

Corrected MINUTES
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 7, 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 9:00 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Clifford Kewley, District V, Chairman
Jack Landis, Member-at-Large, Vice Chairman
Tommy Brock, District III
David Nellis, District II
Rich Parchen, District IV
Robert Pierce, FL Shore & Beach Preservation Assn.
Dick Whitney, District I

Members Excused

NONE

Staff Present

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

Guests Present

Chad Lach, Florida Parks

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Dick Whitney, seconded by Tommy Brock and carried unanimously, the Minutes from the January 3, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

Chairman Comments

Chairman Kewley mentioned several items.

- Citizen input is important as was evident by the Joint Meeting yesterday.
- Advisory Board members should emphasize that they volunteer and suggest others with backgrounds that could benefit the BSAC ideals join by sharing their expertise.
- Relocating meetings to West County could improve attendance at future BSAC meetings

- Many citizens speaking/complaining at Commission Meetings do not have sufficient information on which to base their comments. They could attain some of the background if they attend meetings such as Beaches and Shores.

Bob Pierce mentioned that the Turtle Patrol and others from Englewood had previously attended the BSAC meetings but had not come recently.

Commissioner Deutsch stated that, although citizen input is vital, the location of meetings really doesn't matter.

Dick Whitney discussed notification of meetings to the media. It was noted that Steve Reilly from the Englewood Sun was at the Joint Meeting. In addition, Commissioner Deutsch and Charles Mopps are scheduled to be on the radio on February 20th. Commissioner Deutsch suggested that the next Joint Meeting should be scheduled for Room 119 and arrangements made for it to be televised.

David Nellis agreed that community involvement is important. He reminded the membership that, some time ago, a member of the community had come to the BSAC seeking support for a pilot dredging project to allow placement of spoil material from dredging around a dock onto an adjacent lot. The committee felt that his request had merit and inquired to County staff. Mr. Nellis believes that the request of the BSAC never received an appropriate response and no policy changes were made to allow this project.

Charles Mopps responded that the Community Development Department is where a temporary use permit could be obtained. The only time fill may be permanently placed on a vacant lot is if there is an active building permit. Dredge spoil is primarily utilized for cover material at the County-run Landfill.

Some of the stipulations in the contracts for County jobs are that the lot must be returned to its original condition, that it is acceptable to the property owner, MOTs, turbidity concerns, swales must be addressed.

Charles Mopps said that it takes about 7 years for any material taken from the marine environment to compact sufficiently to become the type of material upon which to build.

Commissioner Deutsch will investigate and bring information to the March meeting.

Mr. Mopps further noted that the flood insurance rates in Charlotte County are lower than other areas due to the number of undeveloped lots in flood zones which allows for water runoff during rain or storm surge events.

Much discussion continued regarding this topic.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Deutsch stated that he was pleased with the presentation by Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering Consultants. He feels that the County should move forward aggressively. This discussion continued as part of the Review of the Joint Meeting under OLD BUSINESS below.

Old Business

1. Review of Joint Meeting

Charles Mopps listed the four (4) options being evaluated by Coastal Engineering – modeling and cost-benefit analyses.

- a. Groin on the State Park, with backfilling sand at the Park and continuous renourishment of the surrounding beach. (rock or sheet pile groin)
- b. Two terminal groins-one at the State Park and one at Palm Island
- c. A permeable groin field at the Park (can be modified to accommodate need)
- d. T-groins or some other type of groin system on the north side of Palm Island

Any combination of these may be offered for final consideration. In addition, there is still some consideration being given to refilling the ebb shoal. Off-shore sand sources are being evaluated. The information from Coastal Engineering should be ready for presentation to the BSAC and formally to the BCC in the middle of March.

Additional discussion ensued.

Jack Landis feels that based upon his personal knowledge of the area, we are treating the symptoms rather than the disease. Until the creation of the ICW, Stump Pass was always navigable. He feels that when you put in a “false headland”, there will be half-mooning south of it; the jetties in Venice are a perfect example of this. His concern is that the result of the installation of fixed groins past the normal shoreline will require the constant rebuilding of Knight and Don Pedro Islands. He feels that armoring the inlet not beyond the present shoreline and reducing the width of it will increase the hydraulic pressure which would keep the channel open. Mr. Landis stated that as a result of an informal discussion with Michael Poff, he understood that this was not an option that would be acceptable to all parties. As a result of these comments, additional discussion ensued.

A motion was made by David Nellis and seconded by Bob Pierce to ask staff to include the armored throat option when providing the information for Stump Pass options. Following a discussion a vote was taken with Jack Landis, [Bob Pierce](#) and David Nellis voting in favor and Clif Kewley, Dick Whitney, ~~Bob Pierce~~, Rich Parchen and Tommy Brock voting against. The motion FAILED on a vote of [3](#) ~~2~~ to [4](#) ~~5~~.

2. Review of the Palm Island meeting

Bob Pierce reported on the January 29, 2013 meeting with the residents of Palm Island (just under 300 which border Stump Pass). They have hired the engineering firm of Humiston & Moore to look at short term solutions for the eroded property on the northwest

corner of the Island, mainly, the Gay property. They plan to contact the County for viable short-term solutions. An unnamed firm (but probably Humiston and Moore) has been hired to look at the long-term solution in order to assure that solution will not negatively impact Palm Island. Their main focus is to stabilize the northwest corner of Palm Island.

David Nellis reminded the group that, at a previous meeting, Dan Gallagher, Deputy County Attorney, had reported that the County had no liability for the damage to the Gay property or others.

Charles Mopps suggested that, in order for the Committee to be aware of citizen concerns which fall under the umbrella of the BSAC, he will make notes of those interactions that he as personally addressed and report on them at future meetings.

Commissioner Deutsch left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

3. Review of the Field Trip to Stump Pass

Jack Landis reported on the educational boat trip on February 1, 2013 to view Stump Pass, Chadwick Cove and Palm Island. Those attending this excursion included one member of each of the related advisory committees, Charles Mopps of Public Works, and ~~Michael Poff~~ [Mark Kincaid](#) of Coastal Engineering Consultants and Commissioner Deutsch. It was to allow all to become familiar with the area. Following this report, discussion ensued regarding the installation of mooring balls at Chadwick Park.

New Business

NONE

Public Comments

NONE

Staff Comments

NONE

Member Comments

Due to the length of the meeting today and the fact that several of the members had already left, it was determined to continue the autobiography and BSAC Philosophies of David Nellis until the March 7, 2013 meeting.

The Clerk reported that Lorah Steiner, Tourism Development Director wished to attend the next meeting. She may be able to discuss the use of the website for sharing information regarding Stump Pass, as requested by Tommy Brock.

Rich Parchen asked for an explanation of some of the acronyms utilized in the discussions yesterday and at other meetings. Charles Mopps briefly explained MSTU/MSBUs and WCIND. The Clerk stated that she would send the members a copy of the funding information utilized by the Marine Advisory Committee when considering the requests for

funds, which includes definitions of acronyms and how the funds can be used.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, ~~April 4, 2013~~, March 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the BCS Conference Room.

Adjournment

On motion by David Nellis, seconded by Jack Landis and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved as corrected on March 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****