

SAMSONS ISLAND PARK MEETING MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD OCTOBER 14, 2008

Several members arrived by 6:00pm but there was not enough for quorum until 6:30pm. The meeting was officially called to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Members present were Sandy Carnival, John Cherniga, Sam Lauricella, Bridget Reed. Also present was Councilwoman Kirby and Recreation Director Stoms.

Minutes

John Cherniga moved, seconded by Bridget Reed to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Council Liaison Comments

Councilwoman Kirby discussed the possibility of a grant (from a conservancy organization) to install pilings to protect Samsons Island shorelines. She will forward the organization's information to Kerry Stoms.

Martha also informed the committee of the potential of obtaining free trees through a program run by the Indialantic Rotary. Among other trees, they sell mangroves. It was decided that the committee members that attend the 11/15 workday, will look over the shoreline to see if there are any areas where mangroves could be planted.

Update of ADA progress

Kerry Stoms reported that the City was awarded the Florida Inland Navigation District Grant for the purchase and installation of a handicapped restroom on Samsons Island. This is a \$30,000 matching (50%/50%) grant.

Discuss Founder's Day

Founder's Day is Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 9am-4pm. Samsons Island will have a booth and committee members and volunteers will be asked to take a shift if they are able. Bridget will man the booth from 9am-11am, Sam L. will take 11am-1pm, Sandy offered to fill in any time slots not manned. The committee asked that the booth contain recent photos, possibly a TV/computer to show the Samsons Island DVD, and maybe small plants to give away. Kerry will continue to scheduled workers in the shifts remaining. Samsons Island shirts will be made available to any workers who need them.

Discuss November Work Day

Kerry suggested that the work day be comprised of three groups being transported at 8am, 8:30am and 9am. An knowledgeable committee member or volunteer will be assigned to each group and will stay with the group from start to finish. Kerry will arrange a day that anyone who wishes can attend a tour to determine which work projects will be accomplished on the work day. Lunch will be provided and Kerry will make these arrangements. Martha K. agreed to be the lunch maker.

Volunteer and Public Works Update

Richard Santangelo successfully had 4x4's donated for the construction of the bat houses. Volunteers continue to go out on Sundays during the weekly work day.

Other Issues

Kerry reported that the City's Marine Patrol is arranging a trip with city staff to look at the north and south canals to view the possibility that the mangroves are growing out into the canal and are impeding boat traffic. Kerry will report the findings back to the Samsons Island Committee at their November meeting.

Next Meeting Agenda

Canal/mangrove report; November workday; Spring open house date; show ADA power point

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

