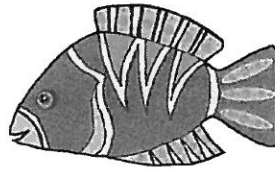


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Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Redington Shores*



*North Redington Beach
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Madeira Beach
St. Peter Beach
Treasure Island*

MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2011

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Present:

Belleair Beach
Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach
North Redington Beach
Redington Beach
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

Mayor Kathy Mortensen
Mayor John A. Robertson
Vice-Mayor George N. Cretekos
Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Mayor Jim Lawrence
Mayor Travis Palladeno
Mayor William M. Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Commissioner Jim Parent
Mayor Robert Minning

Guest Speakers:

Salter Mitchell/Re Pinellas
County Health Department
Emergency Medical Services Report

Sara Isaac
Jim Millican
Scott Sanford

Guests Present:

Beach Scene Reporter
City of Belleair Beach
City of Belleair Beach
City of Clearwater
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Clearwater Community Sailing Center
Clearwater Community Sailing Center
Clearwater Gas System
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Clearwater

Phyllis Johnson
Councilmember Jeril Cohen
Vice-Mayor David Dumville
Councilmember John Doran
Councilmember Paul Gibson
Mayor Frank Hibbard
Councilmember Bill Jonson
Al Humphers
Rich White
Kristi Cheatham
Chuck Warrington
Kim Campbell

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State of Florida – District 54	Representative Jim Frishe
Office of Florida Senator Jones	Doris Burns
Florida Business Watch	Beth Rawlins
City of Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor R.B. Johnson
Indian Rocks Beach	Jose L. Coppen
Town of Indian Shores	Vice-Mayor Joan Herndon
Town of Indian Shores	Councilor Carole Irelan
Town of Indian Shores	Councilor Bill Smith
Pinellas County	Craig Hare
Pinellas County	Sandra Knoebel
Pinellas County	Brian Smith
Pinellas County	Andy Squires
Pinellas County Health Department	Maggie Hall
Pinellas Planning Council	Linda Fisher
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue	Robert Polk
Progress Energy	Melissa Seixas
Town of Redington Beach	Vice-Mayor Fred Steiermann
Redington Beach	Frank Yurasko
City of St. Pete Beach	Mayor Steve McFarlin
SWFWMD	Cori Cuttler
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber	Doreen Moore
Tampa Bay Newspapers	Bob McClure
City of Clearwater Board Reporter	Patricia O. Sullivan

BIG-C President Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcoming comments by City of Clearwater Vice-Mayor George Cretokos and Clearwater Gas System Sales/Public Affairs Manager Kristi Cheatham. Clearwater Community Sailing Center Director Al Humphers discussed the non-profit organization that runs the Sailing Center. Program Director Rich White reviewed special events, center activities and programs, and encouraged area residents to join the center.

To provide continuity for research, items are in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.

3 - Approval of Agenda

It was requested that an Emergency Medical Services presentation and pedestrian flag program update be added to the agenda.

Member Robertson moved to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

4 - Approval of Minutes - July 27, 2011 meeting.

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Member Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG-C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of July 27, 2011, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5 - Approval of Treasurer's Report for July 2011.

BIG-C Treasurer Robert Minning reviewed the July 2011 Treasurer's Report, stating the balance is \$2,251.77.

Member Lawrence moved to accept the July 2011 Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6 - Correspondence: None.

7 - New Business:

A. Sara Isaac, Pinellas County Health Department, CPPW campaign

Pinellas County Health Department Public Information Director Maggie Hall reported the Health Department had received a \$4.85 million two-year federal grant for a CCPW (Communities Putting Prevention to Work) campaign.

Sara Isaac, of Salter Mitchell, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the campaign to fight obesity, a major health issue. She invited cities to participate and provide input.

B. Jim Millican and Scott Sanford, Emergency Medical Services Report

Jim Millican and Scott Sanford provided a PowerPoint presentation on their Emergency Medical Services Report and Model. They said a Fire Based Medical Transport system would save the County more than \$20 million over three years. They requested that city representatives speak to their councils about this issue and call them to schedule presentations.

Discussion ensued regarding fire department and ambulance issues with comments that residents want the best service for the lowest price. Pinellas County EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Manager Craig Hare said the EMS Advisory Board would comment on the report at their next meeting. He opined this plan would increase costs.

8 - Old Business:

A. Pedestrian Flag Program Update

Sandy Knobles, of Pinellas Planning Council/MPO, reported 1,500 pedestrian flags had been purchased and remaining stock should last until spring. There are 42 active pedestrian crossings on Gulf

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Boulevard; Clearwater will add 12 crossings next month. An average 13 flags per crossing are lost each month; losses increase during Spring Break. She discussed replacement costs and advertising possibilities.

Concern was expressed that the BIG-C had agreed to the program if there were no replacement costs. It was stated this interim program ends as FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) installs flashing lights and bright sticks at pedestrian crossings.

Regarding FDOT's nomination of the BIG-C for the Davis Productivity Award, should the organization be honored consensus was to list the cities, not BIG-C members, on the award.

9 - Miscellaneous:

A. No Topic

B. Beach Update

Pinellas County Coastal Manager Andy Squires said his extended August 30, 2011 presentation on beach renourishment is available on the County's website. He said the St. Pete Beach upland project nears completion, permitting will occur next summer for Treasure Island beach renourishment, and Sand Key beach renourishment will be completed by August 2012. He said the Sand Key project's estimated savings of \$4 million will remain here.

C. Legislative Update

Doris Burns, from the Office of Florida Senator Jones, encouraged attendance at the FSBPA (Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association) conference.

State Representative Bill Frishe said he was pleased with the progress of local beach renourishment projects. He cannot attend the FSBPA conference due to a delegation hearing. He said the redistricting hearing in Largo was contentious; hearings are designed to gather input.

It was felt the hearing was heated though productive; new perspectives were conveyed.

D. Penny for Pinellas Update

Mayor Lawrence reported an impasse with the County, regarding interpretation Penny for Pinellas funds reimbursement, and this continues to impede completion of the interlocal agreement for Gulf Boulevard improvements. He hoped the agreement would be finalized by the end of the fiscal year, with Penny for Pinellas funds flowing the following year. Municipalities will need to resubmit their packages for subcommittee evaluation.

Discussion ensued with comments that the BIG-C needs to make a collective statement that the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners should honor its 2000 commitment and obligation to upgrade Gulf Boulevard and reimburse Indian Shores for related costs.

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E. Discussion merged November/December meeting date

Member Robertson moved to schedule the November/December 2011 BIG-C meeting for December 14, 2011. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association Annual Conference

The annual FSBPA conference is on September 14 – 16, 2011, at the Eden Roc Renaissance Hotel in Miami Beach. It was commented that beach communities need to unite to support the BIG-C. It was reported Representative Frisch was presented an award last year for his support of beach renourishment. It was noted this would be the last conference Dennis Jones would attend as State Senator; his efforts were applauded.

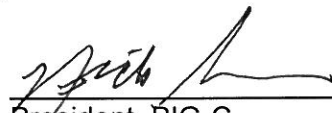
BIG-C Updates

Members reviewed community updates. It was requested that BIG-C members discuss with their councils the possibility of consolidating services and that the issue be placed on the next agenda for a conversation. It was recommended that BIG-C municipalities and the PSTA (Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority) use similarly designed garbage cans along Gulf Boulevard.

10 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:40a.m.

September 28, 2011 BIG-C meeting scheduled at Belleair Beach.



President, BIG-C
Nick Simons, Mayor
Town of Redington Beach