

**TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH  
PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** October 25, 2006

**Meeting Location:** Houston Yacht Club, Shoreacres, Texas

- Meeting called to order and welcoming remarks by Jerry Mohn at 1:00 p.m.
- Jerry Mohn asked all of the attendees to introduce themselves
- Jerry Mohn introduced Nancy Edmonson, former mayor of Shoreacres, and current president of the Upper Galveston Bay Coastal Taskforce and asked her to discuss their group.
- Nancy Edmonson introduced herself and discussed some of the challenges the Upper Galveston Bay Coastal Task Force has faced since being recognized by the Legislature almost 2 years ago (modeled after Galveston County Beach Erosion Task Force, and includes approx. 10 cities and other organizations in the area).
  - ⇒ Their focus has been funding sources (CEPRA and CIAP) for the western portion of the Harris County portion of Galveston Bay.
  - ⇒ Projects focused on shoreline protection (hard structures due to circumstances with subsidence), and open space/wetland protection issues (mostly in bayous).
  - ⇒ Mostly unsuccessful in efforts for funding due to their location and government handling of funds.
  - ⇒ See the benefit of working together with other taskforces, and would like to look at further collaboration with the Texas Chapter of ASBPA.
- Minutes from July 12, 2006 meeting accepted and approved as written.
- Treasurer's Report (Larry Wise)
  - ⇒ 2 new corporate accounts (@ \$500 each)
  - ⇒ Funds being used to upkeep website
  - ⇒ Balance approximately \$3,000
- Report of Education/Communication Committee (Larry Wise)
  - ⇒ Requested information for newsletter (4 page format with projects)
  - ⇒ Corporate members can submit project articles
  - ⇒ Article deadline December 1, 2006
  - ⇒ Information can also be placed on website ([www.texasasbpa.org](http://www.texasasbpa.org))

- Report of Membership Committee (Cameron Perry)
  - ⇒ 6 corporate sponsors at this time
  - ⇒ New corporate sponsors will get bonus sponsorship for rest of this year, plus next year
  - ⇒ Requested ideas for generating additional memberships; attendees noted having a booth at conferences, using ASBPA Shore & Beach publication as support, approaching other groups (real estate, economic development, chambers of commerce).
  
- Report of Technical Committee (Michael Chaplinsky/Marisa Weber)
  - ⇒ Last met on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October
  - ⇒ Discussed committee operations and decided to hold quarterly meetings with chairman providing summary of past minutes, and co-chair discussing upcoming events and speakers.
  - ⇒ New policy for speakers includes 15 minute presentation plus question time
  - ⇒ One speaker per meeting and will be booked well in advance, and presentation will be pre-approved to make sure keeping in line with TSBPA
  - ⇒ Proposed future speakers include TAMUG (Dr. Webb), Jamaica Beach Dune Restoration (Apollo – Perry Culp), and Lidar (GLO – Ray Newby)
  - ⇒ Will increase meeting frequency leading up to ASBPA Technical Conference in Galveston, October 21-24, 2007
  - ⇒ New co-chair, Charles Hermansen
  - ⇒ Next meeting, November 16, 2006
  
- Report of Legislative Committee (John Lee/Sidney McClendon)
  - ⇒ Handed out copy of legislative agenda (work in progress)
  - ⇒ Federal – wait and see due to break, possible that CIAP funding could increase
    - Focus on USACE Coastal Program
    - Focus on getting feds to recognize recreational benefit in funding projects
  - ⇒ State – upcoming Legislature
    - Focus on supporting CEPRA funding
    - CIAP funding – need to keep coastal issues important
    - Coastal Protection & Improvements Act – procedure in place, but no match at this time; need to keep working towards
    - Coastal Windstorm Insurance – insurance companies looking to change guidelines
    - Support for TPWD state park system funding
  - ⇒ Local issues – none
  - ⇒ Larry Wise mentioned Louisiana constitutional amendment that earmarks all CIAP funds for coastal erosion issues only.
  - ⇒ Will need help in writing letters for support of proposed Landreau bill

- GLO Report (Lorrie Council/Ray Newby)  
(Ray)
  - ⇒ CLAB in process of evaluating CIAP applications
  - ⇒ CLAB will meet in January to look at scoring of recommended projects for the state plan
  - ⇒ Recommended projects will be combined with County submitted projects to form the State plan, which will then be sent to the Governor's office for consideration
  - ⇒ Public comment period for proposed State plan – around Feb or March 2007
  - ⇒ Approved State plan will be sent to MMS for approval
  - ⇒ August 2007 – anticipated funding of approved projects
  - ⇒ For FY2008 – not sure when application period will start – approx mid 2007
  - ⇒ Question was asked regarding misuse of CIAP funds, and who to report to? The Governor's Office
  - ⇒ The MMS posted the Final Guidance Document on September 29, 2006 which addresses the types of projects that can be funded.

- (Lorrie)
  - ⇒ Currently providing a lot of legislative people with info about CEPRA Cycle V
  - ⇒ Trying to enforce the need for the program
  - ⇒ Awaiting an upcoming white paper to find potential funding sources for CEPRA
  - ⇒ Writing legislative report to show how past funds were spent, how much federal money was matched, highlighting quotes from local partners for constructed projects.
  - ⇒ Issue with timing of the completion of the Feasibility Study, and not knowing how much money is needed
  - ⇒ Hope that CEPRA Cycle V will be able to work with CIAP funding
  - ⇒ Sidney recommended freshening up the Coastal 2020 documents

- (Ray)
  - ⇒ Discussed current field work by CP&E on the Feasibility Study
  - ⇒ Additional work by CP&E will be reviewed, and hope that it will identify new sand sources
  - ⇒ TAMUG looking at Lower Galveston Bay, Houston Ship Channel – south jetty and channel field work complete, with hopes for new material for the West End.
  - ⇒ Other potential sources mentioned – Bolivar Flats, Port of Bay City (700K cy)
  - ⇒ Noted that the GLO was looking at developing a set of standards for beach quality sand

- Technical Conference, Galveston, October 21 – 24, 2007
  - ⇒ Handouts were passed around asking for ideas for field trip, meeting agenda, and pre and post-meeting events (examples include TAMUG boat trips, cruises, etc)
  - ⇒ Focus on showcasing Texas issues
  - ⇒ Will be working with the GLO

- ⇒ Last national technical conference had 175 attendees in Long Branch, NJ
- ⇒ Discussed potential universities to work with and student discounts
  - Coastal Cities Report – Beach & Bay Issues
- ⇒ None
  
- ASBPA
- ⇒ Recent national technical conference in Long Branch, NJ had a lot of companies represented
- ⇒ Had a combined poster presentation/cocktail hour reception
  
- Next meeting is tentatively January 2007 in Corpus Christi
  
- Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm