

MINUTES OF MEETING ON ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS  
FOR PRESERVING MARINE AND PLANT LIFE ON LIGHTHOUSE RESERVATION

March 27, 1968

Present: Whitaker, Yadon, Jorgensen, Bales and Coast Guard representative  
Tietjen

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the establishment and enforcement of regulations needed to preserve marine and plant life on the Lighthouse Reservation. Problems have arisen as to which agency has jurisdiction over the water area at the reservation.

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Mr. Tietjen presented a letter from the local U.S. Coast Guard Commander which outlined the Coast Guard's position in regard to preservation and use of the area. Basically, Federal regulations are limited to Coast Guard property and do not cover all the area needed for proper conservation control. Fishing from the rocks in the area is definitely against Federal regulations. The Coast Guard also feels that skin diving in the area is definitely a safety hazard and should, if possible, be discontinued. If allowed to continue, the Federal Government cannot accept responsibility for persons involved. The Coast Guard indicated its willingness to work with the City in any way possible to preserve the area.

After discussion, it was decided that the following course of action be recommended to the City Council:

1. That the City Council adopt a resolution indicating its desire that the same regulations and ordinances that pertain to the City's waterfront also apply to the Lighthouse Reservation area.
2. That the City post signs on Coast Guard property to the effect that "Entry on this property for fishing, swimming, or skin-diving constitutes trespass in violation of Federal law". The Coast Guard has indicated agreement to the concept of using Federal trespass laws to regulate activities on the reservation.
3. That the City Attorney be directed to contact the State Land Commission to determine if there would be any objection to the City annexing the water area around the reservation to its 60 feet depth contour line. If there are no objections, the City should proceed with this annexation.
4. That the City start proceedings to have this area included in the marine refuge grant from the State to the 60 feet depth line.

It was decided that the above would be discussed at the next Council meeting and that any action taken would be in cooperation with the Coast Guard.

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