



# PUNTA GORDA ENGLEWOOD BEACH

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The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

## Charlotte County Tourist Development Council Meeting Minutes Friday, June 19, 2026

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A meeting of the Charlotte County Tourist Development Council was held Friday, June 19, 2026, at the Murdock Administration Building, Conference Room B-106, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL.

### **Members Present**

Commissioner Christopher Constance  
Kathy Burnam  
David Haynes  
Councilmember Melissa Lockhart  
Robin Madden  
Keith Farlow  
Gary Butler

### **Members Absent**

Councilmember Janis Denton  
Vince Parrotta

### **Staff Present**

Thomas David, County Attorney  
Sean Doherty, Tourism Development Director  
Lois Croft, Public Relations Manager  
Maureen Morgenthien, Marketing Manager  
Sean Walter, Sports Sales Manager  
Robyn Price, Meetings Market Sales Manager  
Roger Davis, Fiscal Services  
Kimberly Powell, Admin. Services Coordinator  
Dan Roe, Tax Collector's Office  
Katie Patterson, Marketing Assistant  
Amy Cantrell, Sales Assistant

### **Guests**

Suzie Smith – Punta Gorda Airport  
Kaley Miller – Punta Gorda Airport  
Brian Solis - Punta Gorda Airport

#### I. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair, Melissa Lockhart called the Charlotte County Tourist Development Council (TDC) meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. (Commissioner Constance took over chairing the meeting upon his arrival)

- II. **Roll Call**  
A quorum was established.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda**  
A motion was made by David Haynes and seconded by Gary Butler to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Citizens' Input**  
There was no citizens' input on any agenda items.
- V. **Approval of TDC Meeting Minutes**  
A motion was made by Kathy Burnam and seconded by Gary Butler to approve the minutes of April 17, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Budget Report - Roger Davis**  
The fiscal report was presented by Roger Davis. Davis provided a FY26 Budget Summary. Davis advised that operating expenditures are \$3,562,941.00, transfers \$629,819 with \$963,699 encumbered. Total budget expended is 60%. The largest portion was for promo activities advertising. Davis reported the tourist development trust fund, fourth and fifth cent, total of \$600,000 with \$219,799 encumbered for advertising promotional activities.
- VII. **Tourist Tax Report- Dan Roe**  
The tax collector report was presented by Dan Roe. Roe reported that the 3rd Quarter 2026 April collections were at \$1,008,437.26. Roe continued to report that there were 600 suspect accounts on file. Roe reported inactive suspect accounts found in the 3rd quarter are 0. Roe reported 3224 active accounts with 22 new accounts added.
- VIII. **Budget Review**  
Gary Butler confirmed in advance that the budget is in order.
- IX. **Attraction Development Program**  
The proposed ADP definitions were reviewed by the council. A motion was made by Kathy Burnam and seconded by Gary Butler to approve the museum definition #3. A motion was made by Gary Butler and seconded by David Haynes to approve the aquarium definition # 2. Following further discussion, A motion was made by David Haynes and seconded by Melissa Lockhart to reconsider the motion for museum definition #3. Subsequently, Gary Butler made a motion, seconded by Melissa Lockhart, to adopt Museum Definition #2, with the modification of adding the phrase "dedicated exhibition areas designed for visitor access and engagement" to the end of the definition. Both motions carried unanimously.
- X. **Director/Staff Report - Sean Doherty**  
Maureen Morgenthien, marketing manager, provided an update on the logo/brand refresh. Sean Doherty, Tourism Director, provided a recap of the Tourism Department Board Report. Doherty provided a recap on the marketing, sports, leisure, meetings, and public relations departments. Doherty informed that the organization was approved for DMAP accreditation. Doherty provided a recap of the Tourism celebration.

**XI. Citizens' Comments**

Kaley Miller, Punta Gorda Airport, informed that the Punta Gorda Airport has hired Brian Solis for Air Service Development. Solis offered his credentials and informed of the plans to attract additional air service to the Punta Gorda Airport. Suzie Miller, Punta Gorda Airport, updated the council on terminal advertising and the expansion of the airport.

**XII. Council Comments**

David Haynes reported an increase in the number of uniquely desirable properties being sold. Haynes reported that rental properties have stalled. Haynes reported that vacation rentals have more activity with more rental properties added to the inventory. Haynes discussed the Hall of Fame award, stating that he was honored by the recognition.

Melissa Lockhart reported that the city council is busy and is currently working on budgets and projects. Lockhart reported that restaurants continue to be busy and that the council is discussing property tax reform.

Keith Farlow appreciated the great report on the Punta Gorda Airport. Farlow discussed that the beaches and water look beautiful. Farlow informed that he has seen an increase in international business.

Gary Butler informed that this would be his last meeting as he will be running for Punta Gorda City Council. Butler thanked staff and reported that he enjoyed his time on the council. Butler applauded how the TDC

meetings run smoothly and that he appreciated the input from staff and TDC council members.

Kathy Burnam thanked Gary for his service on the TDC council and wished him well. Burnam thanked the Punta Gorda Airport staff for their report. Burnam thanked staff for the recent opportunities that included Fishermen's Village. Burnam offered an update on the restaurants at Fishermen's Village. Burnam informed that Asthetik Spa & Skincare is now open. Burnam discussed recent and upcoming events at Fishermen's Village. Burnam thanked everyone for their hard work and wished those that are fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Robin Madden thanked Gary and Punta Gorda Airport. Madden reported that pristine properties are selling on the island. Madden reported that listings overall are slow, and rental properties are amazing, with new rental properties added. Madden reports that her business will be moving to a new rental management system, Streamline. This will allow online booking. Madden reports that the water at the beaches is clear and incredible.

**XIII. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next scheduled TDC meeting is at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 21, 2026. The meeting will be held in Conference Room B-106, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948.

**XIV. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

**Approved**

These meeting minutes are in DRAFT form until approved at the August 21, 2026, TDC meeting.