



Joint Meeting Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee
Marine Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 5, 2014 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
John Hitzel, Vice Chair, District 4
Roger LaPage, District 5
William Dryburgh, Chair, Member-at-Large
Fred Pazona, Member-at-Large

Marine Advisory Committee

Members Present

Tom Ireland, Chair
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary
George Bobko
Raymond Rose
Jake Dye
Herman Novak, Vice Chair
William Hoffman
John Homer Fleming
Len Harris
Captain Ralph Allen
Garland Wilson
Sara Buck
William Kumm
Jay Buckley
Charles Gertner

Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee

Members Present

Clifford Kewley, Chair
Jack Landis, Vice-Chair
Robert Pierce
Tommy Brock
Katherine Ariens
Richard Parchen

County Representatives

Commissioner Stephen Deutsch
Commissioner Ken Doherty
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant Administrator
David Milligan, Director Facilities
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Asst. II
Andy Stevens, Parks & Natural Resources

Members Absent

Paul Bigness, District 3

Members Absent

Mike Quinn
Captain Maurice Sabourin
Richard Hoagland
Susan Bareither
Captain Ron Blago

Guests

Ray Orozco
Ruth Kliment
Joe Kliment
Capt. Bill Armiger
Michael E. Dodds
Dennis Young
Sherilynn Kemptor
Donald B. Wynia
Michael Zarzano
Gary A. Disher, Jr.
Hans Wilson
Joanne Williams
Jack Copeland
Bud Williams
Mike McClain

Members Excused

Dick Whitney

Chuck Mopps, PW, MSBU Rep.
Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering
Tommy Scott, Director Community Svs.
Pam Alexander, Administrative Asst. II
Capt. Betty Staugler, Sea Grant Agent

Call to Order/Roll Call

- Anyone wishing to address the board during this portion of the meeting must state one's name for the record and what agenda subject is to be discussed. Discussion is limited to matters identified on the agenda and you will have three minutes to speak.
 - No one spoke

The meeting was called to order by Bill Dryburgh at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - quorum

Marine Advisory Board - quorum

Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee – quorum

Regular Business

- **Public Mooring site at Chadwick Cove** - Charles Mopps & Michael Poff
 - a. Charles Mopps presented a PowerPoint presentation of the study completed by Coastal Engineering, as outlined in the back-up materials supplied for this meeting. WCIND is looking for projects in this area (Charlotte County) which are opportunities for funding.

Questions from the audience as listed:

 - Advantages? Keeps boats off sensitive bottoms, provides management aspect, massive reduction of derelict vessels and allows regulations to be enforced.
 - Cost Estimates were not available at this time.
 - What does the government think is broken and what needs to be fixed? Chuck Mopps replied that the request for the study was brought forward from the advisory committees; the study will tell us what needs to be fixed.
 - Designated channel is a small area, how wide is the channel going to be? Chuck Mopps mentioned that the study will tell us.
- **Update to 10 year Management Plan for Stump Pass** - Charles Mopps and Michael Poff
 - a. Explanation of improvements in the program over the last 10 years. Permits run through 2016. Meetings have taken place with all stakeholders; looking for preferred structure to return the Pass to the 1980 shoreline position.

Questions/statements from audience as listed:

 - Cut-off point where the county will stop saving the shoals; the pass is uncontrollable.
 - What happened with the first groin system? The first groin system was an experiment, county sponsored, found to have an adverse impact and the state instructed it be removed.
- **Regional Waterway Management System (RWMS) and Marine Access Study** - Captain Betty Staugler
 - a. The Regional Waterway Management Study is a data driven scientific approach that shows a larger snapshot of the project that hinges on boats and potential moorings. A planning tool of what the present and future boating needs will be.
 - b. The Marine Access Study has already been completed in many neighboring counties.
 - c. A public workshop was announced for March 5th at the Event Center
 - d. Statements from the audience as listed:
 - A need to access laundry facilities and fuel ... Ms. Staugler recommended the Anchorage Guide would be helpful to SW Florida.
 - Does the survey address pump-out boats? Ms. Staugler mentioned that the Anchorage Guide, yes, or directions to one.
 - Perception that Florida is unfriendly to boaters
 - 2050 Comp plan and parking fees
 - General Permit concept (GP – general permit blanket permit is good for 5 years; all requirements involved in doing dredging are included in the permit), same as in

Punta Gorda? No

- **Placida Land Development** – David Milligan
 - a. The Placida Overflow Parking property is 9 acres of upland, unfunded for development. Future expansion conceptual plan includes one mini park, picnic areas, opportunity to walk the park, 110 trailer spaces
 - b. The Bay Heights Park is 2.7 acres of county owned land, favorable for a boat ramp.
 - c. Questions for the audience:
 - Pump-out facility planned? There is no funding for a pump-out at this time.
 - Composting toilets were suggested and Dave Milligan replied that we are using them in other areas and have been well received.
 - d. Why charge parking fees to enjoy the park? David Milligan mentioned that boat ramps have more typical maintenance than other parks; the fee schedule was approved by BCC.

- **Master Plan** – Tommy Scott
 - a. The Master Plan is an excellent opportunity to give input to the county on exactly what the public wants developed.
 - b. The plan is comprised of two phases
 - Needs assessment – a variety of input will be collected
 - Develop plans that would identify locations, types of programming, etc.
 - Public forums will start in February and March this year – conclude in the summer and fall – consultant begins in 2015, presentation to the BCC to seek approval
 - 1. Looking for citizen input
 - Not tied to any Federal funding per question from audience.
 - We will need citizen input.
 - Comments by a member of the audience were refuted by a member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as being rude and insulting; she explained that staff were just reporting the results of the study and not trying to advocate for the mooring fields. This is not the way to accomplish anything.

Order needed to be restored.

Citizens Input

- Mike McClain – Manasota Key – registration fees, how much money is collected
 - Len Harris – MAC – WCIND, Boater Improvement Funds, local boater improvement fund (tax on boat registration) amounts depend on the economy
- Don Emmett – requests more boat ramps, adding mooring cleats, extending bumpers on ramps below dock surface and to power wash the ramps periodically at low tide to get rid of the slime (which causes many dangerous falls).

Adjournment – Joint meeting adjourned 2:52 p.m.

Approved by Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on March 5, 2014.

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

