

MINUTES
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, December 5, 2013, 9:00 A.M.
Charlotte County Building Construction Services Conference Room
18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Chairman Clif 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
Andy Stevens – Parks and Natural Resources
Roger DeBruler – Parks and Natural Resources

Guests Present

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants
Wilma Katz, Coastal Wildlife Club
Jerry York, Charlotte Harbor Super Boat Committee Chairman
Parker Ranspough, Gregory Lombardi Design Inc.
Steve Reilly, Englewood Sun
Chad Lach, Florida State Parks
Tom Ireland, MAC Representative
Herman Novak, MAC Representative
George Bobko, MAC Representative

On motion by Richard Parchen, seconded by Bob Pierce and carried unanimously, the Minutes from November 7, 2013 were approved as presented.

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Additions/Deletions to Agenda

NONE

Chairman Comments

The Chairman reminded all that the election of officers would be held later in the meeting.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Tommy Brock read a letter into the record from Pat O'Connor of the White Elephant regarding his concerns about the timing of the Off-shore Power Boat Race, currently scheduled for April, 2014. (Copy attached)

Commissioner Deutsch commented that these concerns should be presented to the BCC and asked that a copy of the documents be forwarded to him after the meeting. He assured all that the BCC is monitoring the plans of the Power Boat Race Committee to assure that it will provide the most benefit for the residents of Charlotte County.

Commissioner Comments

NONE

Old Business

1. Parker Ranspaugh, Senior Landscape Architect with Gregory Lombardi Design Inc. provided an update on repairs to the Gay property on Palm Island. A local dune renourishment permit is required and will be obtained from DEP. All work will be done by hand; no machines will be permitted there. He distributed copies of information regarding this project. Mr. Ranspaugh noted that the property owner was in agreement with the proposed work.

2. Updates on Stump Pass Project

Charles Mopps reported that all of the documents are now posted on the County Community Development Website under Current Projects. These documents will be updated as necessary to keep all informed. The website can be accessed: <http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/CommunityDevelopment/Engineering/Projects/>

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, provided his update. He thanked the State Parks Department for their prompt response. In order to address some of the concerns raised by the Parks Department, Coastal Engineering added some elements to their modeling to determine the feasibility of moving the rock terminal groin further south, at a different angle, a different length, and/or a different height to enhance the sand on the southerly beaches and shoreline. Extensive discussion ensued.

Compliments were proffered to Michael for the project. Chad Lach of the State Parks Division expressed his gratitude to all those groups involved over the last two years for the benefit of all concerned.

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During this presentation, three representative of the Marine Advisory Committee arrived.

Item 3 under NEW BUSINESS was heard out of order at this time during the meeting.

New Business

1. Election of Officers for 2014

Bob Pierce nominated Clif Kewley to remain as Chairman. On motion by Tommy Brock, seconded by Bob Pierce and carried unanimously, nominations were closed. Clif Kewley was selected to serve as Chairman for 2014.

Bob Pierce nominated Jack Landis to remain as Vice Chairman. On motion by Tommy Brock, seconded by Bob Pierce and carried unanimously, nominations were closed. Although Mr. Landis objected, as he will be 85 on June 2, 2014, he was unanimously approved to serve as Vice Chairman for 2014.

2. Jerry York, Race Director, Charlotte Harbor Super Boat Grand Prix presented a short video and followed by a slide show an narrative regarding the current status of Power Boat Race scheduled for the weekend of April 11-13, 2014. Included were the plans for a parade, a "beach party" and concert on Friday and Saturday, followed by the races on Sunday. Mr. York reported that all concerns regarding nesting turtles, dolphins and other marine life will be addressed as Super Boat International (SBI) requires a helicopter in the air and boats in the water specifically for that surveillance. He gave examples of recent events where one race was stopped and another race was delayed to alter the course in order to protect a marine life in the vicinity. In addition, volunteers from Peace River Wildlife Center will be onsite in case of any injury to any wildlife. The presentation was followed by an extensive Q&A session.

Marine Advisory members left the meeting following the presentation.

3. Discussion of repairs for dune walkovers. Since Charles Mopps advised that he had another meeting to attend and would leave this meeting early, this discussion item was moved up to Old Business as an accommodation.

Bob Pierce presented his concerns regarding dune walkovers located to the west of the Palm Island Resort, which were part of a renourishment project a few years ago and are now in need of attention. Mr. Mopps advised that these walkovers were most likely part of an MSBU which was dissolved once the renourishment project was completed. Mr. Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, added that the Erosion Control Line, and not the Coastal Construction Line, is the determining factor for ownership and responsibility.

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4. Approval of Meeting schedule for 2014.

The proposed meeting schedule for 2014 was approved as presented, with the exception of corrections to the April meeting information. Also, the Clerk was requested to attempt to reschedule to January meeting to the following week.

Citizen Comments

NONE

Staff Comments

NONE

Member Comments

NONE

Next Meetings

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, **January 2, 2014** 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 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on January 2, 2014

Clifford Kewley, Chairman
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee

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