

DRAFT MINUTES
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee
March 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Pierce at 9:03 am.

Members Present

Robert Pierce, Chairman
Dick Whitney, Vice Chairman
Tommy Brock
Clifford Kewley
Kevyn Schweim

Members Excused

David Nellis

Members Absent

Jack Landis

Staff Present

Commissioner Robert Starr
Lynette Auger, Parks and Natural
Resources
Charles Mopps, Public Works
Pamela J. Alexander, Recording
Secretary

Guests

Michael Poff, CEC
Frank Kudrna, Resident
Jeff Raley, PE, Florida Park Service - Tallahassee
Sally Braem, Environmental Specialist II, Division of Recreation & Parks, District 4
Valinda Subic, Bureau Chief, FDEP, Division of Recreation & Parks, District 4
Chad Lach, Florida Park Service local contact
Deborah Forester, Economic Development
John Knebel, Resident
Wilma Katz, Coastal Wildlife Club
Steve Reilly, Reporter - Englewood Sun

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Robert Pierce, seconded by Dick Whitney, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Chairman Pierce initiated a short discussion regarding dogs on the beaches and penalties not being enforced.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- ❖ The letter requesting an interpretation of a recent Supreme Court decision, as discussed at the February meeting of BSAC, was delivered to Commissioner Starr.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (continued)

- ❖ Commissioner Starr provided an update from the recent meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Parking at the beaches and manner money is collected
 - Pepper trees on Thornton Key
 - The Commissioner will chair the Joint Meeting scheduled for April 6, 2011.
- ❖ At this time, Cliff Kewley asked that the subject of dredge spoil material being utilized to fill nearby vacant lots be added to the agenda for the Joint Meeting. He asked that Public Works and other related Departments also be included. Local resident, Frank Kudrna, who had addressed the BSAC at their last meeting, provided additional information regarding this activity.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Formulate recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for the next 10-year Management Plan for Charlotte County and Stump Pass:
 - At this time, and as a preface to the presentation by the guests from FDEP, Michael Poff provided an update on Stump Pass. He advised that the project is on schedule. Active work is anticipated to be completed by April 15, 2011, followed by shore bird and turtle nesting surveys. Demobilization will be completed by approximately May 1. Chad Lach advised that he had found that several buoys had been buried. Mr. Poff was to visit the site today for possible remediation suggestions. Unless there is a catastrophic event, this will be the last dredge under the existing permit.
 - Jeff Raley, PE, FDEP, Florida Park Service in Tallahassee introduced Sally Braem, Environmental Specialist II, Division of Recreation & Parks, District 4, Valinda Subic, Bureau Chief, FDEP, Division of Recreation & Parks, District 4, and, Chad Lach, Florida Park Service, our local contact. Mr. Raley provided a photograph indicating the critically eroded beach area in Englewood. He stated that they support long-term stability for Stump Pass and asked that FDEP staff play a role in the process for the upcoming 10-year plan. Much discussion ensued, including comments from John Kneble, a resident who expressed his concerns about navigational issues for boaters accessing Stump Pass.

OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ Dick Whitney will forward suggestions to Commissioner Starr this week for items to be included in the Joint Meeting with the Marine Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on April 6, 2011

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- Although an item supporting the improvements to the bank of Shell Creek Park for use strictly for kayak/canoe access was approved to be added to this agenda at the February 3, 2011 BSAC meeting, Lynette Auger of the Parks & Natural Resources Division advised that this area is a preserve and not a park and any improvements to this area had already been voted down by the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee (ESLOC) for Conservation Charlotte. On motion by Dick Whitney, seconded by Tommy Brock, and carried unanimously, this item will not be submitted as a suggested topic for discussion at the upcoming Joint Meeting.
- Utilization of dredged material for fill on vacant lots
- Discussion of what constitutes a public beach and enforceable laws regarding dogs on the beach
- ❖ Cliff Kewley presented information regarding a park that will provide a launching area for non-motorized boats at the Charlotte Harbor end of the bridge. FDOT will provide a portion of the funding.
- ❖ Michael Poff provided several recommendations to the Committee regarding future interaction with FDEP as it relates to the upcoming 10-year Plan for the Charlotte County Erosion Control Program / Stump Pass Inlet Management (all information in *italics* was provided directly to the recording clerk by Mr. Poff)

I. Goals and Objectives:

- * *Restore and maintain critically eroding beaches to provide storm damage reduction benefits*
- * *Restore and maintain safe navigation*
- * *Provide recreational benefits*
- * *Provide environmental protection and enhancements*
- * *Protect and provide habitats for T&E species*

II. Project Elements:

- * *Beach Renourishment*
- * *Inlet Dredging ~ Navigation*
- * *Stabilizing Structure at Manasota Key*
- * *Sand Source Investigations (inlet, ebb shoal, offshore, flood shoal/interior channels, upland)*
- * *Annual Monitoring*

III. Engineering and Consulting Services Scope Outline (does not include construction):

- * *Plan Formulation*
- * *Data Collection*

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- * *Alternatives Analysis (Stabilizing Structures on Manasota Key)*
- * *Preliminary Design*
- * *Offshore Sand Source Investigations*
- * *Permit Applications and Processing*
- * *Final Design*
- * *Stakeholder Coordination*

Budget included in the funding application to the State = \$680,000 over two year time frame.

Note: We presented this to the County and Public Works indicated we should also provide budgets for Optional Tasks including Funding Strategies (federal, state, regional, local), Manasota Key Planning Area Update, Little Gasparilla Island Planning Area Update, and Water Quality Study.

In terms of priority, Committee strongly felt the Stabilizing Structure on Manasota Key should be the top priority and other tasks such as the Offshore Sand Source Investigations be deferred if there are fiscal constraints. Mr. Poff cautioned that the use of offshore sand versus inlet system sources (channel, ebb shoal) need to be considered as part of the evaluation of the Stabilizing Structure and become an integral part of the long term plan to address state concerns over continuing to use the inlet system to manage the adjacent beaches.

ACTION ITEMS

NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

STAFF COMMENTS

NONE

MEMBER COMMENTS

NONE

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Joint Meeting with Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Marine Advisory Committee on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., at Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on May 5, 2011

Robert Pierce, Chairman
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

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