

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Public Works Department

## MINUTES OF THE SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017

1 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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3 The Shore Protection Board meeting was called to order on October 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in  
4 the Town Council Chambers.

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6 **II. ROLL CALL**

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8 All board members were present with the exception of Board Member Reuben Johnson's  
9 excused absence and Board Member Lewis Katz.

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11 Mr. Katz arrived shortly after the roll call at 9:02 a.m.

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13 Chair Ecclestone announced the recent passing of Board Member Lee David Goldstein and led  
14 a moment of silence in his memory.

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16 Vice Chair Frank and Board Member Katz shared their memories and experiences in  
17 remembrance of Mr. Goldstein.

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19 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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21 Chair Ecclestone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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23 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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25 Motion was made by Vice Chair Frank, and seconded by Board Member Katz, to  
26 approve the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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28 **V. SWEARING IN OF APPOINTED ALTERNATE MEMBERS**

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30 Town Clerk Dominguez swore in the newly appointed alternate members: Melissa Ceriale,  
31 Stephen Jacoby, and Harvey Kinzelberg.

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33 **VI. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF SUNSHINE LAW AND PUBLIC RECORDS**  
34 **LAW**

35 *Thomas G. Bradford, Town Manager, and John Randolph, Town Attorney*

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37 Town Attorney Randolph presented an overview of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law.

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39 Discussion ensued regarding effective and legal ways to communicate urgent matters to staff.

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**VII. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2017 MEETING**

Motion was made by Vice Chair Frank, and seconded by Board Member Katz, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Baker welcomed the new alternate board members, commented on the issues with Mid-Town Beach and noted that urgency and smooth transition is needed among the multiple projects.

Board Member Gavigan echoed Mr. Baker's previous comments.

Vice Chair Frank spoke regarding the amount of effort that has taken place over the years to protect the shoreline.

Board Member Katz commented on the history of the work to protect the shoreline and how lucky the Town was to escape the hurricane. He also stated that now is a good time to step back, learn from past projects and make any necessary assessments.

Board Member Jacoby thanked Director Brazil and Coastal Program Manager Weber for providing him with the historical background on the shoreline projects.

Board Member Cerialle spoke regarding looking at new technologies and other coastal communities, and how to bring up these topics at future meetings in her role as the alternate member.

Chair Ecclestone provided a historical overview on the formation of the Shore Protection Board.

Discussion ensued regarding FEMA reimbursement on engineered beaches.

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Tom Warnke, Surfrider Foundation, spoke regarding the current swell conditions and post storm conditions and how they are effecting the shoreline.

**X. CURRENT SHORELINE CONDITIONS**

*Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager*

Coastal Program Manager Weber provided a PowerPoint presentation of the shoreline conditions for each reach which included pre-storm and post-storm photos and the recovery efforts following Hurricane Irma.

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**XI. HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF SHORE PROTECTION IN THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

*Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager*

Coastal Program Manager Weber provided a brief overview of the timeline and history of the coastal protection program in Palm Beach.

**XII. THE BREAKERS/CLARKE AVENUE BEACH DISCUSSION**

*Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager*

Mike Jenkins, Applied Technology Management (ATM), provided an overview of the recommended actions for the Breakers/Clarke Avenue Project Alternatives Assessment.

Discussion ensued regarding timeline and urgency, challenges, the State's strategic beach management plan for all eroded beaches.

**It was the consensus of the Shore Protection Board to recommend staff proceed with the recommended actions provided by Mike Jenkins.**

Tom Warnke, Surfrider Foundation, spoke regarding the eroding groins at Clark Beach.

Paul Leone, CEO, The Breakers Palm Beach, expressed his appreciation for a job well done by ATM, stated that he is on board with modifying the rock piles and that he would like to see more sand on the recreational beach.

James Green, representative for the Lauder Family, spoke regarding his meeting with Dr. Jenkins in late August, their partnership with The Breakers to study the erosion, and their primary goal to advance the public beaches.

**XIII. COASTAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

*Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager*

- Lake Worth Inlet Maintenance Dredging
- Sand Forepassing
- Groin Rehabilitation
- Reach 8 EIS
- Coastal Vulnerability Study
- Dune Planting

Coastal Program Manager Weber presented an update on the coastal projects, the maintenance of the dunes, removal of exotic vegetation, replanting of new seeds and the scope of work that will be presented at the next meeting.

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**XIV. SCHEDULING OF REMAINING SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2017**

*H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works*

- Friday, November 3, 2017
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017
- Innovative Technologies Discussion
- Contracting Alternatives for Coastal Projects
- Sand Transfer Plant Potential Improvements Discussion

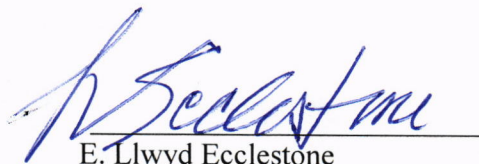
Director Brazil provided an overview of the items for discussion for the upcoming meetings. Ms. Ceriale requested that the Dune Planting be added to the next agenda.

**XV. ANY OTHER MATTERS - None**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the Shore Protection Board of October 6, 2017, was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.**

APPROVED:

  
E. Llwyd Ecclestone  
Chairman