

Minutes
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 6, 2008
Charlotte County Administration Center
Room #207B

Members Present

Robert Pierce, Chairman
Dick Whitney, Vice Chair
David Nellis
Kevyn Schweim
John (Jack) Landis
Bill Weller

Excused

Bruce C. McLean

Staff Present

Missy L. Christie, Environmental Specialist
Charles Mopps, Public Works
Missy L. Christie, Env. & Ext. Services
Jane Starr, Recording Secretary

Guests

Michael Poff, CEC
James Cohlmeier, CEC
Wilma Katz, CWC
Camilla Spicer, CWC
Cherie LaFlamme

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

The **Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee** meeting of November 6, 2008, began at 9:01am noting a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was presented by **Jack Landis** to accept the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee minutes as written. **Chair Pierce** requested Marie Garrett and Keith Buechel be removed from future Distribution Lists. The motion was seconded by **Bill Weller** and the minutes for **October 2, 2008**, were accepted.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Chair Pierce announced a new commissioner will be assigned to the Committee following the reorganization of the Commission.

IV. Chairman Comments

Chair Pierce advised the first Thursday in January of 2009 falls on a holiday and will need to be rescheduled. Following a discussion, it was decided the meeting will be rescheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, January 8, 2009. **Michael Poff** stated he will not be able to attend the December meeting but will provide Chair Pierce with a summary beforehand.

V. Commissioner Comments

Chair Pierce announced Commissioner D'Aprile is excused from today's meeting due to a schedule conflict. **Dick Whitney** provided an update and answered questions regarding the recent meeting to view the geo-textile tubes and confirmed that, as a result of the hearing, nothing has changed and the tubes will be removed as scheduled. **Chair Pierce** commented on the Amended Consent Order and a discussion ensued.

VI. Old Business

Update by Michael Poff – GEO Tubes/Dredging

Discussion continued regarding the removal of the geo-textile tubes and the costs involved. **Michael Poff** agreed to disseminate the work plan included in the Consent Order and will inquire further about costs. He stated Earth Tech will begin removal next week and the project will be completed by the end of December.

Mr. Poff confirmed the dredging for 2009 is on schedule and spoke on state funding and the total projected costs of the project. He stated FEMA has evaluated the beaches after Hurricane Faye and has declared them eligible for hazard mitigation dollars. He provided details on the history of the issue and stated more information will be available following a meeting with FEMA next week. **James Cohlmeier** added additional comments and questions were addressed. **David Nellis** brought forth the issue of adverse effects from dredging the Intercoastal Waterway and the related responsibility of the Army Corps of Engineers. Discussion ensued. **Mr. Poff** suggested inviting Debbie Flack to present the Beach Watch Program and to schedule a joint meeting this spring with the Sarasota County Advisory Committee. He added that questions for discussion will need to be provided in advance of the joint meeting.

Chair Pierce led a discussion on the Beach Watch Program. **Missy L. Christie** provided members with a copy of the letter she received from Debbie Flack presenting an overview of the program. A discussion ensued.

ACTION: Dick Whitney made a motion to recommend to the BCC that Charlotte County apply for membership in the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association Beach Watch Advocacy Program for 2009. Jack Landis seconded the motion. Following a discussion, the vote passed 4 to 2.

Aerials – Island Areas and owners for Dog Beach Consideration

Missy L. Christie identified the preliminary areas being considered and spoke of concerns and considerations regarding Eagle nesting and other activities in the area. A question by **David Nellis** prompted a discussion about State Lands. **Chair Pierce** suggested **Ms. Christie** invite the State Park Manager to present at the next meeting. She will contact him and advise accordingly. **Chair Pierce** added it is his intention to invite a guest speaker or have a field trip for each meeting in the coming year except possibly the first and last meeting of the season.

VII. New Business

Stump Pass Aerials – Historical Sea Turtle Nesting Data – Missy L. Christie

Ms. Christie advised the Stump Pass Aerials are not complete at this time and will be presented at a future meeting.

CCTV-20 Sea Turtle Video Presentation

Missy L. Christie provided members with the video presentation “Spotlight Charlotte Showcase” and stated funds are being sought for copying and distribution. The video is presently being shown on CCTV-20 and two facilities have already indicated they will be adding it to their in-house programs. A question and answer period ensued followed by a discussion on lighting and alternative solutions.

Members Terms expiring 12/31/08 – Dick Whitney

Chair Pierce stated **Dick Whitney** has already submitted a letter requesting to be reappointed for another 4 year term.

Upcoming Election of Officers

Chair Pierce stated the election of officers will be in January and positions will be reviewed at the next meeting for those interested in applying.

VIII. Action Items

Thank you to Commissioner D'Aprile

A card was distributed for Commissioner D'Aprile and will be forwarded following the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings – Speakers, Field Trips

Chair Pierce would like to see a field trip held once a year and suggested viewing Manasota Key in February following the removal of the tubes. **David Nellis** commented on the attention the Committee has given to Stump Pass and suggested organizing a trip to compare the post-hurricane restoration of mangroves as compared to natural restoration. **Ms. Christie** suggested contacting Betty Staugler to discuss this issue in March or April. Conversation continued regarding upcoming topics of discussion, including the Catch Basin Project. **Michael Poff** led a discussion regarding the southern drift of sand along the coast line and the ownership rights of sand that is pumped from the bottom of Stump Pass.

IX. Committee Reports

Dick Whitney reported on topics discussed at a recent Parks and Recreation meeting. He stated the new Bayshore Park is an outstanding park and recommends members visit the area. He also stated Parks and Recreation has extended an invitation to attend future field trips as they relate to Beaches and Shores and will mutually involve the Committee in creating agenda items concerning future Joint meetings. **Missy L. Christie** inquired about Kayak launching and mentioned upcoming ribbon cutting and open ceremonies that are scheduled for next weekend.

X. Correspondence and Communication - None

XI. Public Comments - None

XII. Staff Comments

Missy L. Christie provided an update on the Abandoned Vessel Program and stated nineteen (19) vessels have been removed since October 1st. An additional thirteen (13) are expected to be removed within the next two weeks. **Ms. Christie** addressed a question about procedures once the boats are removed.

XIII. Member Comments - None

XIV. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **December 4, 2008**, at 9:00a.m. in Conference Room B207.

XV. Adjournment

Chair Pierce called the meeting to a close at 10:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Starr

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Recording Secretary