

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**MARINE RESOURCES TASK FORCE**  
Town Hall – Council Chambers  
2523 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Veach. Members present: Tree Andre, Cristina Denegre, Peter Pine, Bill Veach, and Keri Weeg.

Excused: Cheryl Clark

Staff present: Keith Laakkonen

Council Liaison: Dan Andre

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 14, 2014**

**MOTION:** Mr. Pine moved to approve the minutes; second by Ms. Andre.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**VI. NEW ITEMS**

Ms. Andre recapped Mr. Babcock's comments from the May meeting regarding an appointment to Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (ABM).

**MOTION:** Ms. Andre moved to recommend that Mr. Tom Babcock continue to represent the citizens of Fort Myers Beach on the ABM and that MRTF move forward with Town Council to make that official and allow Mr. Babcock to continue until all details are finalized; second by Ms. Weeg.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Laakkonen recommended that Ms. Andre take ownership and present to Council at the next meeting. Ms. Weeg volunteered to speak to Council.

Chair Veach questioned Mr. Laakkonen regarding the Coastal Management Plan. Mr. Laakkonen replied that he should have it ready for presentation within the next few months.

## VII. CURRENT ITEMS

### A. Beachscape Program (Veach)

Chair Veach reported that the plants were doing well and that a homeowner was interested in participating in the program. Chair Veach stated that he would organize plantings in October or November and Ms. Weeg offered to publicize the event.

### B. Adopt a Beach (Andre)

On hold.

### C. Community Outreach/MRTF Event (Weeg)

Ms. Weeg revealed that MRTF was invited to speak at the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis. Ms. Andre stated that she spoke to Mr. Pat McCarn, Safety Officer at the Coast Guard, regarding participation in the International Clean Up Day on September 20. Chair Veach stated that he would write a proposal to put nature more in the front of people's experiences. Mr. Laakkonen suggested that Chair Veach meet with Mr. Al Durrett.

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

Chair Veach submitted an article on the subject of Red Knots.

### E. Water Quality - Rain Gardens (Weeg)

On hold.

### F. FAQs (Weeg)

Ms. Weeg shared a list of FAQs from the Town's website to be updated as needed.

### G. Informational Sticker for Rental Boats (Clark)

On hold.

### H. QR Codes (TBD)

Chair Veach stated that he spoke to Leroy at the library about their QR codes.

### I. Brochure Distribution

Mr. Laakkonen reported that he has received brochures. Ms. Andre suggested making changes to the brochure before the next printing.

**MOTION:** Ms. Andre moved to expand the brochure before the next printing; second by Mr. Pine.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Veach suggested adding content to MRTF's website. Mr. Laakkonen stated that members email him with information. Discussion was held regarding details of the expanded brochure. Ms. Andre stated that she would contact the Coast Guard for a pdf of their brochure.

J. Canals (TBD)

K. Florida Green Building Association

Mr. Pine described the Florida Green Building Coalition. Mr. Pine stated that he would research the information to determine feasibility.

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

No items.

### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

### **X. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

Keep Canals and Florida Green Building Association. Ms. Weeg mentioned the Mulholland Award. Ms. Weeg stated that she would promote the award in January.

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Adopted 7/9/2014 with/without changes. Motion by Trea Andre  
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: Kei Weeg

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