



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>
Don McCormick.....	District 2
Nichole Beyer	District 3
Robert Wibbeler.....	District 1
Wendy Lang	District 5
Stas Matias, Chair	District 4
Jeff Anlauf, Vice-Chair	Member-at-Large
Hank Killion.....	Member-at-Large

MINUTES

May 4, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Matias 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

- o Approve the Minutes from April 6, 2023

Ms. Beyer made a motion to approve the April 6, 2023, minutes, seconded by **Mr. Killion** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

None offered.

7. New Business

- July and August meeting to be discussed

There was a brief discussion about by laws pertaining to how many meetings can be missed in a year. Also, a brief discussion about which month of the year that the Board of County Commissioners do not meet.

Mr. McCormick made a motion to cancel the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee meeting in July and August 2023, seconded by Mr. Killion; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

- Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager
 - Water Quality

Mr. Moody informed the board members that on April 20th, they discussed the One Charlotte One Water plan at “the County Commission Focus Area Workshop” and spoke about the basics behind One Charlotte One Water Plan, and what they are looking to accomplish. They also gave a heads up on scheduling. Right now, they are targeting mid-December for a summit. Pamala will talk about the subjects that will be covered by the One Charlotte One Water Plan. For anyone interested they can go to the website under agenda and watch the video archives there. If you would like to dig deeper and see the scope, he then urged the group to reach out to him and he’d be happy to assist.

Mr. Moody expressed the involvement that Center for Coastal Solutions of University of Florida has with Charlotte Harbor. With the goal of ultimately developing models that can describe and that can predict the onset of harmful algal blooms. With the goal to try to prevent bloom movements and bloom area in very small, localized regions. He gave a brief description of their findings thus far with their research.

- Riviera Marina

Mr. Moody commented he’s in frequent communication with DEP, however no new updates. There is rumor that the ownership dispute is nearing the end and hopefully soon there will be more info.

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

Matt Logan, Public Works, spoke on behalf of Mr. Poff. He summarized all the beaches together. They completed the beach tilling project that went well. We are in our post storm monitoring recovery phase, where he and Mr. Poff are working with the FEMA specialist in the county to secure funding for the sand that was lost. Also, potentially doing some type of modification project to upload sand onto Manasota Key as well as doing a small dredge in stump pass to work on the state park and Don Padro Knight Island; depending on the status and when funding becomes available. They are also looking into potentially elevating the dune system at the Don Padro site. These are some of the items we are currently working on.

Mr. Logan advised the group to reach out to Zach Patchell, for any questions on the dredging projects, or to reach out to the MSBU.

Mr. Matias commented if there is any way that the committee can make a trip together to get a tour to see some of these sites on hand? **Commissioner Deutsch** responded that it’s something that they can certainly look into.

Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official, responded that legal has opined on some of those issues

because it will be a public meeting with all of the board members together, we would still have to record and have it available for the public to attend. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented that we could run it as a field trip and not an official meeting. **Mr. Cullinan** responded that if everyone here is discussing then theoretically it's sunshine that it falls under.

Mr. Matias asked the committee for their opinions if they would like to participate in this, or do they think this is something they should do on their own? **Wendy Lang** responded that if legal is ok with it, I would be too. She understands the logistics of it as well, it would be nice to see where the projects are.

There was a small discussion on the possibility of a field trip.

Commissioner Deutsch suggested to the committee for them to put an idea together and then he will run it through administration and see what can be done. He suggested for them to include the following information: what you would like to see, when and interacting with staff to give detail about project.

Ms. Lang motioned to explore the options of taking a group field trip with staff advisory and speaking it over with legal for this committee to see some of the projects that are currently being worked on and have been worked on in the past, seconded by Mr. Wibbeler; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lang suggested for the agenda on the next meeting; that everyone come up with a place or two they think that's appropriate and at that point in time we can vote on a list of places, that we would like to see. Then we would have that to present as well to the administration to possibly get approval.

Mr. Logan gave an update on the Manchester Waterway cut throughs:

- Project went out 3 separate times as an RFP to get an engineer on board to permit and design the Manchester Waterway cut through systems. That was brought to us through the civic association and the County Commissioners elected to move forward.
- RFP went out and two firms had bid on it; Adkins was selected. Negotiation has been in place for about 5 months now.
- They are working diligently on getting this scheduled but it's taking a little longer because of funds.

There was a small discussion about the wording on the restoration of the canals.

- DV Reports

Ms. Scudera gave an update on the DV report.

- 48 total cases
- 25 open cases
- 1 pending approval
- 9 ready for removal
- 10 removed
- 2 sited
- 1 relocated

- Parks and Natural Resources Update
 - Turtles

Ms. Scudera informed the board there are currently 3 loggerhead nests. She will keep the board updated as the nest numbers come through.

- Shore Birds

Ms. Scudera informed the board there are:

- 28 total Least Terns
- 252 Black Skimmers
- 4 Wilson's Plovers – 1 nest
- 1 American Oystercatcher

9. Correspondence and Communication
None offered.

10. Public Comments

Damian Ochab, SMSKA, commented that there has been no sighting of Red Tide and Sargassum at least in the Gulf areas. There was an unnamed storm over the weekend that caused some damage. The issue is it was a direct west wind with 60-70 mph winds, a lot of water intrusion on lanai doors. The problem is a lot of the beach was lost; it does look like the beach is coming back just a little bit. However, we seem to be seeing more and more erosion, about 50%. The turtles are here, and they are educating people to keep things off the beach and stop digging holes and flashlight usage at night. The biggest concern is more erosion is being seen, but again a lot is coming back.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants
None offered.

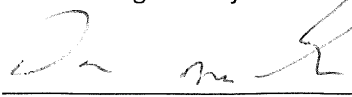
12. Member Comments
None Offered.

13. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, June 1st, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.



Stas Matias, Chair

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