

**MINUTES**  
**Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2013, 9:00 A.M.**  
**Charlotte County Building Construction Service Conference Room**  
**18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948**

Chairman Cliff Kewley called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 5, Chairman  
Jack Landis, Member-at-Large, Vice Chairman  
Tommy Brock, District 3  
David Nellis, District 2  
Rich Parchen, District 4  
Dick Whitney, District 1

**Members Excused**

Robert Pierce, FL Shore & Beach Preservation Association

**Staff Present**

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4  
Pamela J. Alexander, Recording Secretary  
Lynette Auger, Program Coordinator - Natural Resources

**Guests Present**

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants  
Wilma Katz, Coastal Wildlife Club

**Approval of Minutes**

- On motion by Dick Whitney, seconded by Jack Landis and carried unanimously, the minutes from May 2, 2013 were approved as presented.

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

- NONE

**Chairman Comments**

- The Chairman suggested that the members consider items to be addressed at future meetings. Commissioner Deutsch suggested a presentation from the

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

Power Boat Race Group. (See below under Commissioner Comments) David Nellis suggested a series of speakers on a possible new zoning category: Provisional Zoning to include areas possibly impacted by sea level rise (roads, construction, etc.) as he did not feel the County is being farsighted in issuing permits in these areas.

- Chairman Kewley extended his condolences and those of the Committee to Jack Landis on the recent passing of his wife.

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Deutsch suggested that the BSAC may wish to have a presentation from the Power Boat Race Committee and the Committee's input on the potential effect of the race and its related events to the beaches and shores of Charlotte County. Some discussion was held regarding parking and public safety issues and how they are being addressed.

### **Old Business**

- Update on Stump Pass 10-Year Management Plan was presented by Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering Consultants. A more formal presentation will be made at the next BSAC meeting. Items discussed by Mr. Poff and the group were:
  1. Data collection was conducted over the summer and the report will be ready next week. This is part of the permit required monitoring. This also serves as part of the design plans for the new 10-year management plan.
  2. The Annual DEP Funding application to the State of Florida: New rules were adopted on August 5<sup>th</sup> with the report due approximately 2 weeks later. A great deal of time was spent to prepare this application. Charlotte County had only one outstanding item. He is working with Maggie Horton and Charles Mopps, both of Charlotte County Community Development, on the types of zoning in the impacted areas. The more recreational government and public access property along the shoreline will mean more points in one of the categories of the application. Most other counties had more than one outstanding item.
  3. They are continuing with the sand source data collection using many different technologies. The recon report will be published in approximately two weeks.
  4. At this point, they are projecting a \$9 million savings over a 25-year period.
  5. They are using an adaptive approach to the 10-year plan, as previously discussed with this Committee.
  6. Alternative funding sources are being sought. However, on behalf of Jason Stoltzfus, Michael Poff reported that there has been no movement on our post-storm recovery application by FEMA at this time.
  7. The design plans for the implementation of the 10-year management plan are in the beginning stages, in anticipation of acceptance by the BCC.
  8. Florida Park Services is concerned with the aesthetics of the proposed structures. The County is seeking their additional input.
  9. North shore of Palm Island events over the summer: in the area where sand had shifted and eroded as a result of TS Debby, over the summer Mother Nature has shifted and the sand has accreted.

## 2. Update on Lemon Bay Cove Development

Jack Landis updated the group on the most current information available to him. He believe that the County's position will be to take no action, but rather relying on DEP and hoping that their list will be too great to make development economically unfeasible. He has not heard from Corps of Engineers, even though they said they would contact him. A letter was received by someone (possibly the County?) which stated that no public hearings will be scheduled at this time. Commissioner Deutsch thanked Mr. Landis for his input and agreed that it was accurate.

There was some discussion regarding the impact of this proposed construction on a possible mooring field in the area. Michael Poff reported that there has been a recent rule change by the State regarding mooring fields and that this may be the perfect time to apply for a permit. Consideration of costs involved is an important part, but it is feasible.

Jack Landis also mentioned that movement by the BCC to consider this mooring field may assist in sidelining the Lemon Bay Cove project.

Commissioner Deutsch will discuss this with Charles Mopps, Charlotte County Engineering.

Additional discussion ensued, including a suggestion that this might be a good idea for a presentation by the legal department at Florida Sea Grant at a future BSAC meeting, or a joint meeting of the Marine Advisory and/or Beaches & Shores Advisory and/or Parks & Rec Advisory Committees.

Dick Whitney expressed his concern about the proposed Lemon Bay Cove development. He feels that if the developer is approved for something that an individual applicant would have been denied, that approval will be received negatively by the public.

### **New Business**

- NONE

### **Public Comments**

- Wilma Katz, of the Coastal Wildlife Club, expressed her concerns about how the proposed boat race might impact our sea turtles and manatees. Lynette Auger reported on a meeting that was held with several departments in this regard. A list is being created to address specific concerns and permits that may/will be required by the boat race group.

### **Staff Comments**

- Lynette Auger provided a report on the following:
  1. Shorebird and sea turtle reports are being compiled and should be available for the next meeting. Wilma Katz provided additional information regarding the turtles and that it has been a good season. Some data is available on the Coastal Wildlife Club's website.
  2. The coyotes on Palm Island appear to be coming across where the bridge

used to be on Don Pedro Island. The trapper has to update his permit and will be able to provide more assistance after February, 2014. There are a number of armadillos that are also impacting the area. Lynette is working with Dean Beckstead, of Palm Island, to thin much of the vegetation. This will assist in locating coyotes and provide them with less habitat.

### **Member Comments**

- NONE

### **Next Meetings**

- Chairman Kewley reminded the group that the next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, **November 7, 2013** at 9:00 a.m. in the BCS Conference Room.

### **Adjournment**

- On motion by Tommy Brock, seconded by David Nellis and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander  
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on November 5, 2013

Clifford Kewley, Chairman  
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee