

RESOLUTION 2008-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BOARD

WHEREAS, there is a growing global concern over the degradation of our natural environment due to a variety of reasons, including the development of our coastal areas, and

WHEREAS, the St. Pete Beach City Commission acknowledges these concerns and is interested in involving citizens and business owner's in St. Pete Beach to work together to improve our environment through a responsible balance of education and regulation, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Pete Beach does not currently have any appointed boards to lead an effort to identify environmental problems and offers solutions to preserve our natural resources,

WHEREAS, many local governments have taken a pro-active approach to deal with issues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, at a duly-assembled meeting held on January 22, 2008, that the City Commission of St. Pete Beach hereby establishes an Ad-Hoc Committee to develop a proposal for an environmental stewardship board which shall be presented to the City Commission at a future date as follows:

- Each City Commissioner shall appoint a member to the Ad-Hoc Committee by February 1, 2008; and
- The appointed members shall meet no later than February 21, 2008 to select a chair and establish rules of order; and
- They shall review what efforts have been made by other local government agencies to determine if a model exists that may be of assistance in forming such a board; and
- They shall consider but not be limited to the following for inclusion as responsibilities of the new board;
 1. Evaluate and make recommendations on environmentally positive initiatives, guidelines and systems, hereafter termed "Green initiatives";
 2. Evaluate ways to promote a sustainable community through energy efficient buildings, recyclable construction materials, and environmentally friendly building designs;
 3. Consider a Proclamation, or other order, that St. Pete Beach is committed to being a Green Community;
 4. Create a Green Awards program

5. Explore ways to reduce emissions including increased public transportation options that simultaneously promote local business opportunities;
6. Consider ways to reduce run off into Boca Ciega Bay and the Gulf of Mexico;
7. Encourage water conservation;
8. Pursue recycling programs for condominiums;
9. Create public education programs about environmental issues that effect the community;
10. Develop relationships with organizations like Green Armada, Pinellas County Urban Sustainable effort Agent and others to support environmental programs; and
11. Encourage reduction of waste (paper, water and electric) in all government operations.

The Ad-Hoc Committee shall make a final presentation to the City Commission by April 22, 2008, and report back for direction and feedback as determined necessary.

Ward J. Friszolowski
Ward J. Friszolowski, Mayor

I, **Theresa B. McMaster, City Clerk of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida**, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of applicable law this 22nd day of January, 2008.

Theresa B. McMaster
Theresa B. McMaster, City Clerk