

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

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

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Weeg. Members present: Tree Andre, Cheryl Clark, Peter Pine, and Keri Weeg.

Excused: Cristina Denegre and Bill Veach.

Staff present: Keith Laakkonen.

Council Liaison: Dan Andre.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 9, 2014

MOTION: Ms. Clark moved to approve the minutes; second by Ms. Andre.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tom Babcock expressed his appreciation for MRTF. Mr. Babcock stated that he was concerned about glass bottles on the beach, the lack of observers for boaters towing people on inflatables, regulating setbacks for rental chairs and jet skis, and COP on the beach and the EC zone. Mr. Babcock was concerned about jet boats using Hurricane Bay. Mr. Babcock suggested that maximum limits for impervious surfaces should be in place. Mr. Babcock felt that the depth of the canals should be measured and dredged when needed. Mr. Babcock invited MRTF to represent property owners by joining ABM. Mr. Laakkonen replied to Mr. Babcock's concerns.

VI. NEW ITEMS

No new items.

VII. CURRENT ITEMS

A. Beachscape Program (Veach)

Mr. Laakkonen reported that Mr. Al Durrett and another property owner were interested in participating in the program.

B. Adopt a Beach (Andre)

Mr. Laakkonen stated that T-shirts were in the process of being ordered. Ms. Andre revealed that she had information regarding Marco Island's Adopt a Beach program and that she would share it with the committee.

C. Community Outreach/MRTF event (Weeg)

Ms. Clark mentioned that Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve meets once a month. Ms. Weeg indicated that she would tentatively attend the next meeting on June 2.

D. Newspaper Articles (Denegre/Veach)

Mr. Laakkonen stated that an article would be published soon.

E. Water Quality - Rain Gardens (Weeg)

On hold.

F. FAQs (Weeg)

In process.

G. Informational Sticker for Rental Boats (Clark)

Ms. Clark located the original sticker created by MRTF. Ms. Clark distributed a draft of a new sticker.

H. QR Codes (TBD)

On hold.

I. Brochure Distribution

Mr. Laakkonen reported that more brochures would be ordered.

J. Investigate Applying to the Florida Green Building Association (TBD)

Mr. Pine reported that the website was complex. Mr. Laakkonen stated that he could gather information for MRTF and discuss with Town Manager Stillwell.

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Ms. Clark stated that she would not be available for the June meeting.

Ms. Weeg reported that she did speak to Mayor Cereceda concerning pamphlet holders for signs and that the Mayor responded favorably.

Mr. Andre mentioned the canal clean-up project in Sarasota. Mr. Andre will provide information for the next meeting.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ceel Spuhler questioned how the plovers were faring. Mr. Laakkonen replied that they were doing well.

X. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Add canals.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Andre moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Pine.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Adopted _____ with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: 5/0 Signature: 

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