



**Joint Meeting**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee**  
**Marine Advisory Committee**  
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 1:00PM  
Mid-County Regional Library Meeting Room C

**Attendance**

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

**Members Present**

Maria Greenberg, District 1  
Katherine Ariens, District 2  
Paul Bigness, District 3  
John Hitzel, Vice Chair, District 4  
William Dryburgh, Chair, Member-at-Large  
Fred Pazona, Member-at-Large

**Members Absent**

Gregg Marsch, District 5

**Marine Advisory Committee**

**Members Present**

Len Harris, Chair  
Gerald Meckenberg  
George Bobko  
Raymond Rose  
Herman Novak  
Scott Schermerhorn  
John Homer Fleming  
Tom Ireland, Vice-Chair  
Captain Maurice Sabourin  
Garland Wilson  
Sara Buck  
Ken Dieffenbach  
William Kumm  
Jay Buckley

**Members Absent**

Mike Quinn  
Captain Tim Lynch  
Richard Hoagland  
Jake Dye  
Captain Ron Blago  
Susan Bareither  
Charles Gertner

**Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee**

**Members Present**

Robert Pierce  
Clifford Kewley, Chair  
Dick Whitney  
Jack Landis, Vice-Chair  
Tommy Brock  
David Nellis  
Richard Parchen

**Members Absent**

**County Representatives**

Commissioner Stephen Deutsch  
Commissioner Bill Truex  
Commissioner Ken Doherty  
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant Administrator

Chuck Mopps, MSBU Representative  
Andy Stevens, Interim Director  
Pam Alexander, Administrative Asst. II  
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Asst. II

**Guests**

Kathy & Steve Cevoli  
Donna Fleming

Peppy Vazquez  
Hank Killion

## **Guests - Continued**

Kendall Jackson  
Rick Brunette  
Cliff Truth  
Roger DeBruler

Ken Newcomb  
Michael Poff – Coastal Engineers  
Vadim Alymov, Coastal Engineers  
Todd Helt

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Len Harris at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Deutsch welcomed everyone to the joint meeting.

## **Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum**

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - quorum  
Marine Advisory Board - quorum  
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee – quorum

## **Regular Business**

1. **Stump Pass, Update Management Plan, Phase 1** - Charles Mopps & Michael Poff
  - a. Charles Mopps and Michael Poff presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the long term management plan and goals/objectives for Stump Pass
  - b. The purpose of today's presentation was to get the 3 committees input on this plan.
  - c. Discussion ensued resulting in the following motion:

***MOTION: Tom Ireland, Marine Advisory Committee presented a motion, George Bobko (MAC) seconded, to continue to support the existing Beach and Inlet Management Plan, support the new Long Term Management Plan Formulation and Screening of Alternatives. The value analysis being conducted by staff and professionals should continue and that the local funding be provided, while the County seeks alternative revenue opportunities.***

***The motion was approved unanimously by the Beaches & Shores and the Marine Advisory Committees. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, motion to approve failed (2-2 with John Hitzel abstaining because he didn't believe a vote was necessary). Discussion ensued and Mr. Hitzel changed his vote to support. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board approval (3-2).***

Commissioner Deutsch feels that this motion is very positive and just the beginning.

Chuck Mopps noted that they are not asking for funding at this time, just a consensus between all three committees.

2. **Chadwick Cove, Proposed Anchorage Field** - Charles Mopps and Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering
  - a. Chuck Mopps and Michael Poff continued with the presentation regarding the proposed anchorage field in Chadwick Cove.
    - Limited to 24 mooring fields
    - Funding sources available
    - There is an improved permitting climate now
    - Update to the study done approximately 10 years ago
    - Pre-application meeting with agencies
    - Discussion ensued regarding the prohibited anchoring in grass beds, liability for Charlotte County, State of Florida mooring fields in Sarasota (5), derelict boats, pump

outs, management of a mooring field, local opinion is that there is a problem there already and the number of boats that can be managed.

- Ken Jackson, resident of Manasota Key, feels that a mooring field at Chadwick Park is needed and has concerned about the boats not being pumped out. He wants the County to address the derelict boat problem. A lengthy discussion ensued.

- 3. Port Charlotte Beach – Andy Stevens**
  - a. Not specifically addressed at this meeting.
- 4. Placida Boat Ramp Expansion – Bill Dryburgh and Andy Stevens**
  - a. Bill Dryburgh explained about the opportune purchase of the property, all three committees will be affected by this property; suggested there is room for two more boat ramps and asked the other committees to forward to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board any ideas for the area. Bill will distribute a map of the area to the other committees.
  - b. Andy Stevens noted that we have already received funding to evaluate all fishing piers; efficiencies were found. The Parks Master Plan noted that piers will be an important part of the plan.
- 5. Buena Vista Area Waterway – Charles Mopps**
  - a. Pulling permit for Sunrise in order to place material on the park property for future use
  - b. Permit modification to allow the beach fill to happen
  - c. Submitting applications, mid-spring construction project fairly small
  - d. Have FEMA approval, \$40,000 for this small project
  - e. Good quality sand that comes from the beach will be stockpiled
- 6. Bay Heights Park – Andy Stevens**
  - a. Community and Board presented an idealistic view for Bay Heights Park
  - b. Proposed kayak launch and single lane boat ramp
  - c. A kinder and gentler DEP these days, who made some concessions
- 7. FEMA Funds Hurricane Debbie – Jason Stoltzfus**
  - a. Currently, seeking funding for Stump Pass re-nourishment
  - b. Repair 70,000 yards of sand eroded from beaches on Knight and Don Pedro islands, working through the process.
  - c. Estimate of 2 to 2 1/2 million dollars to place sand back on the beaches with reimbursement from FEMA
  - d. Another project, to remove the sand from the Sunrise Waterway, cost estimate \$40,000
  - e. This could take a few months to know where we stand on these projects.
- 8. Mote Marine – Andy Stevens and Mote Marine**
  - a. Working with Mote Marine has been very good to promote marine biology.
  - b. Representative from Mote could not make this meeting, but will be presenting to MAC next week.
  - c. Mote Marine to re-fund \$85,000 for 2 positions
    - i. 2 officers are doing a great job, they were hired to promote Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf Shores
    - ii. The officers have two offices at the Regent Bank in Punta Gorda
    - iii. Mote may come back to us for additional funding
- 9. Placida Fishing Pier – Andy Stevens**
  - a. The County received funding to evaluate all fishing piers
  - b. Degradation was found at the El Jobean fishing piers, on the Englewood side
  - c. The pier will be closed until repairs are made.
  - d. The Parks Master Plan will come into play with evaluating a lot of what we are doing from a Parks standpoint.
- 10. 2013-2014 Financial Year MAC Funding Guidelines – Len Harris**
  - a. Requests for funding by application due February 6, 2013
  - b. In March the MAC make the recommendations to forward to the BCC for approval.

- c. MAC requires that 90% of permitting be done before approval of funds to be drawn from the WCIND fund. These funds can only be used for construction, within a three year period.

Many agenda items were taken out of order at this meeting, resulting in the comments below by Commissioners Doherty.

**Commissioner Doherty** felt the joint committee meeting needed more structure and noted that most of the content was informational.

**Commissioner Deutsch** will clarify with the County Attorneys' office how two of the committees could approve a measure and one not approve, at a joint meeting. He will find out what procedure to use, in response to Herman Novak's question.

**Commissioner Truex** mentioned that he will take the information learned at this meeting back to the Chamber of Commerce.

**Director Comments** – none

**Citizens Input** – none

**Adjournment** – Joint meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1  
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2  
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3  
Commissioner Stephen Deutsch, District 4  
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5  
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator  
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator