

Minutes
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 8, 2009
Charlotte County Administration Center
Room #207B

Members Present

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

Excused

David Nellis
Bruce C. McLean

Staff Present

Missy L. Christie, Environmental Specialist
Barbara Kula, Env. & Ext. Services
Jane Starr, Recording Secretary

Guests

Chad Lach, Park Manager
Michael Poff, CEC
Wilma Katz, Coastal Wildlife Club, Inc.
Edward Engel, FPTA
Bob Madden

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**
Chair Pierce called the January 8, 2009, **Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee** meeting to order at 2:32p.m. noting there was a quorum present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
A motion was presented by **Jack Landis** to accept the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Dick Whitney** and the minutes for **December 4, 2008**, were accepted.
- III. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**
A discussion on Florida Paddling Trails will be added under Old Business.
- IV. **Chairman Comments**
Chair Pierce welcomed Chad Lach to the meeting and affirmed he will be a good addition to the Committee.

Status of Letter to Commission regarding FSBPA

Chair Pierce communicated interest in the status of previous recommendations the Committee has forwarded to the Commission. **Missy L. Christy** advised the recommendation for membership to the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association was approved by the Board and a check is in the process of being issued. Additionally, **Ms. Christy** offered to forward members' email addresses to the appropriate individuals so they can receive email alerts from FSBPA first hand.

V. **Commissioner Comments** – *None*

VI. **Old Business**

Final Removal of Geo-Textile Tubes

Chad Lach confirmed the Geo-tubes removal project is complete and summarized changes that are now occurring in the area. **Ms. Christy** confirmed that navigational markers are the responsibility of Charlotte County and stated Public Works is aware of problems and are taking appropriate measures. **Mr. Lach** added that an area near the southern tip of the pass will be an excellent bird nesting area.

Chair Pierce announced a change to the agenda order and advised Action items will be heard next.

VII. **Action Items**

Update on Dog Beach Consideration

Missy L. Christy provided an update and stated a Law Enforcement Workshop is scheduled for February. An informational pamphlet indicating the locations and rules of existing parks was discussed and **Ms. Christy** stated she will provide copies when the project is complete. Discussion continued. Chair reiterated the dog beach project is on hold but the consideration of a suitable location will continue.

VIII. **Continuation of Old Business**

Beach Restoration

Michael Poff advised that focus on the FEMA Damage Assessment Report relating to beach erosion and damage caused by Tropical Storm Faye has resulted in a delay in the design of the 2009 projects. The beach was re-surveyed in December and the background erosion rate has been determined for the beach fills. **Mr. Poff** hopes to present the preliminary study in February and stated the final design should be complete by summer of this year with a construction start date of November, 2009. **Chair Pierce** suggested inviting Palm Island residents to attend his presentation.

Joint Meeting with Manasota Key Association

Jack Landis stated a spring meeting would be satisfactory with the Manasota Key Association and he will advise when a meeting date has been finalized. The benefit of a special meeting was discussed and it was decided to table this for the next meeting.

IX. **New Business**

Election of Officers

ACTION: *Kevyn Schweim made a motion to nominate Robert Pierce as Chairman. This was seconded by Dick Whitney. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

ACTION: Kevyn Schweim made a motion to nominate Dick Whitney as Vice-Chairman. Following a second, a vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Beach Recycling Program – Barbara Kula

Ms. Christy introduced **Barbara Kula** who presented information on the Beach Recycling Program with Charlotte County and discussed the expense factors involved. **Ms. Kula** clarified the rules and regulations regarding county recycling and addressed inquiries about single bin recycling and beach recycling. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Christie will look into finding out where recycling is being taken at Chadwick Park and Recycling plans for Palm Island were discussed. **Ms. Kula** provided members with handouts regarding Mini-Transfer & Recycling Facilities (copy attached to original minutes).

ACTION: A Motion was presented by Dick Whitney and seconded by Jack Landis to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that appropriate recycle bins be placed at all County Park beaches and County maintained parks as serviced by Waste Management. Following a discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kula also spoke on the Curbside Motor Oil Recycling Program.

Florida Paddling Trails Association

Edward Engel presented general information regarding the Florida Paddling Trails Association and provided members with handouts. **Dick Whitney** reminded the Committee of a letter previously written to the Commission following Mr. Engel's presentation last spring. **Mr. Engel** advised of the Association's website and upcoming projects. He further stated he would like to interest both County and State officials in the establishment of campsites for paddlers and small boat users. In exchange for their support, FPTA would offer advertising and would agree to be custodians of the sites. **Chair Pierce** asked for further clarification regarding the Association's responsibilities and members' questions and comments were addressed.

VIII. Committee Reports

Kevyn Schweim updated members on yesterday's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting stating staff was asked to prepare a draft Ordinance that would prohibit smoking on all County park beaches as well as public recreation sites. At **Bill Weller's** suggestion, **Dick Whitney** agreed to author a letter of support.

Mr. Whitney advised the Charlotte County Blueways Trails has been adopted into the National Blueways Trails and will now get national attention.

IX. Correspondence and Communication - *None*

X. Public Comments - *None*

XI. Staff Comments

Missy L. Christie suggested moving future meetings to a larger room. The Recording Secretary will check on availabilities.

XII. Member Comments -*None*

XIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **February 5, 2009**, at 9:00a.m. in Conference Room B-207.

XIV. Adjournment

Chair Pierce called the meeting to a close at 4:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Starr

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Recording Secretary