

**Round Table of Volusia County Elected Officials
Beach Driving Subcommittee
Dec. 16, 2014 Meeting
MINUTES**

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS PERTAINING
TO DRIVING ON THE BEACH**

1. How many miles of beach in Volusia County?
2. Of the above, how many miles are traffic free and how many miles are located in driving zones?
3. Current cost of beach operation?
4. Number of visitors to the beach in each of the past 5 years?
5. Do these visitors concentrate in particular areas? If so, where?
6. Number of vehicle mishaps in each of the past 5 years
7. Number of off beach parking spaces by city?
8. Would County beach expenses be reduced if cars were removed from the beach? If so, how much?
9. Would property values increase if cars were removed from the beach? Why?
10. Would economic development increase if cars were removed from the beach? Why?
11. What are the primary reasons or objections to persons and families not visiting Volusia beaches? Query the Ocean Center and CVB.
12. Is driving on the beach an impediment to selling hotel rooms? Any statistical data?
13. Can additional safeguards be initiated that will keep our beaches safer, allow driving and spur economic development?
14. What is the future of the beach in particular sections, regarding erosion and increasing sea levels?
15. Are there any other beaches in the U.S. or the world where beach driving is permitted? If so, how do they handle cars on the beach?
16. If beach driving is eliminated, how many off beach parking spaces will be needed to accommodate beach visitors?
17. Would increased traffic safety protection be needed on A1A if beach driving was eliminated?
18. Would drop off areas need to be established on A1A for chairs, coolers, etc., if beach driving was eliminated?
19. Do beach investors understand the uniqueness and history of driving on the beach or do they feel that all beaches should be the same?