

Little Gasparilla Island Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
October 9, 2009  
Cedar Pointe Park 1 p.m.

- Call to Order and Roll Call -

Bob Hill called the meeting to order and noted that committee member Carolyn Dupree was not present; all other members were in attendance.

- Introduction of Guests -

Bob Hill introduced Tara Musselman, Charlotte Co. Public Works, MSBU

- Minutes from Last Meeting, September 5, 2009 -

It was noted that the minutes from the last meeting should be corrected to note that the next meeting could possibly be located at Murdock, please check website for exact location. As well as noting that Bob Hill asked for a show of hands from those present that did not favor the Useppa Model and no hands were raised. The minutes were approved as corrected.

- Old Business -

A. DEP-Dock Enforcement. Tommy Tucker is trying to work out issues regarding the dock on Bay Street with DEP and it was noted that Little Gasparilla Island is unique with regards to Land Leases for docks due to the fact that it is a bridgeless barrier island. Barry Hurt explained that submerged land lease issues are happening everywhere. Bob Hill will keep us posted.

B. Fire and EMS Island Survey. The estimated budget draft was discussed. Tara Musselman explained that she was there to make sure the funds required were sufficient to cover what would actually be needed. She discussed the formulas the county used to estimate the budgets.

Bob Hill gave an overview of the Useppa Model and noted that it overcame many objections that islanders may have had. It was discussed whether or not an EMS only options should be included on the survey. It was noted that personnel was the largest expense and they had to be crossed trained in EMS and Fire both regardless. It was stated that the county commission wants two things: 1) Are the parties on board with what's being proposed? 2) They want the Advisory Board recommendation with the survey attached.

Bob Hill stated that the county attorney suggested that the assessment amounts should be on the survey signature page that property owners signed.

Tara Musselman explained in further detail what the county required for reserves explaining what central and indirect services covered and that she felt they wouldn't be as high as they had to budget the first year. It was noted that many of the line items on the budget didn't pertain to Little Gasparilla and what they would actually need. Bob Hill said he would speak with the county regarding the central and indirect services needs. Tara Musselman said she would proceed with checking into the resolution of uniform method of collection with the county attorney.

It was stated that the board hoped to have the survey sent out prior to the end of October and the Advisory Board would present to the county commission at the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Roxann Read from Growth Management suggested that the informational letter possibly be sent out prior to and separate from the actual survey. She suggested that perhaps the survey shouldn't be signed. She stated that she would express her concerns with the county attorney regarding the survey and that Growth Management would want to see a full survey that they felt was fair. Bob Hill asked if she and Tara could set up a meeting for Monday, Roxann said she would check and let him know.

It was asked if the county commission would accept an independent source to process the surveys and Tara indicated that she thought they would.

Bob Hill said he would meet with an independent CPA to see what they would charge to mail and tally the survey. Bob stated that the LGPOA had agreed to send out the surveys. Sending two separate survey mailings would be looked into. David Haynes suggested sending stamped, self addressed return envelopes with the survey. He also suggested including the link to the website where information on the survey and Useppa Model could be viewed.

Bob Hill said he would entertain a motion to send the survey out asking islanders to choose between the Useppa Model and the do nothing option. Don Oleson gave the 1<sup>st</sup> and Barry Hurt gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Paul Holmes discussed adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> option to the survey of EMS only.

Midge O'Hara spoke about amending the bylaws to LGIFR and the time line restrictions in doing so. She also stated that if the Useppa model isn't passed that their bylaws would revert back to their original form.

Bob Hill asked for a vote to amend the survey to include all three options (Useppa Model, do nothing and EMS only). In favor 1, opposed 4.

Bob Hill called for a vote to proceed with sending the survey with the two options (Useppa Model or do nothing). In favor 4, opposed 1.

C. Trail Signs for Island. Estimated cost \$5,000. It was decided to wait to see if the Useppa Model was approved because there may be a possibility that the signs would not be needed.

Bob Hill announced that the next regular meeting of the Little Gasparilla Island Advisory Committee would be held on Friday November 13, 2009 and then again on December 11, 2009 both at 1 p.m. All meetings would take place at the Cedar Pointe Park unless advance notice of a change is given.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
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