

Minutes
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, December 4, 2008
Charlotte County Administration Center
Room #207B

Members Present

Robert Pierce, Chairman
Dick Whitney, Vice Chair
John (Jack) Landis
Bruce C. McLean
Bill Weller

Excused

David Nellis
Kevyn Schweim

Staff Present

Commissioner Bob Starr
Missy L. Christie, Environmental Specialist

Guests

Sally Braem, DEP
Chad Lach, State Park Services
Camilla Spicer, Coastal Wildlife Club, Inc.
Wilma Katz, Coastal Wildlife Club, Inc.
Robert Madden

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

The **Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee** meeting of December 4, 2008, began at 9:00am noting a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was presented by **Jack Landis** to accept the **November 6, 2008** Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee minutes. Following a discussion the minutes were approved with corrections.

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Chair Pierce made known a presentation by Chad Lach would be added to the agenda.

IV. Chairman Comments

Chair Pierce welcomed **Commissioner Starr** on behalf of the Committee and congratulated him on his new position.

V. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Starr advised he is attending as an observer today, however he has applied for this Committee and the appointment will be decided by the Board next week.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business

Election of Officers

Chair Pierce made known new officers will be elected at the next meeting in January. Bruce McLean voiced his appreciation of Chair Pierce's service to the Committee as Chairman.

State Park Presentation

Chair Pierce thanked **Missy L. Christie** for inviting today's guests. Following introductions, **Chad Lach** presented general information regarding his responsibilities as Park Manager. **Chair Pierce** commented on the Committee's interest in park rules and

regulations and **Mr. Lach** advised they are required to work within the boundaries of rules set by the State Legislature. **Ms. Christie** led a discussion on the ongoing problem of dogs on the beach. **Sally Braem** provided a brief description of her background and discussion continued regarding the pros and cons of dogs on the beach, rules and regulations at dog parks that have already been established, and the benefit and success of public awareness and education. Possible locations for additional parks and other alternative solutions to help alleviate problems were discussed. A question and answer period followed. **Wilma Katz** commented on the jurisdiction of public land boundaries and the enforcement of state law. **Ms. Christie** stated she will contact Betty Staugler regarding the availability of funds for educational processes at marinas and boat rentals.

Vice-Chair Whitney provided recent photographs of Stump Pass and asked for comments. **Mr. Lach** advised all of the landward sides of the geo-tubes are gone and changes have taken place as a result of north winds and high waves. The remaining sections will be removed as weather allows and before the required deadline. Discussion continued regarding the dredging project scheduled for next fall.

VII. Action Items

Beach Watch Government Affairs Unit

Chair Pierce reviewed a draft letter to the Commission recommending Charlotte County's membership in the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Society and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Starr confirmed the Director of Parks and Recreation has resigned and the Department is undergoing reorganization.

VIII. Committee Reports - None

IX. Correspondence and Communication - None

X. Public Comments - None

XI. Staff Comments - None

XII. Member Comments

Suggestions were provided regarding upcoming guest speakers and field trips.

XIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 8, 2009**, at **2:30p.m.** in Conference Room 207B.

XIV. Adjournment

Chair Pierce called the meeting to a close at 10:26am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Starr

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Recording Secretary