

August 7, 2014
Margate City, New Jersey

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mr. Becker, Ms. Taube, and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Chiefs Tabasso and Wolfson, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaney.

(1) Anita Grimley & Tom Sher: update on “Dune Dash” scheduled by Margate Education Foundation to be held on the beach in September – commissioners offered any assistance needed

(2) Department Reports

Mr. Ricciotti: Water meter readings should be completed by next week; preparing school grounds for opening; on-going problem for equipment with people digging and leaving large holes in the beach sand

Chief Tabasso: Drug Testing Policy in place through work with state city officials, FMBA officers (*kudos from Mr. Becker*)

Mr. Deaney: Presented Mr. Walberg’s report with project updates; congratulated FMBA for new drug testing policy

Mr. Blumberg commented that the Ventnor beach sand has been reclaimed by the ocean in spite of dunes

Ms. Taube: Children Making Changes will hold a pet parade on August 9th

Public Participation: John Sewell: reduce interest rate on late tax payments. Sharon Simon asked to hear commissioners’ opinions re Dunes and then have public comment (*Mr. Becker – we want public opinion*)

The following spoke on the Dunes Project:

Dan Gottlieb: commissioners elected to do the right thing; people have spoken & commissioners should make opinions known. Sharon Simon, Carol Armon, 4 Dolphin Drive & Carol Lipsom, 112 S. Pembroke Avenue agreed. Beth Turchi: agreed; what can city do if dunes are built without a signed contract; pass law regarding height of dunes. Steve Sinderbrand, 111 N.

Mansfield Avenue: fight for the public even if the city loses because the state will still build if the city does nothing. Steve Altman: sue the State & bad press will reflect poorly on governor.

Steve Woerner: concern about money needed to fight the dunes & its effect on taxes. Arthur Babaian, 9619 Pacific Avenue agreed with Mr. Woerner. Paul Mulligan: if dunes are built have the city’s responsibilities been put in writing? Mr. Becker added that he spoke with State rep within the last few days: Commissioner Martin stated no future obligation from the city if dunes are built & drainage issues have not been confirmed. Steven Erlbaum, 114 S. Barclay Avenue:

property values will decrease with dunes & “the clock is ticking” file an injunction now & give us your opinions (*Ms. Taube: only here to listen*). Greg LeCuyer, 3 Dolphin Drive: 65% of voters rejected dunes & that is the only issue; objected to choice of Mr. Goldshore, Esq. for opinion (*Mr. Abbott: he is well respected & suggested by the group fighting the dunes*).

Frank Binswanger: people are entitled to commissioners opinions. Joyce Vilensky, 110 S. Nassau Avenue: natural barrier of jetties work better than dunes. John Turchi, 111 S. Sumner Avenue: water drainage issues unresolved; requested project plans (*Mr. Hiltner: received them today for public*); concern for more public access; do not enter into an agreement based on preliminary plans. Jane MacGrogan, 22 N. Hanover Avenue: fight to keep our way of life. Adam DiBartolo, 413 N. Clermont Avenue: project based on science studied by ACOE & city “lucked out” during Hurricane Sandy; dunes will be beneficial. Mark Rubin, 117 N. Osborne Avenue: provided 2 documents from ACOE – 9/2013 & 4/2014 – stating bulkheads best way to protect city not dunes. Herb Lipsom, 112 S. Pembroke Avenue: commissioners are “gutless” & as elected officials have the obligation to represent the voters – this meeting is unnecessary. Mr. Blumberg:

concerns for hidden costs with dunes; strongly in favor of fighting for the people against the dunes & hiring an attorney to file an injunction to stop the State from proceeding. On motion by Ms. Taube this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg the meeting was adjourned with a vote of 3 ayes.

Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey

Attest: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk