

## **MINUTES**

### **Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee**

Thursday, January 3, 2013, 9:00 A.M.  
Charlotte County Building Construction Service Conference Room  
18400 Murdock Circle  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Chairman Clif Kewley Called the Meeting to Order at 9:08 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

#### **Members Present**

Clifford Kewley, District V, Chairman  
Tommy Brock, District III  
David Nellis, District II  
Rich Parchen, District IV  
Dick Whitney, District I

#### **Members Excused**

Jack Landis, Member-at-Large, Vice Chairman  
Robert Pierce, FL Shore & Beach Preservation Assn.

#### **Staff Present**

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4  
Pamela J. Alexander, Recording Secretary  
Charles Mopps – Community Development, Engineering  
Lynette Auger, Natural Resources

#### **Guests Present**

Michael Poff – Coastal Engineering Consultants

#### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Tommy Brock, seconded by David Nellis and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from December 6, 2012 were approved as presented.

#### **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

NONE

#### **Chairman Comments**

Mr. Kewley asked if a flag could be provided for the Building Construction Services Conference Room so that they could begin each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman stated that he felt it was necessary to educate the public on the ecological and economic issues related to Stump Pass and other waterways which do impact others besides boaters and residents of the beach and island areas of the County. He stated that he felt that more publicity and possibly relocating the meetings to encourage more public attendance at the meetings.

Chuck Mopps reported on public outreach in the past and agreed in bringing the media

back on board. Mr. Mopps suggested that the Water Line and perhaps Steve Reilly of the Charlotte Sun would be good contacts.

Reminder of Joint Meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. A quorum is required should a vote on any item be needed.

Tommy Brock (District 3) and Dick Whitney (District 1) were reappointed to the BSAC at the December 11, 2012 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Deutsch provided a brief autobiographical introduction and then addressed his specific concerns

- He is anxious to hear the proposed concepts regarding keeping Stump Pass open and methods to protect the beaches.
- He feels that Joint meetings are a good thing for cooperation among the groups that all have concerns about the same types of issues.
- He is willing to Chair the upcoming Joint Meeting.

### **Old Business**

There was discussion regarding the items to be included on the agenda for the February joint meeting. .

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, stated that he felt that the Joint Meeting was an ideal place to present updates on the projects for which they are under contract. He does have a public meeting in their budget tentatively scheduled for March, with a location to be determined.

Charles Mopps discussed the several different scenarios for mooring fields, protected beach area, as well as other items and provided some background on each. Additional discussion ensued. Moorings, anchorages, impacts on sea grasses and potential implied liability were all discussed.

On motion by Dick Whitney, seconded by Rich Parchen and carried unanimously that a recommendation be made to allow Commissioner Deutsch to chair the upcoming Joint Meeting and that the following three items be included on the agenda:

- Stump Pass and the Adjacent Beaches
- Chadwick Cove
- Port Charlotte Beach

Michael Poff provided information on the possible structures being evaluated for the Stump Pass project: terminal groins, jetties or, breakwaters. He also discussed off-shore sand sources and funding options. Charles Mopps and Michael Poff both provided additional funding information.

Chairman Kewley advised that BSAC member, Bob Pierce will report on the meeting on Palm Island scheduled for January 29, 2013 regarding the status of the properties which were negatively impacted by Tropical Storm Debby. Discussion ensued.

Charles Mopps reported that the update scheduled to be provided on the status of FEMA funding was delayed, as Jason Stoltzfus was still working on the information.

BCC Liaison, Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Committee Member, Rich Parchen, left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Coastal Projects Manager, Charles Mopps, left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

### **New Business**

Regular BSAC Meetings will be held in the Building Construction Services Conference Room unless otherwise noted. It was suggested that another Joint Meeting be scheduled for November 2013. The historical hiatus for the summer months may be reconsidered in future meetings. There was discussion about the possible need for an emergency meeting during that time.

Discussion ensued regarding suggesting a second joint meeting be scheduled for November.

### **Action Items**

NONE

### **Committee Reports**

NONE

### **Correspondence and Communications**

Chairman Kewley would like copies of all memos and e-mails to be shared.

### **Public Comments**

NONE

### **Staff Comments**

Lynette Auger reported that shorebird season will begin shortly, with turtle nesting season to commence after that.

### **Member Comments**

Chairman Kewley initiated a discussion about the letter that was authorized at the last meeting to be sent to the BCC regarding the possible development by Lemon Bay Cove,

LLC. He was specifically concerned about the language regarding the negative impact on the ecological system. It was the consensus of the group that the language should remain as written.

On motion by David Nellis, seconded by Tommy Brock and carried unanimously, the autobiography and BSAC philosophies of David Nellis were postponed until the March meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the BCS Conference Room.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Dick Whitney, seconded by Tommy Brock and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander  
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on February 7, 2013

Clifford Kewley, Chairman

*\*\*\*Please note that one or more Charlotte County Commissioners may be in attendance at any meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee\*\*\**