

CITY OF COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA
LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: February 7, 2024 TIME: 4:30 PM

LOCATION: Cocoa Beach Country Club

Committee Members Present: Bob Day, Carol Kruse, Janice Scott, Kay Hall, Kelsey Mack (Advisory)

Committee Members Absent: Mike Robinette Guests: 0

- A. Call to Order:** Mr. Day called the meeting to order at 4:30pm
- B. Approve January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes** – Ms. Kruse motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was second by Ms. Scott. The minutes were approved as amended.
- C. Public Comments** –none.
- D. Staff Reports** – Ms. Kelsey Mack provided a brief update regarding recent and upcoming environmental events including the annual sea oat planting.
- E. Committee Member Announcements** – Mr. Day announced upcoming events including the Thousand Islands Festival that will take place on March 16th at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. Ms. Kruse and Ms. Scott both mentioned the Space Coat birding festival.
- F. OLD BUSINESS**
 - **Beach and Dune Protection Plan** – The committee reviewed the updated preface provided by Ms. Scott. The committee discussed continued progress on the plan including the development of the beach access inventory map and additional information needing verification from several city departments.
 - **North Thousand Islands Management Plan Update** – Mr. Day reviewed the compliance checklist noting items that still need to be finished but stated that the plan is close to completion. Mr. Day also reminded the committee of the plan review process involving a stakeholder meeting, island tour, and public meeting. Ms. Kruse asked if the committee could provide any additional support to complete the plan. Mr. Day requested that all committee members review the compliance checklist to ensure all items have been addressed in the text.
- G. NEW BUSINESS –**
 - **Florida Friendly Landscaping-** Ms. Kruse reported on Florida Friendly Landscaping training program she has learned about through her Master Gardener training with UF/IFAS. The committee discussed the benefits of Florida Friendly Landscaping. Ms. Kruse stated that she will gather more information on the program to see if the Land Management Committee may be able to make some recommendations regarding implementation of the program within the city.
- H. Public Comment:** There was public comment from an attendee requesting to know the time and location of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Presentation. The committee responded that the presentation would take place at 6:30pm on 2/7/2024.
- I. Next Meeting** – Next regular meeting will be March 13, 2024 at 4:30pm
- J. Adjournment 5:12pm**

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Environmental Specialist, Kelsey Mack

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Committee Chair, Bob Day

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Committee Vice Chair, Carol Kruse