



Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

Murdock Administration Building, 18500 Murdock Circle,
Building B, Room B-106, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>District:</u>
Don McCormick, Vice-Chair	District 2
Ellen Decker.....	District 3
Patrick Jurek.....	District 1
Wendy Lang.....	District 5
Stas Matias.....	District 4
Jeff Anlauf.....	Member-at-Large
Ed Hill.....	Member-at-Large

MINUTES

June 3, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order:

Don McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Don McCormick asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Secretary Bennett calling the roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.
Ed Hill was absent.

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from May 4, 2021

Mr. Jurek made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 minutes, seconded by **Ms. Lang** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

Richard Whitman, Aquatic Ecologist, introduced himself explaining that he has almost 50 years of professional experience in water quality. As a University professor, NASA scientist, National Park Services and United States Geological Survey.

7. New Business

- Election of Chairman

Shaun Cullinan, Zoning Official, opened the floor for nomination for Chair:

Ms. Decker nominated **Don McCormick** as Chair, **Mr. Matias** seconded, all were in favor.
Motion passed unanimously.

- Election of Vice-Chair

Mr. McCormick, opened the floor for the nomination of Vice-Chair:

Mr. Matias nominated **Ellen Decker** as Vice-Chair, **Mr. Jurek** seconded, all were in favor.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jurek Motioned to close nomination, Seconded by **Ms. Lang**
Motion passed unanimously.

- Manchester Waterway presentation

Brian Irwin, Manchester Waterway Civic Association (MWCA), showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Manchester Waterway.

Mr. Whitman, complimented the group for all of their hard work and research. He came into this meeting with a lot of questions, and just listening to them, his questions have been answered.

Mr. Anlauf, commented that the Manchester Waterway Civic Association, MWCA, applied for a grant from the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Program. They had to submit their DEP type testing from the canals, and they were rewarded \$3, 000 from the Estuary Program, to expand their water testing.

- July BSAC Meeting to be discussed

Discussion ensued to keep the July 1st, 2021 BSAC Meeting, however cancelling the BSAC August 5th, 2021 meeting; with a motion to cancel the August 5th, 2021 BSAC meeting.

***Ms. Lang** made a motion to keep the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee meeting in July 2021, seconded by **Mr. Jurek**; the motion passed unanimously.*

***Ms. Decker** made a motion to cancel the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee meeting in August 2021 seconded by **Mr. Matias**; the motion passed unanimously.*

8. Old Business:

- **Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager**
 - SW Resiliency Compact update

Mr. Moody informed the members that Florida Gulf Coast University has provided funding to facilitate the next steps and setting up the organization of the Resiliency Compact and to structure the next steps.

- Water Quality

Mr. Moody commented that he will be presenting an update on all things Water Quality at the Board of County Commissioners Monthly Workshop on June 15th, 2021. They are looking at how they are going to establish a county wide monitoring network and what else they need to do to better understand the county's contribution to Charlotte Harbor and the waters outside of the county.

Ms. Decker announced a reminder to everyone that on June 1st, the county's fertilizer ban started. Also, to help get the word out and not to use fertilizer.

- Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc.
 - Stump Pass navigation channel project
 - Mitigation reef
 - Terminal groin placement on Stump Pass

Matt Logan, Public Works spoke because **Mr. Poff** was not present.

- Stump Pass navigation channel project

Mr. Logan stated this is going through purchasing right now. They are reviewing the final bid package to get it out on the street, for advertising and the bids back. The schedule hasn't shifted, they are still shooting for the November start date.

- Terminal groin placement on Stump Pass

Mr. Logan commented this is monitoring of the coastline and it is ongoing. They will be able to assess that. After this next dredge and sand placement they will be able to collect another three years' worth of data.

- Mitigation reef

Mr. Logan states the Mitigation reef has been completed.

- **Parks and Natural Resources – Jamie Scudera**
 - Derelict Vessel Update Report

Jamie Scudera, Natural Resources, informed the members that:

- 1 new boat
- 2 have been removed
- 2 are ready for removal

- **Sea Turtles**

Ms. Scudera stated for this month they have a total of 236, not including Little Gasparilla Island (LGI), one of which is a Kemps Ridley. Manasota Key had 143 Kemps Ridley nest.

Ms. Decker commented that she ran into Wilma Katz, Leader of Coastal Wildlife Club, and asked her if she would be interested in coming to our meeting and speaking sometime later this year. Wilma Katz, said yes.

Ms. Decker made a motion for Wilma Katz to come and speak at the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee meeting in January 2022 seconded by Ms. Lang; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Shore Birds and Sea Birds**

Ms. Scudera, stated that the FWC approved for them to perform a ghost pepper study. They are putting ghost pepper seeds around the outside of the nest. That is supposed to be a deterrent to the Coyotes.

Ms. Scudera state the following:

- 147 Least Tern Nest
 - 358+ are adults
 - 47 chicks
- 3 Wilson Plovers Nest
 - 12 adults
 - 2 chicks
- 1 Oystercatchers Nest
 - 6 adults
- 12 Black Skimmers Nest
 - 173 adults
- Snow Leaf Clover Nest- none
 - 2 adults

Ms. Scudera passed around some pictures that captured, a Yellow-crowned night heron as the source of predation on the Island. She stated these are common in the area. Some images of a coyote and bobcats were also captured. They are working on the coyote to be removed.

9. Correspondence and Communication

None offered.

10. Public Comments

Richard Whitman, Vice President of the Democratic Environmental Caucus, stated they have just started a water quality location process. They have met with Mr. Moody trying to coordinate and make sure that they are comparing apple to apples.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

None offered.

12. Member Comments

Ms. Decker mentioned that One Charlotte, One Water has a calendar contest open at this time, for next years calendar. There is a Port Charlotte Beach Park Sailing center ribbon cutting on June 17th. She also informed the members of the Hurricane supply tax exemption until June 6th. For clarification she mentioned there is a Manasota Key MSTU. There's also a CIP MSTU, which is a Capital Improvement Project MSTU, that covers Manasota Key plus Don Pedro and all of Charlotte County north that has had beach nourishment. The fiscal department covers that.

Mr. Jurek commented that Ski Alley is getting very dangerous. He's not sure if this is for this committee or not.

Commissioner Deutsch mentioned for him to contact the Sheriffs Department and to voice this to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC).

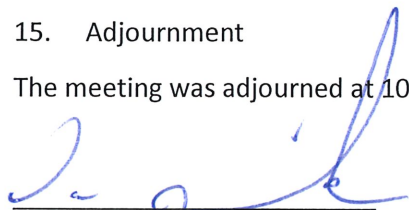
Ms. Lang brought in a booklet of the Comprehensive Plan from the National Estuary Program for anyone to borrow.

14. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, July 1st, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.



Don McCormick, Vice-Chair