

MINUTES
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 2, 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 9:03 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked that all keep all the military personnel and others who are in South Korea and may be in grave danger at this time.

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

Members Present

Clifford Kewley, District 5, Chairman
Jack Landis, Member-at-Large, Vice Chairman
Rich Parchen, District 4
Robert Pierce, FL Shore & Beach Preservation Association
Dick Whitney, District 1

Members Excused

Tommy Brock, District 3
David Nellis, District 2

Staff Present

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

Guests Present

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants
Chuck Gertner - MAC Member
Homer Fleming - MAC member
Mohamed Dabus - Humiston & Moore Engineering
Steve Reilly, Reporter – Englewood Sun Newspaper
Adam Beckstead – Palm Island Resort
Dean Beckstead – Palm Island Resort
Rick Brunette – Palm Island Resort
Herman Novak – MAC Member
Tom Ireland – MAC Member

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Guests Present (continued)

George Bobko – MAC Member

Gerald Meckenberg – MAC Member

Scott Schermerhorn – MAC member

Len Harris – MAC Chairman

William Kumm – MAC Member

Others may have attended but did not sign the log

Approval of Minutes

- On motion by Bob Pierce, seconded by Jack Landis and carried unanimously, the Minutes from April 4, 2013 were approved as presented.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

- Jack Landis asked for an item to be added regarding the possible Lemon Bay Cove Purchase. This was added under Old Business.

Chairman Comments

- Chairman Kewley welcomed the members of the Marine Advisory Committees and all other guests who were in attendance.

Commissioner Comments

- Commission Deutsch reported that he had participated in a meeting regarding the Stump Pass Management Plan on Palm Island. There were about 45 people in attendance and there was a good exchange of information.
- The Commissioner brought up a recent boating collision in Bull Bay. He recently had a discussion with the Publisher and the Editor of The Waterline about the need for additional aids to navigation to reduce the possibility of this type of accident in the future. He suggested that they solicit input from their readers. The MAC Chair advised that he will bring this item to the MAC at their regular meeting next Thursday.

Old Business

- Jack Landis updated the group on the status of the proposed project at Lemon Bay Cove, which is located east of the Swepson Bridge. The Corps of Engineers had many questions but the developer made some changes and submitted an updated proposal, which includes constructing 12 dock fingers into Lemon Bay adjacent to this bridge. It was open for public comment, which closes on May 5, 2013. He sent a copy to all Commissioners asking for some type of action. In addition, the Manasota and Sandpiper Key Advisory

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Committee unanimously voiced their disapproval and forwarded it on to County Staff. The Sandpiper Condo Association sent a request for a public hearing to the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Landis feels that the County should do the same. Dick Whitney reminded the group that the BSAC had already taken action to notify the BCC of their concerns when it was first in the news. Their concerns, at that time, were specifically addressing the removal of the mangroves and the related wildlife. Commission Deutsch reported that the BCC had not addressed this issue. The Commissioner agreed that a public hearing was a good idea. Mr. Landis confirmed that SWFWMD had given preliminary approval to the proposed drainage plan that was originally submitted.

Discussion ensued regarding the different types of permits which could be required in order for this project to be approved.

On a motion by Jack Landis, seconded by Dick Whitney and carried unanimously, the BSAC will send a letter to the BCC to recommend that they set up a public hearing to hear the viewpoints of all parties involved in this issue. The Chair directed the Clerk to draft the letter. (copy attached)

To a question raised by the Chair, regarding any movement by the BCC on the suggested mooring field near the location of the proposed development, Commissioner Deutsch reported that it was still in play but addressing Stump Pass was the priority at this time.

- Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering Consultants presented an update on the Stump Pass 10-Year Management Plan. He provided photocopies of a Power Point Presentation to all in attendance and also updated some of the numbers verbally; however, there are no substantial changes since the joint meeting. It is anticipated that they will be ready to present to the BCC at their meeting on May 28, 2013. FDEP, Florida Parks Service are to provide their comments by May 12th and will be incorporated in the documentation for the May 28th BCC meeting. The permit will be requested with flexibility for the location and types of structures and the timing of installation. There were many questions from those in attendance regarding the types of structures being considered; sand sources; effects on properties both upland and south of the installations; etc. It is anticipated that approval should be obtain in the spring of 2015, with construction to commence in the fall of 2015. Charles Mopps also provided input during the presentation. (copy of presentation and related correspondence attached)

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Commissioner Deutsch reported that Jason Stoltzfus is in Washington, DC to fight for additional funding from FEMA. The BCC is exploring other possibilities for funding options as well.

Mr. Poff and Mr. Mopps discussed the flexibility that is built into the program and permit application currently under discussion. In addition to the location and number of structures, this will allow renourishing small areas without having to renourish the State Park first.

Commissioner Truex arrived at 10:35 a.m.

- The presentation by Parker Ranspach, Senior Landscape Architect with Gregory Lombardi Design Inc., to discuss a low impact natural approach to replenish the dune area for the Gay residence on Palm Island was continued as no one from the firm was in attendance.

New Business

- NONE

Public Comments

- NONE

Staff Comments

- Lynette Auger, Natural Resources reported that there were no turtle nests observed yet. As always, there are lighting concerns. They have observed several species of birds outside of the mitigation area. Coyotes were observed on Little Gasparilla Island indicating that the predators are affecting the nesting on Palm Island. Dean Beckstead of Palm Island Resort advised that he will be happy to help coordinating traps at private residences.

Member Comments

- NONE

Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, **October 3, 2013** at 9:00 a.m. in the BCS Conference Room.

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Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on October 3, 2013

Clifford Kewley, Chairman
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee

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