



Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

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

Board Members

Robert Wibbeler
Vacant
Ralph Lombardo
Stas Matias, Chair
Wendy Lang, Vice-Chair
Hank Killion
Vacant

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MINUTES

August 5th, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

September

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Stas Matias called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Robert Wibbeler leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Secretary Heather Bennett calling the roll call, it was noted that a quorum was **present**.

Present

Stas Matias
Robert Wibbeler
Wendy Lang
Hank Killion
Ralph Lombardo
Stephen R. Deutsch
Elizabeth Eastes
Alexandria Grant
Brandon Moody
Matt Logan

4. Approval of Minutes

- Approve the Minutes from June 6th, 2024.

Mr. Wibbeler made a motion to approve the June 6th, 2024, minutes, seconded by **Mr. Lombardo**. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None Offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

No Guest as Citizens attended the meeting.

7. New Business

- Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning official, discuss Eldred's Marina

Mr. Cullinan commented that Eldred's is still for sale as far as they are aware. It is zoned Commercial Tourist; it would be allowed up to 15 units per acre. It does not have to stay as a working marina. It's limited in height to 35 ft because it is within 1,200 feet of the intercoastal which is under the waterfront property code.

Mr. Lombardo asked what happens if that marina goes away regards to the boat ramp traffic and the parking?
Mr. Cullinan replied that is a private enterprise.

8. Old Business

Mr. Brandon Moody informed the board that mid-October they are going to have a workshop presentation on the Charlotte One Water Plan, the draft has been passed around to other departments for comment. The idea during the workshop is to get an overview of background information and suggested measures to push forward water management in the county. On October 8th, they will have a public kick off meeting for a vulnerability assessment. It will be the first of a couple, the 8th will be about informing the public what the county's plans are and informing the public the feedback they need to receive from them.

Mr. Moody gave a brief discussion about a watershed master plan, which is part of the flood insurance program that is currently being conducted.

Mr. Moody explained in terms of water quality the big things being dealt with is still the aftereffects from Tropical Storm Debby and the rain that fell in the weeks following. The hot spot for us is the upper end of Lemon Bay on the Sarasota County side. There's been a lot of fish kills there. A large part of it is that there has been a lot of sewage spills and also storm water that is pouring out in that area. We are once again dealing with the large-scale algae bloom die off mostly around the east and west wall of the harbor. Debby pushed a lot of it into the mangroves and with the recent rain fall it basically sunk it to the bottom. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) kicked up an algae bloom task force where meetings have been held all together to try to figure out what is going on and what can be done about it. He's not seeing any red flags on the nutrient side; with one exception, there's a creek that runs through Heritage Landing. Twice during the winter for at least 1-3 months the amount of ammonia in that creek skyrockets. To the point where it seems like something is being dumped into it. They going to try to narrow down greater detail this winter.

- Riviera Marina

No further update other than **Ms. Lang** mentioning that it looks a lot better than it ever has.

Mr. Matias inquired if the Riviera marina could be taken off of the agenda since new ownership has taken place and the marina is cleaned up.

Ms. Lang made a motion to remove the Riviera Marina to be removed from the agenda until further notice; seconded by **Mr. Lombardo**; the motion passed unanimously.

- Matt Logan, Public Works
 - South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment
 - Stump Pass Navigation Channel Project
 - Mitigation Reef
 - Terminal Groin Placement on Stump Pass
 - Engineering Projects Update Report

Mr. Logan commented that Hurricane Ian and Idella effects the plans for this November on construction for Manasota Key, Stump Pass and Don-Pedro and Knight Island. We are moving forward with our Hurricane Ian repairs with the FEMA fund. The Idella repairs are up in the air at the moment. However, we are doing a sand recovery project where it will start with bidding the last week of November or the first week in December. We are working with Park and Natural Resources to coordinate how to accomplish this sand hull project.

Mr. Logan commented the 2020 project for Stump Pass, Don Padro we are still looking to use the Stump Pass Navigation Channel Project as the sand source for that. We are aware the channel has shifted towards the south. We are working with other departments to mark the deep waters.

Mr. Logan the Terminal Groin Placement on Stump Pass is still doing its job. It's continuing pushing the sand further out into the bypass area. Which has helped maintain the water in the Stump Pass Channel.

Mr. Logan the Mitigation Reef is still standing and doing very well. It was a requirement for the hard bottom that we covered up. He also discussed in detail about our current FEMA requests.

- Parks and Natural Resources
 - Parks and Natural Resources Update

Ms. Alexandria Grant, **Natural Resources** gave an update on the Shore Birds that officially ended on August 31, 2024.

Stump pass

- 1 – Wilson clovers chick
- No least tern nesting due to human activity at Stump Pass

Palm Island

- 159- Least tern nest
- 50-fleds chicks
- 39- Black Skimmers nest
- No chicks made it

Boca Grande

- 51-Least Tern nest
- 16-chicks that fledged
- 2-Black Skimmer nest
- None made it

Bird Island

- 1-american oyster catcher chick

Sea Turtles

1256 nest total – tentative, we are seeing increase of numbers from our reports.

The Coastal Wildlife Club (CWC) has submitted a post storm assessment for their portions; with a total of 426 nest on all Manasota Key, Palm Island and Stump Pass state park. 206 nests were lost after storm Debby. We have 107 nests on Palm Island and Manasota Key. Stump Pass only has 28 nests remaining.

- Derelict Vessel Update Report

Elizabeth Eastes gave the DV update:

7- open cases

9-ready for removal – 3 currently under contract to be removed with 4 going out to bid next week

3- removed

1-Relocated

2- open cases

Mr. Matias brought up the MSBU report and inquired with the board if anyone has questions about the report and if so, maybe we should send the questions instead of reading the reports.

Mr. Logan commented that if they do, he'd be happy to assist with the questions and if they want Dwayne to be present every month at the meeting, he can inquire to see if he can make it. Or if there's something the board would like to answer ahead of time, **Mr. Logan** can also bring that information with him.

Mr. Logan gave an update on:

Buena Vista Area Waterways

- Dredging project awarded to Kelly Brothers, Inc. They will start bringing equipment to the Charlotte County Beach Park on September 3. They plan to start dredging at the Sunrise Waterway on or about September 13, after making all preparations at the Beach Park needed in advance of dredging that channel. Parts of the Gardner Drive and George Road Waterways will also be dredged.

This project will be kicking off and should be mobilizing now to begin dredging the sunrise channel. There has been some concern about the dredging cost. The cost across the board has been elevated but are starting to come down. We just did some minor site trimming in Harbor Heights and were going to continue to more out there.

9. Correspondence and Communication

Mr. Moody mentioned they are not only putting a notice on the calendar but also target communities. He asked the board if any of them have contacts for local boards or clubs in the area that he could also send the information too before the October 8th meeting.

10. Public Comments

None

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

None

12. Member Comments

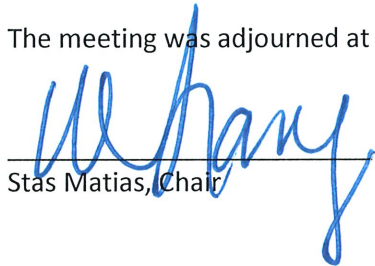
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13. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, October 3rd, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.



Stas Matias, Chair