

**MINUTES  
FORT MYERS BEACH  
MARINE RESOURCES TASK FORCE**

Town Hall – Council Chambers  
2523 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Vice-Chair Weeg. Members present: Tree Andre, Cheryl Clark, Peter Pine, Ted Schindler, and Keri Weeg.

Excused: Cristina Denegre and Bill Veach.

Staff present: Keith Laakkonen.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 11, 2013**

Under Beach Vehicle Ordinance, change the sentence to read, "Mr. Schindler **spoke** to officials from Marco Island and Sanibel..."

**MOTION:** Ms. Weeg moved to approve the minutes as amended; second by Ms. Andre.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**VI. NEW ITEMS - Meeting times for February, March, and April**

Tabled until next meeting.

**VII. CURRENT ITEMS**

**A. Beachscape Program (Veach)**

Mr. Laakkonen reported that Mr. Veach created a new letter to send to property owners. Discussion was held concerning Sunshine Laws.

**B. Adopt a Beach (Andre)**

Ms. Andre proposed that T-shirts be informative and artistic. Ms. Andre stated that she

was working with Gretchen Johnson on the design. Ms. Andre suggested looking into whether junior high and high school students could adopt the beach as a community service requirement. Mr. Laakkonen stated that the idea was feasible.

Discussion was held regarding placing trash cans on private property. Ms. Andre stated that she would contact potential property owners.

#### C. MRTF Brochures (Weeg/Denegre)

Mr. Laakkonen stated that 1,000 brochures were available for distribution. Discussion was held regarding locations. Mr. Andre revealed that there is a new hotline to code enforcement that could be added to the brochure before the next printing.

#### D. Community Outreach (Weeg)

Ms. Weeg reviewed upcoming events. Ms. Clark revealed that Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve may have a booth at the FL Sportsman Fishing Show on February 1-2, 2014. Mr. Andre suggested the Shrimp Festival in March. Ms. Weeg volunteered to research booth prices. Ms. Clark questioned obtaining seeds or seedlings to distribute. Mr. Laakkonen indicated that he would check prices on sea oats and sunflowers. Discussion was held concerning items to be included at the booth and distributing seeds versus seedlings.

#### E. Newspaper Articles (Denegre/Veach)

Mr. Laakkonen reported that he sent Mr. Veach information regarding Piping Plovers and that Mr. Veach created an article for submission to the Sandpaper. Discussion was held regarding edits to the article.

#### F. Water Quality (TBD)

Mr. Laakkonen distributed and reviewed a Rain Garden Manual. Ms. Weeg asked members to read the manual for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Clark questioned whether material created was accessible to the blind. Mr. Laakkonen stated that he would check with the Town Clerk.

### **VIII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Mr. Schindler reported that the boat dock in disrepair was being torn down.

Mr. Laakkonen invited members to attend the Town Council Work Session featuring a coastal management plan on January 21 at 10:00 a.m.

### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Ceil Spuhler stated that Bowditch Beach appeared to be losing sand. Mr. Laakkonen explained winter profile.

Mr. Andre suggested that MRTF provide a Work in Progress update for Town Council and  
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newspaper after each meeting. Mr. Andre commented on previous work done by Coast and Harbor. Ms. Weeg volunteered to write the update.

**X. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

Add accessibility to computer materials for the blind.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ms. Weeg moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Andre.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Adopted ~~Reo~~ 2/12/2014 with/without changes. Motion by Peter Rine  
(DATE)

Vote: 7-0 Signature: Kei Weeg

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