

**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, August 4, 2010**, at 7:08 p.m., in the Public Services Department Conference Room, 1507 Bay Palm Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.

**Present:** Board Member Rod Baker  
Vice Chair Ted Simon  
1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Board Member Laurence Troiano  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Board Member Ruth McGee  
Community Services Supervisor Calvin Warren

**Absent:** Board Member Jill Ginter  
Board Member Carol McGlaughlin  
Board Member Ralph Frizzle

1. **ELECTION OF:**
  - a. **Chairperson**
  - b. **Vice Chairperson**

***CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD TO POSTPONE THE ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON UNTIL THE FULL BOARD IS PRESENT.***

2. **APPROVAL OF JULY 7, 2010 MINUTES.**

***MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER TROIANO, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MCGEE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.***

***UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.***

3. **DISCUSSION OF Establishing Recycling at Condominiums.**

Community Services Supervisor Warren explained that a program, utilizing single family residences on the east side of Gulf Boulevard only, will be initiated, and it is possible it will not include condominiums on the west side as yet.

Board Member McGee stated the Board should possibly “wait and see” what happens when the curbside recycling program is instituted and then push to include condominiums in the program.

Vice Chair Simon inquired if Pinellas County would service the condominiums.

Community Services Supervisor Warren responded that servicing multi-family residences is a challenge; however, recycling at condominiums is in effect and urged Board Members to visit the 900 Gulf Boulevard Condominium complex which has had a drop-off site for a number of years. He continued that those residents who wish to recycle have the means to do it while those who do not participate utilize the condo’s trash chutes.

Board Member McGee commented on the cost of participation.

Community Services Supervisor Warren briefly reviewed the start-up cost which is half the cost of the container (\$1,500).

Community Services Supervisor Warren advised Board Members that, with a recycling container situated adjacent to trash containers, it is just as easy to recycle as it is to dispose of trash.

Community Services Supervisor Warren also stated that each condominium would be serviced differently based on each layout and accessibility; and if the City’s solid waste vehicles can access the trash containers, a smaller recycling vehicle would then be able to access recycling containers.

Community Services Supervisor Warren clarified that this discussion revolves around what the Environmental Stewardship Board wants to do, if anything, or if the Board wishes to contact condominium associations to enlist their participation.

Board Member Baker asked to be provided a list of the top five condos and their associations/representatives in order to make contact.

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF the Oktoberfest Booth.**

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated that the main subject of the Board’s booth at Oktoberfest 2009 was composting, with rain barrels and reclaimed water also featured.

Board Member McGee stated that the Board has discussed having a solar power demonstration and providing information regarding lead paint.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2010, with the booth's hours from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Board Member McGee inquired about the number of people who approach the booth.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated approximately 300 to 500 come by. He further explained how Board Members "man" the booth for shifts of two hours each.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated that Board Member Baker will be bringing his thermal window heater for display. He continued that other items can also be featured.

Community Services Supervisor Warren suggested, in addition to the solar/thermal window heater, the rain barrel should again be utilized at the booth along with information on lead paint.

Vice Chair Simon requested Community Services Supervisor Warren e-mail Board Member McGlaughlin to request getting a booth at no charge.

Board Member Baker asked what sources are available to notify citizens of the Oktoberfest event and the Environmental Stewardship Board booth.

Community Services Supervisor Warren responded that Board Members may wish to consider placing an insert in the City Newsletter.

Community Services Supervisor Warren advised Board Member Baker to e-mail him the draft for the newsletter for forwarding to the City Manager.

Board Member McGee advised the Board that she will be out of the country during the September meeting.

## **5. REVIEW OF Lead Paint Letter.**

Board Member McGee stated she e-mailed the Lead Paint Letter to everyone, and inquired if Board Members had any questions, and briefly reviewed the content of the letter.

Vice Chair Simon noted Board Members were in agreement to submit the letter to the City Manager.

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

Community Services Supervisor Warren reviewed the current recycling report.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated a solid waste consultant presented a report to the City Commission during the July 22, 2010 City Commission Budget Work Session, at which time the City Commission authorized the City to pursue the curbside recycling program. The current program that the City is pursuing will not affect the solid waste rate during the first and second years of curbside recycling.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated the drop off sites will remain, therefore, the current recycling reports will still track that activity. However, there will be more of a challenge to track the volume of the curbside recycling program when a third party is involved. Further, a reduction in the solid waste totals should reflect the effect the curbside recycling program has made.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS.**

Board Member Baker addressed his request for the City to formally accept Appendix C as the acceptable Building Code in Indian Rocks Beach. Currently, the City provides the option to residents to use "gray water" (from showers, sinks, disposals) which can then used for irrigation purposes; however, if the City formally accepted Appendix C, during the permitting process, contractors could then be made aware that Indian Rocks Beach is a "gray water" community which has been approved at the City Commission level.

Vice Chair Simon stated his desire to review Appendix C prior to forming an opinion.

Board Member Baker reviewed the "gray water" process to include installation, filtration, and drainage.

Vice Chair Simon recommended the topic of "gray water" be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Community Services Supervisor Warren reminded all Board Members that, regarding the Florida Sunshine Laws, no communication may take place between Board Members. Any communication must be made through the Staff Liaison.

Vice Chair Simon stated that discussion of finalizing Oktoberfest should be placed on the next agenda.

Board Member Baker addressed the concern of cigarettes on the beach, and cited Pacific Beach, California, where, according to city ordinance, smoking is prohibited on that beach; smoking is allowed on the sidewalk. He inquired the cost of clean up of cigarettes on the beach.

Board Member Troiano stated he has not noticed an abundance of cigarette butts on the beach.

Board Member McGee also stated she has not noticed cigarette butts on the beach.

Vice Chair Simon stated that careful consideration should take place prior to presenting a cigarette ban to the City Commission.

Community Services Supervisor Warren stated the City has a beach rake and the beach is raked once a month, according to City policy; also, each beach access, near the seawall, has a cylinder container for cigarette butt disposal.

Board Member Baker proposed that Board Members institute a tracking of what contaminants exist in the beach sand.

Vice Chair Simon reviewed the need to keep Board discussion at two topics per meeting to provide for adequate discussion.

Community Services Supervisor Warren suggested addressing the finalizing of the Oktoberfest booth at the October meeting.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT.**

***MOTION MADE BY BOARD MEMBER TROIANO, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MCGEE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M.***

***UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.***

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Date Approved

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Ted Simon, Vice Chairperson

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