

# City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber  
117 W. Duval Street



## Meeting Minutes

St Johns River Sandbar Subcommittee

Thursday, December 9, 2021

1:00 PM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

## Jacksonville Waterways Commission

*CM Al Ferraro, Chair*

*CM Michael Boylan, Vice Chair*

*CM Garrett Dennis*

*CM Matt Carlucci, Alternate*

*Jon Michael Barker*

*Robert Birtalan*

*Lindsey Brock*

*Lane Burnett*

*Senator Audrey Gibson*

*Mark Devereaux*

*Andrew Fraden - Excused Absence*

*Marc Hardesty*

*Jill D. Haskell*

*Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.*

*Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio*

*Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio*

*Maritza Sanchez, Legislative Assistant*

*Barbara Ireland Hobson, Legislative Assistant*

*Kealey West, Asst. General Counsel*

*Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University*

*Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University*

*Richard Distel, Research Assistant*

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Meeting Convened: 1:01

Meeting Adjourned: 2:07

**Call To Order - Chair Marc Hardesty****Roll Call**

**Chair Hardesty and Ms. Haskell were present making a quorum. Mr. Devereaux was absent. Mr. Hardesty acknowledged the attendance of Lane Burnett and Captain Jim Suber.**

### **Commission Members Comments and Discussion**

Chair Hardesty went over the aim of this committee which is focused on finding answers and solutions to the sandbar created in the St. Johns River off of the Heckscher Drive area.

Steve Swann talked about issues the TraPac Terminal area faced which are possibly similar to the current sandbar sediment issues. In the case of TraPac it was determined that the issues were coming from upstream. Mr. Swann said that dredging around Blount Island would possibly be helpful for the sandbar. Mr. Swann said that the first step would be to coordinate with the Army Corps of Engineers and said that without data this would just be a game of finger pointing. Captain Suber said that FDEP and FIND could be a part of this process.

Chair Hardesty emphasized that they are looking for solutions to this problem and not focused on making someone liable for this issue. Ms. Haskell asked if we have years to fix the sandbar issue. Mr. Swann said that in a couple years it will look a lot worse. Chair Hardesty asked for clarity on what agencies could be reached out to for future meetings. Kealey West, Office of General Counsel, talked about the boundaries and ownership of the land which is under State control. Captain Suber said there are a lot of players in terms of jurisdiction on the St. Johns River. Ms. West went over agencies that would be reached out to for the next meeting.

### **Discuss Next Date for Meeting**

Chair Hardesty said the next meeting would be scheduled for January 19th at 1:00 pm with an alternate date of January 20th. At the next meeting the discussion could be in regards to a possible resolution during the commission meeting which would talk about the immediate safety issues caused by the sandbar.

### **Comments from the Public**

### **Adjourn Meeting**

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