



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>
Coty Keller, Chair	District 4
Don McCormick, Vice-Chair	District 2
Ellen Decker.....	District 3
Patrick Jurek.....	District 1
Wendy Lang.....	District 5
Jeff Anlauf.....	Member-at-Large
Ed Hill.....	Member-at-Large

MINUTES

January 7, 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.
Mr. Keller, Pat Jurek and Ed Hill were absent

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from November 5, 2020
- Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

None offered.

7. New Business

None Offered.

8. Old Business:

- Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc.
 - Manasota Key Beach Restoration Project

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc, gave a presentation on the Manasota Key Beach Restoration.

Ellen Decker, District III, stated section 404 of the Clean Water Act was amended by the EPA that Florida's DEP can now administer the permits for any dredging or fill that can be discharged into US waters. She's not sure if it will affect Charlotte County. And asked, Do you see that affecting us?

Mr. Poff, answered he doesn't think so. That is mainly for upland residential wetland impact type things. He doesn't know if the Joint Coastal Permit Process, JCP, would be affected by that, they haven't made that final determination. He then explains that it would more so affect the Environmental Resource Permit, ERP, process more so than the JCP, process.

Damian Ochab, SMSKA, asked if the hot spot area around Tamarind, is being monitored? **Mr. Poff**, answered yes, it is being monitored. **Mr. Ochab**, stated that he is aware that Mr. Poff is the coastal engineer and not a county employee. You mentioned about the regional savings that was given on the mobilization, of approximately 8 million dollars, have you had any conversations with county regards to how the citizens would get some of that savings back? Based on 50%, about a \$4million savings for Charlotte county, is there any discussion regards to bringing that savings back to the citizens?

Mr. Poff, answered the MSBU cost were based on the numbers that were given to Peter Revela that assumed those savings already. We took a leap of faith that we were going to get Sarasota county to jump in and that DEP was going to take 39%. DEP ended up only qualifying for 35%. The savings was already calculated in the program that Peter used for his calculations. I don't know if what you are asking is possible because the assessments were based on those numbers.

Don McCormick, Vice- Chair, commented that he read his graphic that if Sarasota hadn't come in, our bill would've been increased. What happened is our project costed \$32 million, instead of \$40 Million, with an \$8 million savings. From what was presented there is nobody due a check back from Sarasota or Charlotte County?

Mr. Poff, answered that is correct. If Sarasota county had not jumped in, then the county would've had to pay the extra cost from mobilization or gone back to the residents and ask for more money. **Mr. McCormick** then advises **Mr. Ochab** to address this money issue with the MSBU and informs everyone that this is not to be discussed further on our agenda.

Matt Logan, Public Works, stated that things are pretty much the same as last month. The dredging on Manchester has been completed, and they are continuing to work with the engineer on the Parallel Lock. That project is coming along and moving forward very well. He is currently working on getting the water quality for Sunshine Lake scheduled for this next year. That contract is underway. He is also negotiating with Coastal Engineering to work on the study for the Port Charlotte Beach Complex and the beach there. That's pretty much all the activity for this month.

- **Janette Knowlton, County Attorney**, gave an annual presentation on Roberts Rules and the Sunshine Law.

- **Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official**, spoke for Claire Jubb, Assistant County Administrator on Water Quality Manger and the SW Resiliency Compact.

Shaun Cullinan, stated they are currently in the interview process for the Water Quality Manger and they have completed their first rounds of interviews. With respect to the SW Resiliency Compact, there's not much of an update because of Covid.

- **Derelict/Abandon Vessels**

Mr. McCormick, informed the Sheriff's Department and the FWC officers the reason for their invite to the meeting. He mentions that a timeline situation has come up throughout the meetings for the process of Derelict/Abandon Vessels. He would like to know if there is a Legislative direction that this committee can ask of the county Commissioners to speed up the time line. He also states that the committee would like to understand how the FWC and Sherriff's Department handle Derelict/ Abandon Vessels.

Sargent William Maymon, from CCSO, states they are mirroring the FWC. He goes into some detail of the process they have to take to identify the owner of the vessel. Once owner is discovered, or once that process is completed, then they can turn it over to whoever (the county or FWC, etc) will be removing the vessel for the process of removal.

Ms. Lang asked how do we help to stop the repeat offenders from moving the boat to start the process all over again? **Jeff Goggin, FWC officer**, states they can only start their process if the boat meets the definition of Derelict. Every case that FWC handles the owner does get charged with a misdemeanor crime, that requires them to attend court, even if they get the boat into compliance. He goes into some more detail of the process that the FWC follows. There were some further questions regarding registration and ownership of the boats.

Ms. Decker, suggests having a public service announcement delivered to the public regarding the "Mark title Sold" process. To help educate the public when it comes to selling a boat, to turn in the top portion of the title to the Tax Collector notifying the state that the boat has been sold. There was some discussion on how the registration used to be color coated. Which helped law enforcement to be able to identify if the registration was expired. Ms. Lang, asked the FWC officers, what can we do to better assist you? **Mr. Goggin**, responded for the public to continue to let us know when one see's a derelict vessel.

Ms. Decker made a motion to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners 1.) use color coated stickers for boat registration as recommended by the FWC and Sheriff's Department 2.) to have an informational announcement to the public on how to "mark the title sold" for boat sales, seconded by Ms. Lang; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Parks and Natural Resources – Jamie Scudera**

Jamie Scudera, Natural Resources, said staff is currently working on mailers to be distributed. The mailers would include; Dogs, shorebirds, sea turtles and table of contents. As part of the re-nourishment permit, they currently have scheduled their annual Palm Island Mitigation site. To conduct management for the shore birds and sea birds. This is scheduled for January 13th-14th. They will be working on managing the vegetation re-growth on the dunes, postings and signage.

- **Derelict/Abandon Vessels**

Jamie Scudera, Natural Resources, states:

- 4 have been removed, the “Candy Bar” is cited to be removed, which will make that the 5th to be removed.
- 2 are in process for removal
- 8 are outstanding that have been cited by Law Enforcement
- 7 are open
- 1 At Risk

Ms. Lang, asked **Mr. DeBruler**, what can we do to help you? **Mr. DeBruler**, answered if the Florida statues could clarify their terms within the statue. If those terms were clarified and given fines and regulations based on that, then the officer’s job would be simpler. For example: the word storage. Also, making sure there’s a protocol that allows the officer to lead to those terms. The statues that **Mr. DeBruler** is referring too are Florida Statue 823 & 705.

***Ms. Decker** made a motion to recommend a request to the Board of County Commissioners to consider asking our delegates at the state level to adjust Florida Statues [823 & 705] to define the word "Storage" and other items as requested by Roger DeBruler of Natural Resources, seconded by **Ms. Lang**; the motion passed unanimously*

9. Correspondence and Communication

None.

10. Public Comments

Damian Ochab, SMSKA announced they have introduced a program for “under the dock mini reefs”. That is being done by Oceans Habitat. We wanted to create a program that would help residents help clean the water in our area. They were able to take advantage of Tax Free and free installation because they turned in their application before the end of the year. With this program, they will be able to install 23 under the dock mini reefs. They are not attached to the docks, they are floating reefs. Another thing is we are contracting strayer surveying to help identify the erosion control line. That should hopefully be done by the first quarter.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

None.

12. Election of Officers

a. Chair

Mr. Cullinan called for nominations for Chair; with **Mr. McCormick** nominating **Mr. Keller for Chair**, second by **Mr. Anlauf**; motion passed unanimously.

b. Vice-Chair

Ms. Lang nominated **Mr. McCormick for Vice-Chair**, second by **Ms. Decker**; the motion passed unanimously.

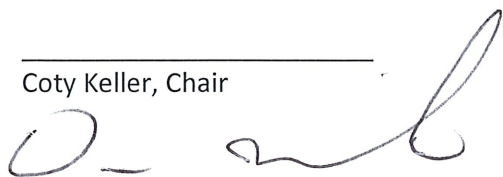
14. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, February 4, 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 10:49 a.m.

Coty Keller, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Coty Keller', written over a horizontal line.

VICE CHAIR