

Long Beach Land Conservation Committee  
December 6, 2017  
Rm 2 LB Community Center

Present:

Dr. Annabella Juhasz

David Hoppe

Although a quorum was not present, and so no business could be done, Dr. Juhasz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. for the purposes of sharing information gathered since our last (November) meeting.

David Hoppe reported on the public meeting held at Save the Dunes in November, where a presentation was given by Aaron Tuly, Vice President of Kendig Keast Collaborative, the planning group working with Michigan City on its strategic plan. Mr. Tuley was joined at this meeting by Craig Phillips, Michigan City's town planner.

The purpose of the meeting was to share information regarding Michigan City's developing ideas about possible Moon Valley development. The headline here is that the City believes that the Woodruff property may soon be available for development. The planners

stated they would like to see this property rezoned from industrial to mixed use. This would make it possible to create a dense, residential/commercial community on the southern border of Moon Valley that, the planners emphasized, might make it possible to spare the currently wild part of the valley which, they said, could then be preserved.

They appear to see value in preserving Moon Valley, if possible. They also appeared to look with favor on the idea of extending a trail for the public from the Long Beach portion of the valley, across the Moon Valley Trust parcel, to Stockwell Woods and beyond. Hoppe said that this reinforces the Committee's desire to raise public awareness about the valley as a recreational destination.

Long Beach Town Council members Pete Byvoets, Joy Schmitt, and Bob LeMay attended the meeting at Save the Dunes. Joy has communicated to our committee the Council would like for us to take the lead in watching for any developments initiated by Michigan City connected with Moon Valley.

In the meantime, Save the Dunes continues to consider the prospect of possibly receiving parcels of Long Beach land contiguous to its Stockwell holding,

should Long Beach decide to divest itself of these parcels.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

The next meeting will take place at the Community Center on Wednesday, January 3 at 4:30 pm.