

# **Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee**

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

Board Members:	District:
Don McCormick, Chair	
Nichole Beyer	District 3
Vacant	District 1
Wendy Lang, Vice-Chair	District 5
Stas Matias	District 4
Jeff Anlauf	Member-at-Large
Vacant	Member-at-Large

### **MINUTES**

# April 7, 2022, 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.
- 4. Approval of Minutes
  - Approve the Minutes from March 3, 2022

The March 3, 2022, minutes were approved as circulated.

5. Changes to the Agenda None offered.

#### 6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

Damian Ochab, SMSKA, gave a final update regarding the issues on the south end of the beach. The South Manasota Sandpiper Key Association, SMSKA, has been trying to act as a mediator towards the confrontations on the south end regarding public and private beach. The public portion of the sand is gone. The association has been trying to get help resolving this matter by requesting help educating the public on the portions of private and public beaches with the county and the state of Florida without prevail. They have decided not to do anything about this since there was no response from the state or the county.

Mr. McCormick asked for clarification when you say on the south end, the Erosion Control Line, ECL, has been breached? Mr. Ochab replied yes, it is in the water. A survey has been performed to clarify for owners to say if we could say this. Now, there are 14+ homes that didn't take the sand, that does not have an ECL, they still technically have a Mean High-Water Line, MHWL. Which means 10-12 ft of wet sand could possibly be public.

**Mr. Ochab** wanted to put on public record that they have tried to put everyone together and have an education piece.

**Mr. McCormick** expressed that he himself should write Commissioner Deutsch a letter about **Mr. Ochab's** idea about public education. It deserves support from somewhere and the county staff. He will contact Commissioner Deutsch and will find out who with county staff could assist with that.

- 7. New Business None offered.
- 8. Old Business
  - o Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager
    - Water Quality
    - SW Resiliency Compact update

Mr. McCormick stated we have a written communication from Mr. Moody that is self-explanatory.

- Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc.
  - South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment
  - Stump Pass navigation channel project
  - o Mitigation reef
  - Terminal Groin placement on Stump Pass

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

**Mr. Logan** expressed the weather has not cooperated with this project at all. They have had a few incidents due to weather, couple pieces of equipment got stuck in the wet sand. The contractor did a stand-up job securing the equipment, draining the equipment, and trying to get it out as quickly as possible. They are a smaller group, and they didn't have a lot of equipment on site to be able to address the incident in house, that's why it sat for 4 days. Having said that, they need about 10 more good pumping days to get out of there. They are anticipating being out before May 1<sup>st</sup>. However, because of the weather and the incident last week they have shifted their timeline from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the drop-dead date if they were constructing Manasota Key. Palm Island they are allowed to work during nesting season. They had a meeting onsite yesterday to go over all the precautions that needs to be taken if a turtle nest is in the area. To date they have placed about 130,000 cubic yards on the state park and Palm Island. The channel is going to be marked shortly after their done.

Mr. Ochab commented the dredging is good for 5 years, so he's looking 5 years ahead to ask this question; when they do the dredging most of the sand goes to Knights Island and Don Pedro's, to the south of the channel. Is it possible the next time for the dredging pipe to be moved to the south end portion of Manasota Key and north of the state park? Mr. Logan replied we have completed Manasota Key and are still monitoring that to see how the beach is performing. The problem he has to take it north is the cost and the size of the equipment that

would be needed. Which would mean the current group that's doing the dredge wouldn't be able to take on the project. It's going to depend on the needs of the beach from an engineering standpoint and where the beach is. He will bring it up to **Michael Poff**, where they monitor and keep **Mr. Ochab** updated.

Claudia Mayo, on behalf of Commissioner Deutsch, asked Mr. Logan is there a possibility of a groin system placement at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex? Mr. Logan replied Mr. Poff is going to be coming to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting, on the 14<sup>th</sup>, to give us the results of what the study showed at the beach complex. The short answer is, it's one of the options they are looking at. Which Mr. Poff will further explain the pros and cons at the MAC meeting.

**Lynn Clough, citizen,** asked what's the difference for the deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> for Palm Island for the turtles vs. Stump Pass? **Mr. Logan** replied it's in the permit. When this was permitted years ago, it was one the allowances that we were granted for Palm Island. As to why, that was concluded before his time. He just knows that it's in the permit that they can.

# Matt Logan/Zach Patchell, Public Works Engineering Projects Update Report

Mr. Logan encouraged all to look at the MSBU update provided by Zach Patchell. The only thing that is not on the report is the Manchester cut throughs. We've been working towards getting request for proposals to get the engineering design and permit started. They have been working with the Manchester Civic Association now for several years. We were finally able to put the request out for proposals, however we received no responses. They have extended it for a week, the deadline was last Friday. Unfortunately, this and a number of county projects are not getting responses for work. They have pulled the proposal out and have to wait a couple of months and will try to put it back out to see if we can get some interest in taking this project on.

- 9. Correspondence and Communication None offered.
- 10. Public Comments None offered.
- 11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants None offered.

#### 12. Member Comments

Mr. Anlauf mentioned that yesterday the Parks and Recreation board went out on a field trip and viewed some of the parks in the area that they are responsible for. He thought it would be nice if we could have a field trip ourselves. Maybe to look at the replenishment of Stump Pass, so we can get a handle on what is happening. He feels that it would be nice if we could get out on a field trip and look at what we are talking about.

There was a discussion on how a field trip would go about.

**Mr. Anlauf** made a motion that the Beaches and Shores Committee has a regular on-site visit of the items on the agenda twice a year, seconded by **Ms. Lang**; the motion passed unanimously.

**Mr. Anlauf** also mentioned that he knows that the Parks and Recreation board is off July and August. He would like for this committee to consider to not meet as well in July or August.

There was some discussion on if this committee has a set number of meetings that they have to have a year.

Mr. McCormick inquired on the vacancy for our Member-at-Large spot. That will be further looked into.

# 13. Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, May
 5, 2022, 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 9:36 a.m.

Don McCormick, Chair