APPROVAL OF May 5, 2010 Minutes.**

***MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER BAKER, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER GINTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.***

***UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.***

**2. PRESENTATION: Solar Heater (Rod Baker).**

Board Member Baker provided information concerning a solar heater and a sun-powered air heater.

Board Member Ginter suggested providing a demonstration, at the booth in October (Oktoberfest), of assembling and use.

Board Member Ginter suggested placing an announcement on the City's website to advise of a demonstration at Oktoberfest, contacting the Homeowners' Association and the Beach Bee.

Board Member Ginter also suggested developing an e-mail address for the ESB Board.

Board Member Ginter requested Board Member Baker to put together the information which may be able to be placed on the City's website and in local papers.

Board Member Baker stated he will compile a one page information sheet for a September release to local papers and the IRB Homeowners' Association and forward it to the Board liaison, Community Services Supervisor Warren.

Chairperson Holmes suggested contacting the City Manager regarding the City's Code regulations.

Board Member Baker also suggested obtaining an opinion from the City Attorney regarding the liability associated with this type of equipment, and possibly draw up a release for all participants (to release the City and the Board and individuals recognizing the risk of handling glass).

Community Services Supervisor Warren suggested building a solar heater at the booth during the Oktoberfest event to provide a demonstration.

### **3. REPORT OF Community Services Supervisor.**

Community Services Supervisor Warren addressed the letter from Chairman Holmes regarding the Gulf oil spill and the City's position and plans. He continued that it will be presented at the June 8, 2010 City Commission Meeting.

Board Member Baker stated he had contacted various governmental authorities who indicated that the United States Coast Guard would respond to the threat of oil on the beaches. He continued that the oil on the beaches can be cleaned relatively easily; however, the concern is in protecting the vulnerable passes and inland waterways.

Chairman Holmes stated that he asked the following questions in the letter: what are we doing to prevent; what is the plan and stated it is the responsibility of the City and the Environmental Stewardship Board to educate the public and encourage volunteers.

Board Member Ginter inquired if the Indian Rocks Beach community can do anything even though there is no authority to do so.

Chairman Holmes stated that clean up can take place; however, the letter urged the City to be preventative and proactive.

Board Member Baker stated that, through his research, any clean up efforts would be under the purview of BP and related associations. He continued that IRB City officials could encourage Pinellas County to insist upon the same measures as Escambia County has instituted to ensure the protection of Pinellas County passes.

Community Services Supervisor Warren continued with his report to the Board by distributing the recycling report, which Board Members reviewed and discussed.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated Pinellas County is in a "wait and see" pattern regarding recycling canisters on the beach. He stated that glass recycling is expensive, and there has been no interest in recycling glass.

He continued that Pinellas County has delayed the curbside recycling program until 2011.

Board Member Baker inquired if the ESB Board should become more active in promoting recycling.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated that he promotes the City's recycling activities whenever possible through the City's website, the County's website, and through the ESB booth.

Board Member Baker suggested approaching the IRB Homeowners' Association for the donation of ad space to promote recycling in Indian Rocks Beach.

Board Member Baker suggested composing an insert for the Neighborhood Newsletter advising the location of the recycling drop-off sites.

Community Services Supervisor Warren provided a copy of the information from the County's website regarding recycling sites.

Chairman Holmes urged caution pertaining to the costs of inserting a flyer in the Neighborhood Newsletter.

Board Member Ginter suggested contacting Bob Griffin regarding space in the Neighborhood Newsletter regarding recycling.

Board Member Baker stated he will contact Bob Griffin and request that the Environmental Stewardship Board make a presentation regarding recycling and the solar heater at the next IRB Homeowners' Association Meeting.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS.**

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated that "Keep Pinellas Beautiful" has a sign-up list on their website for anyone interested in volunteering to pick up litter should oil move toward Pinellas beaches as it is easier to clean the beaches of oil once they are free of litter.

Board Member Baker suggested the City Commission send a message to the Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding the protection of the beach back waterways and passes.

Board Member Ginter suggested that a Board Member attend the upcoming City Commission Meeting to urge the Commission Members to be more proactive toward the oil spill.

Board Member Baker proposed organizing IRB residents to attend the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting and demand preparation. He continued by suggesting Community Services Supervisor Warren approach the City Commission and request their support of this action.

Board Member Baker stated that he will take all of the research and information he has compiled regarding plans and preparations for the oil spill and create a message to blog for the purpose of invoking public outrage into action.

Board Member Ginter suggested partnering with the IRB Homeowners' Association to develop interest and anger in the oil spill clean up.

Board Member Baker stated that, should Indian Rocks Beach experience damage, the City Attorney could be contacted to review the possibility of instituting a class action lawsuit.

Community Services Supervisor Warren inquired about an agenda item for the next meeting.

Chairman Holmes suggested continuing the oil spill discussion.

Board Member Baker stated he will report back on recycling and the results from conversations with Bob Griffin, of Neighborhood Newsletter and the IRB Homeowners' Association.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated he will forward the City Commission's response to the Board's letter.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated that as a result of submitting the Board's letter to the City, the June 8, 2010 City Commission Meeting is an opportune time for Board Members to attend to state their views and recommendations at a public meeting.

Board Member Ginter inquired if Board Members would be attending the June 8, 2010 City Commission Meeting; with Board Member Baker asked to be reminded of the meeting.

Board Member Ginter stressed the importance of angering the community into picketing for the purpose of becoming more proactive on behalf of the beaches.

**5. ADJOURNMENT.**

***MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER GINTER, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BAKER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M.***

***UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.***

July 7, 2010  
Date Approved

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Ted Simon, Vice Chairperson

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