

**Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee**  
**January 7, 2010**  
**Charlotte County Administration Center**  
**Room #B-106**

**Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Missy L. Christie, Environmental Specialist  
Jane Starr, Recording Secretary

**Guests**

Chad Lach, Park Manager  
Wilma Katz  
Robert Madden

**Excused**

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**  
**Chairman Pierce** called the January 7, 2010, **Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee** meeting to order at 9:05a.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 **Kevyn Schweim** and the minutes for **December 3, 2009** were unanimously accepted.
- III. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**  
**Chair Pierce** announced that Michael Poff is meeting with officials in Tallahassee and is unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Poff has suggested that a special meeting be scheduled for later this month so he can provide an update on Beach Renourishment and the Stump Pass dredging. It was decided to hold the Special Meeting on January 26, 2010 and to discuss cancelling the February meeting at that time.
- Vice-Chair Whitney** announced that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has scheduled a Joint Committee Meeting to take place on April 7, 2010. It was suggested cancelling the April 1, 2010 meeting in lieu of attending this joint meeting. **Chair Pierce** advised this would be decided at the March meeting.
- IV. **Chairman Comments**  
Agenda topics for the January meeting were discussed as well as the availability for Commissioner Starr to attend. **Chair Pierce** clarified the main focus of this meeting is to obtain updates and decide on actions needed going forward. Following further discussion, it was tentatively decided to reschedule the Special Meeting for 9:00am on

Monday, January 25, 2010.

V. **Commissioner Comments** - None

VI. **Old Business**

*Stump Pass Dredging*

The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

**Tommy Brock** inquired if Parks and Recreation decided to do anything with the ropes at Englewood Beach. **Missy L. Christie** said they did a wonderful job and she will provide photographs at the next meeting. She confirmed that in addition to the ropes, they are also moving the entrance.

*Beach Restoration Easement Contract Review*

**Chair Pierce** led a discussion regarding the notices that were sent to individual home owners on Palm Island and added that at least half of the home owners are in a condominium situation where the Condominium Association owns the land. **Ms. Christie** felt legal counsel should address this issue and suggested inviting Derek Rooney to attend the next meeting. Discussion continued. **Ms. Christie** confirmed that in addition to legal counsel, she would also invite Chuck Mopps to attend. **Vice-Chair Whitney** mentioned strikethroughs in the letter and the Beach Restoration Easement Frequently Asked Questions document that was previously provided and suggested they also be asked to bring a copy of the current literature that property owners are receiving. **David Nellis** spoke further on the issue and discussion continued.

VII. **New Business**

*Election of Officers*

**ACTION:** *Tommy Brock made a motion to nominate Chairman Pierce to maintain his Chairmanship for another year. Bill Weller seconded. Following a discussion, the motion was revised to nominate all existing officers for another year. The officers accepted and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Possible Future Groin System*

To avoid confusing the issues, **Chair Pierce** felt this discussion should be tabled until the matter at Stump Pass has been resolved. **Vice-Chair Whitney** advised members of an article in the January 5, 2010 edition of the Herald Tribune newspaper regarding market place groins on Long Boat Key designed to withstand beach erosion at the Island's worst hot spots. **Mr. Nellis** offered his views and led a discussion regarding the pros and cons of using geo tubes and groins.

*Possible Field Trips and Future Speakers*

**Chair Pierce** felt one (1) field trip should be taken each year and asked for members to state their views. Sunshine law was discussed and **Chair Pierce** asked **Ms. Christie** to discuss this further with Attorney Rooney. **Vice-Chair Whitney** advised that the Commissioners did not encourage field trips by boat because this would not accommodate public participation. **Chair Pierce** suggested planning a field trip for the last meeting of the season and it was subsequently decided to arrange a field trip to Charlotte Harbor in May to view mangroves by boat, if possible, and if not, by land transportation to view the beaches.

Changes in the Pass as a result of the current weather and the north winds were also discussed. It was commented that the County is doing their best to keep up with the changes.

*Present Stump Pass Conditions*

Further discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

**VIII. Action Items**

**Chair Pierce** mentioned an article in the current edition of Shoreline Magazine and advised a final decision by the U.S. Supreme Court regarding beach renourishment will be made public no later than June, 2010. **Wilma Katz** clarified that Supreme Court deliberations do take quite a while and said this is a normal part of the legal process. **Chair Pierce** led a discussion on the basis of the lawsuit and advised the topic would be tabled until June.

**IX. Committee Reports**

*Parks and Recreation – Dick Whitney*

**Mr. Whitney** stated he was at the meeting yesterday and no items were discussed relevant to the Committee.

**X. Correspondence and Communication - None**

**XI. Public Comments - None**

**XII. Staff Comments**

**Ms. Christie** requested to be added to the March agenda to provide members with a short presentation on the Shorebird Productivity of 2009.

**XIII. Member Comments - None**

**XIV. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 25, 2010**, at 9:00a.m. The room location will be determined at a later date.

**Wilma Katz** encouraged members to attend the upcoming meeting in Melbourne and confirmed it is scheduled to take place in February. She stated she has been attending for several years and commented on the valuable information that can be obtained from the program. **Chair Pierce** confirmed several members are planning to attend.

**XV. Adjournment**

**Chair Pierce** called the meeting to a close at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jane Starr*

Jane Starr, Recording Secretary