

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**December 21, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

Members Present: Chair Bradley, Vice Chair Beltran, Member Voronchihin

Members Absent: Member Rogers, Member Grace

Staff Present: Community Development Openshaw, City Clerk Kelly

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Kelly took roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.a APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by Vice Chair Beltran

Seconded by Member Voronchihin

To approve the Regular DRB Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023 and November 16, 2023.

AYES (3): Chair Bradley, Vice Chair Beltran, and Member Voronchihin

ABSENT (2): Member Grace, and Member Rogers

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

4.b PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPERIAL BEACH COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN.

Community Development Director Openshaw accompanied by the consultant team, Brian Leslie, Coastal Engineer with GHD, Inc. and Dennis Larson, Project Manager, Nexus Planning and Research gave a collaborative PowerPoint presentation.

In response to Chair Bradley Mr. Leslie explained that approximately, 2ft sea-level rise corresponds with the year 2050 and 6 feet of sea-level rise corresponds to the year 2100.

Member Voronchihin suggested that the map in the presentation be compared to the FEMA 100-year flood line map.

In response to Chair Bradley Mr. Leslie explained that the terms used in the presentation describe the different sea-level rise projection scenarios that the state has adopted. A low-risk aversion relates to a facility that will not sustain substantial damage should it get wet or inundated, such as a boardwalk. A critical infrastructure such as a nuclear power plant would be considered a medium/high risk scenario.

In response to Chair Bradley Mr. Larson explained that there is an existing storm drain line that runs through Bayside Elementary school from the Southwest to the Northeast. He explained that the plan would be to correct the gradient and increase the capacity using larger diameter segments of pipe.

Chair Bradley stated that the enhanced pedestrian access points should be discussed separately from the sea-level rise issue for safety concerns.

In response to Chair Bradley, Mr. Larson stated that there is a potential need for imported material for Segment 3 of the project.

In response to Chair Bradley, Director Openshaw explained that this document focused on the feasible adaptation solutions in the mentioned segments to address coastal flooding. She also stated that there are no plans to mention managed retreats within this document since the document is geared towards midterm solutions.

Chair Bradley stated that managed retreat is necessary to discuss when discussing sea-level rise. Director Openshaw responded explaining that staff try to address all of the community's concerns and focus on a solutions-oriented mindset. Staff plans to continue active community outreach and focus on the mid-term solutions that can be implemented.

In response to Member Voronchihin, Mr. Larson stated that their focus is on the two groins that exist, they have been knocked down and are in need of rehabilitation of the structures and will aid in sand retention on a small scale.

Director Openshaw announced that the first community outreach event for this plan will take place January 20th at the Library from 1-3 p.m.

Chair Bradley stated that he supports the proposed enhancements and considers them practical. He requested that all proposed strategies be scientifically based.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bradley adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Jacqueline Kelly, MMC
City Clerk

Karl Bradley
Chair