

**Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee
Charlotte County Administration Center
Special Meeting, January 25, 2010
Room #B-207**

Members Present

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

Excused

Tommy Brock

Staff Present

Missy L. Christie, Environmental Specialist
Charles Mopps, Public Works
Rich Browne, Assistant County Attorney
Brad Walter, Real Estate Services
Jane Starr, Recording Secretary

Guests

Michael Poff, CEC
Chad Lach, Florida Park Services
Sally Braem, Florida Park Services

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**
Chairman Pierce called the January 25, 2010, **Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee** meeting to order at 9:06a.m. noting there was a quorum present.
- II. Approval of Minutes**
A motion was presented by **Kevyn Schweim** to accept the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by **Dick Whitney** and the minutes for **January 7, 2010** were unanimously accepted.
- III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None**
- IV. Chairman Comments**
Chair Pierce commented on a letter written by Tommy Brock to Commissioner Starr and said it was his feeling some of the information provided was inaccurate. In addition, he felt that because the content of the letter related to the Beaches and Shores agenda and Mr. Brock is a member, the letter should have been brought before Committee first. **Dick Whitney** added that by going through the Committee, some of the errors could have been corrected prior to going to the Commissioner. It was the general consensus that accurate information provided by the Committee would be better received and would obtain better results.
- Chair Pierce** asked members and guests to introduce themselves. **Michael Poff** advised that Mr. Brock originally thought the meeting was tomorrow and was unable to make today's meeting.
- V. Commissioner Comments - None**

VI. Old Business

Stump Pass Dredging

Michael Poff made known that the County and State have been working on two outstanding permit issues and advised that independent calculations were performed by both the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Coastal Engineering Consultants regarding the pre-construction 2006 conditions and whether the surface area could be restored to replace the amount of erosion that occurred since that time frame. The resulting findings were both similar and he confirmed that sufficient reserves are available in the MSBU/MSTU combined funding source locally to offer the additional volume needed. A meeting in Tallahassee was requested to present the County's calculations, talk about the mitigation requirements that the DEP imposed in terms of surface area and to generate a series of alternatives for placing the sand on the up drift beach. Collectively a project was decided on that seemed to meet all interests.

Mr. Poff stated the State Park and FWC has challenged the County with the issue of shorebird mitigation in terms of recreating four (4) acres on the State Park Beach and the County investigated and presented different options for review. He is pleased with the level of cooperation and said County Administration has been very supportive of the project. At this time everything is continuing to move forward. An open discussion ensued and **Mr. Poff** addressed questions and comments.

Beach Restoration Easement Contract Review

ACTION: David Nellis made a motion to table all Beach Restoration Easement discussions until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Jack Landis and passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

Present Stump Pass Conditions

Chair Pierce asked **Chuck Mopps** if the markers were being moved appropriately in the Pass. **Mr. Mopps** confirmed they have been moved two or three times with the last time being in October, 2009. He provided information regarding the cost to move the markers and advised that it is a lengthy process.

ACTION: Jack Landis made a motion , seconded by Dick Whitney, that the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee make an inquiry of the Marine Advisory Committee if the County should continue to bear the cost and liability of continually shifting the channel buoys as the sand bar shifts or if the County could avoid further liability and expense by removing the buoys. Following discussion, Jack Landis amended the motion, approved by the seconder, to add that a copy of the resolution be sent to County Commissioners via our Commission Liaison, Commissioner Starr. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Action Items - None

IX. Committee Reports - None

X. Correspondence and Communication

Report on Mangroves – Dick Whitney

Dick Whitney presented members with an update on the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program and advised that the Charlotte Harbor program is requesting a re-

evaluation of the shoreline of Charlotte Harbor. He confirmed he will be one of approximately 50-60 volunteers inspecting the shoreline for changes since the last survey was done in 2007 and monitoring the changes in vegetation, the regeneration of mangroves, both naturally and what has been done by artificial planting, and monitoring pollution sites. He further suggested that Judy Ott, the Program Scientist, might be willing to appear before the Committee to provide an impact on the total effect of the National Estuary Program which covers the areas consisting of the watershed of the Peace River, the Myakka River, and all of Charlotte Harbor. It was also suggested that Betty Staugler be invited. **Ms. Christie** provided additional comments on the program and it was decided to table this presentation until the results of the survey are available.

XI. Public Comments - None

XII. Staff Comments

Chair Pierce asked if it had been determined if a field trip by boat to inspect the mangroves would be allowed. **Mr. Mopps** stated he was informed that boat field trips are not allowed unless there is transportation to accommodate the public. Discussion regarding Sunshine Law ensued.

Chair Pierce confirmed the February 4, 2010 advisory meeting will be cancelled and the County Attorney will be invited to attend the March 4, 2010 meeting. **Mr. Whitney** suggested amending the order of the agenda to hear County personnel first. **Chair Pierce** stated that the legal issues to be discussed with the attorney would include the easement language and Sunshine Laws concerning field trips. It was stated a Stump Pass/Beach Renourishment update will also be included as an agenda item. **Mr. Poff** and **Mr. Mopps** confirmed they would be in attendance. The Joint Parks and Recreation Advisory meeting was discussed further and subsequently cancelled.

XIII. Member Comments - None

XIV. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2010, at 9:00a.m. in Room B-106.

XV. Adjournment

Chair Pierce called the meeting to a close at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Starr

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