



Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

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

Board Members

Robert Wibbeler
Don McCormick
Vacant
Stas Matias, Chair
Wendy Lang
Hank Killion
Vacant

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MINUTES

June 6th, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order:

Ms. Wendy Lang called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Wendy Lang 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

Robert Wibbeler
Wendy Lang
Hank Killion
Ralph Lombardo
Stephen R. Deutsch
Jamie Scudera
Brandon Moody

4. Approval of Minutes

- Approve the Minutes from May 2nd, 2024.

Mr. Wibbeler made a motion to approve the May 2nd, 2024, minutes, seconded by **Ms. Lang**. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

Introduction – Ralph Lombardo, District III Board Member

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

None

7. New Business

Ms. Lang commented that she would like the board to look further into Public Access in Englewood of all the south streets after the circle. It's been her understanding that all you are allowed to park along the streets in that area as long as it's not someone's driveway. It was brought to her attention that those are private. However, as long as she can remember they have been county maintained. **Jamie Scudera** replied that those are public. They were required through the renourishment permit. **Matt Logan** has all the historical information. They typically maintain signage out there for public access for sea turtles and of that nature.

Commissioner Deutsch announced that he met recently with the lobbyist with the legislative issues, and they mentioned the WCIND is purposing to have the state be more financially and supportive of dealing with the Derelict Vessels.

Mr. Lombardo inquired about Eldred's Marina proposed development plan if any. He would like to hear from **Shuan Cullinan** the zoning official to see the status on that property.

Ms. Lang asked to invite **Mr. Cullinan** to our September or October meeting to give them an update on Eldred's Marina.

8. Old Business

Mr. Brandon Moody gave an update on the web Dashboard that has the most up to date data regarding the water management.

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch asked about the level of consistency in the testing? He recalls in prior testing there being some inconsistencies and wanted to see if it's been worked out. **Mr. Moody** explained that 30 samples per month is supposed to be collected. With the region being divided up into 6 subregions and 5 samples are randomly selected within those 6 subregions.

There was a discussion about phosphate mining.

Mr. Moody mentioned that they have been working with Public Works to help out with a water flow and elevation monitoring system that's going on in the county with hope to receive funds from the state.

- Riviera Marina

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

- Parks and Natural Resources
 - Parks and Natural Resources Update
 - Derelict Vessel Update Report

Ms. Jamie Scudera, Natural Resources Projects Manager, commented that the one that made the news, the Game, that washed up on Live Oak Point, they had authorization to remove it and someone pulled it and removed it from the site again.

Ms. Scudera gave an update on the sea turtles:

- Total of 308 nest as of the end of May
- 307 of the nests were logger heads
- 1 leatherback on Manasota Key. Which is rare for it to be on this side of Florida

Shore birds

- 1 Wilson Clovers nest with 1 Chick
- 179 Least Tern nest – 70 chicks
- 80 Black Skimmers nest – 6 chicks

Ms. Lang asked if some Flamingos have been recorded in our area? **Ms. Scudera** replied yes, a couple on Bird Island. They arrived around Hurricane Ian and have never left.

9. Correspondence and Communication

None

10. Public Comments

None

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

None

12. Member Comments

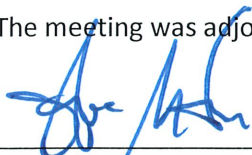
None

13. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, September 5, 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 9:54 a.m.



Stas Matias, Chair