

## **Satellite Beach Samson Island Committee Meeting Aug. 12, 2008**

Called meeting to order at 6:11

Attendees: Martha Kirby, Brian Gilcher, John Cherniga, John Harbaugh, Dori Hughes, Salvatore Lauricella, Sandy Carnival

No one had minutes from last meeting except Sam. So Sam read minutes to the Committee. Minutes were accepted as written.

Council Representative Kirby briefed the Committee on millage rates set by The City. She told us that our Samson Island budget was being reviewed by City Council at their advertised Budget Meetings. The Budget does not get approved until the final budget meeting and does not go into effect until October 1, 2008. She asked the police chief to watch "seizure sales" for the possible purchase of a pontoon boat for Samson Island use.

There were no **Public Comments** due to lack of Public.

Sandy attempted to relay Kerry's update information on the ADA improvements to the ramps and ADA campsite. Ramps are complete except for "transitions" and locks need to replace the bolts.

Brain and Sam had been to the Island recently and both gentlemen commented that the transitions needed to be 4 -6 inches. Also, there is a need to have a transition on both the Fire Dept. dock and on the Island so that a challenged person with their own boat could go to the Island and get themselves off their boat and on to the Island.

Sam recommended that cleats be placed on the ramp to make tying down the boat easier.

There was discussion about the single pylon that is about 25 ft. out from the dock on the Island. It was recommended that a test run and training be conducted using the pylon that is currently in place but it might be an improvement to have 2 pylons placed slightly off the dock in order to fully stabilize the boat and keep it from drifting. (See Sam's Diagram)

Councilwoman Kirby was volunteered to be the person in the wheelchair for the test run. I believe she also offered a wheelchair for use during the test run and training session.

It was recommended that all staff and volunteers who will be using the ramps while overseeing the transportation of wheelchair-bound individuals be fully trained and gain a level of confidence in using the ramps.

Ms. Kirby asked if there was someone from a local DAV that would be willing to "try out" the ramp and offer input as to its functionality.

It was noticed by a committee member while visiting the Island that someone had removed a bolt and not replaced it properly.

There was a question about whether the grant for the ADA restroom has come back yet?

**Staff/Volunteers** – There was a request to change hours for Sunday visits to the Island during the summer months due to afternoon storms, out earlier and return earlier. Dori stated that she had not had to cancel due to weather yet. Also, it was commented that going out earlier would conflict with folks attending church. The committee felt that changing hours on Sundays for the possibility of bad weather wasn't necessary.

Dori reported that the next work day would be Nov. 15.

Request for next meeting agenda –

- Update on ADA status i.e. transitions.
- Status on grants.
- Discuss Founder's Day – will this committee “man a booth” and will there be a charge/fee if Samson Island has a booth at the event?
- If Samson Committee has a booth could we help recruit people for the Nov. 15 workday?
- JC pointed out that there was a gate over the canal missing and those boats bigger than kayaks/canoes could access the canals. Location of broken gate is about the middle and west side of the Island. Who is responsible for repair?

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

