

SAMSONS ISLAND WORKING BOARD
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2016

Eugene Matthews called the meeting of the Samsons Island Working Board to order at 6:07pm on Tuesday, July 19, 2016. Members in attendance were Eugene Matthews, Brian Gilcher, Dan Hamblin, and Sam Lauricella. Also present was Councilman, Steve Osmer, Deputy Recreation Director, Cassie Warthen and Dori Hughes, from the Recreation staff.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from the April 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Dan Hamblin moved, seconded by Sam Lauricella to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

Volunteer and Public Works Activities: Dori reported on work activities out on the island. They cleared some Australian Pines from the Southeast trail. She hopes to be able to mulch the path around the pond once the chipper is fixed.

Cassie reported that Public Works plan to go out to the island on Wednesday July 20th to bring back over the wood chipper and chain saws for fixing. Public works has also been looking into replacing the floor and the seats of the boat, as both are in need of repair.

Discuss recognition from board to outgoing Recreation Director, Kerry Stoms: Dori presented an idea for recognition of Kerry Stoms to the board. There is an area on the island, south of the garage with a Gumbo-limbo tree, of which we believe Kerry is fond of. Dori suggested we take a piece of the cedar tree that was cut down to make a personalized plaque and designate the area "Kerry's Cove." Everyone agreed.

Update on Management Plan annual tasks: Recreation staff was successfully able to obtain the word document file of the Management plan to give Dan to work on updating the file as needed. Sandy was not present at the meeting to discuss the outing with biologists on identifying plant and animal species on the island. This agenda item was postponed to be discussed further at the August 16, 2016 meeting.

Report on trail cam research: Eugene reported on his meeting with Ray Mojica, Land Manager for the Barrier Island Center in Melbourne Beach. Ray is responsible for many of the Brevard County trails up and down the Barrier Island. He has more than 100 cameras actively in use. His recommendation is the Browning Strike Force Trail Camera. Ray uses the cameras to get accurate records of the trail visitors, capture wildlife, and to monitor illegal activity (motorized vehicles, dogs, vandalism, firearms, etc). He keeps a spreadsheet that tracks all the information from each of the cameras.

The Barrier Island uses 10 second video clip capability, which provides the most efficient data. For the most traveled trail (2000 visitors a month) they use 64GB flash cards in the cameras, and swaps them out about every two weeks. Ray says the batteries will last about 6 months. Eugene was able to breakdown the cost of a single camera and the needed accessories. Strike Force trail cam=\$109.00; Cable lock=\$20.00; 64GB Flash Card=\$18.00; for a total of \$147. Eugene shared several clips from the trail cams at the Barrier Island as well.

The committee discussed purchasing additional flash cards, so they could be swapped out regularly. An additional 3 cards per camera was suggested, bringing the total of each camera with accessories up to \$201. The board asked Cassie to look into what funds are available in the Samsons Island Trust Fund. Dan moved that two cameras be purchased for the island, seconded by Sam. All ayes, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2016 at 6pm.