

MINUTES
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 7, 2013, 9:00 A.M.
Charlotte County Building Construction Services Conference Room
18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Chairman Cliff Kewley called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

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
Robert Pierce, FL Shore & Beach Preservation Association
Dick Whitney, District 1

Staff Present

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

Guests Present

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants
Wilma Katz, Coastal Wildlife Club
Linda DesRoches, Coastal Wildlife Club
Mohamed Dabees, Humiston & Moore Engineering
Steve Reilly, Englewood Sun

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Jack Landis, seconded by Bob Pierce and carried unanimously, the Minutes from October 3, 2013 were approved as presented.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

NONE

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

Chairman Comments

The Chairman reminded the members that Election of Officers for 2014 will be held at the December 5, 2013 meeting.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

NONE

Commissioner Comments

NONE

Old Business

1. Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants delivered a PowerPoint presentation showing the updated information on the Stump Pass 10-Year Management Plan. This include reiterating the Goals and Objectives; summarizing the desktop analysis of the various structures being considered; a 25-year economic analysis; a brief summary of the offshore sand sources; and, the recommendations that will be made. Beaches are the number one priority. With them come recreational benefits; habitat creation; environmental enhancements; and, improved navigation through Stump Pass. The new objectives are structures to address dynamic shorelines and the introduction of offshore sand sources. All stakeholders' ideas were considered in the modeling. Mr. Poff described the factors utilized in ranking the various alternatives.

It is hoped that the application will be complete and submitted sometime in December. Mr. Poff is confident that the application file will be deemed sufficient by next December with the permit issued in early spring 2015. Mr. Mopps reminded everyone that the current permits have been extended until June 2016 to allow the County to continue with the current programs.

There were many questions and much discussion regarding the information provided.

Specific discussion took place regarding boater safety, the depth of the channel in Stump Pass and the location of the channel markers.

The slide presentation and the report are planned to be placed online for all to view in the near future. This is being coordinated with Charles Mopps, Charlotte County Project Manager.

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

2. Parker Ranspaugh, Senior Landscape Architect with Gregory Lombardi Design Inc was scheduled to provide an Update on Repairs to the Gay property on Palm Island; however, he was not in attendance.

New Business

1. Shaun Cullinan, Zoning Official, stated that he was on a fact-finding mission today so that a more formal presentation could be scheduled for a future meeting regarding planning and zoning concerns related to future sea-level rise. He reported that there is an entire chapter in the current Comprehensive Plan on Coastal Planning. He provided a brief summary of the zoning issues addressed by in this chapter. The Building Department is looking to propose an extra 1 to 2 feet of free board above the current FEMA requirements. They are also looking to increase buffers around wetlands.

Regarding a question about roads and infrastructure, Mr. Cullinan advised that many roads are not accepted for maintenance or are platted easements. The County has no liability for these. It is required that the Comp Plan be reviewed/revise every seven (7) years. Additional discussion ensued.

Michael Poff suggested the Florida Shores and Beaches Preservation Association (FSBPA) website for information about world-wide sea level rise. Wilma Katz suggested attending an FSBPA meeting in the future, particularly the once scheduled for the Fort Myers area in the fall 2014. Discussion ensued.

Citizen Comments

NONE

Staff Comments

Clerk, Pam Alexander advised that Lynette Auger was not in attendance as she had to oversee a managed burn. She will have her reports at the December meeting. Pam also reminded the group that a representative from the Power Boat Race Committee was on the December agenda as well.

Member Comments

Chairman Kewley asked if there was anything the BSAC could do to support the recommendations of Coastal Engineering. It was suggested that once all input from stakeholders is finalized, attendance at a future BCC meeting to formally recommend support for the recommendation of Option 2, with Options 3 and 4 included as an adaptive management strategy.

Chairman Kewley also mentioned the benefit of a possible mooring field at Chadwick Cove and the protection of sea grasses. It was suggested that Betty Staugler, Florida Sea Grant, be invited to a future joint meeting for discussion mooring fields and waterway programs. Tom Anderson, an attorney with Florida Sea Grant, would also be a good speaker for this joint meeting. Chuck Mopps will coordinate a presentation from this group.

Next Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, **December 5, 2013** at 9:00 a.m. in the BCS Conference Room.

Adjournment

On motion by Bob Pierce, seconded by Tommy Brock and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on December 5, 2013

Clifford Kewley, Chairman
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee