

Belleair Beach  
Belleair Shore  
Clearwater  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Shores  
Madeira Beach



North Redington Beach  
Redington Beach  
Redington Shores  
St. Pete Beach  
Treasure Island

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**October 30, 2013**

**Minutes**

Present:

Belleair Beach	Councilmember Wanda Schwerer
Clearwater	Mayor George Cretekos
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
Madeira Beach	Mayor Travis Palledeno
North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Redington Shores	Mayor Bert Adams
Treasure Island	Mayor Robert Minning

Guest Speakers

FL House of Representatives Honorable Kathleen Peters  
Nancy McKibben, Pinellas County

Guests Present:

Sandra Knobel	Pinellas County MPO
David Dumville	Councilmember, Belleair Beach
Janet Long	Commissioner, Pinellas BOCC
Mary Scott Hardwick	Commissioner Janet Long's Office
Doug Izzo	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber
Todd Ellson	Sand Key Civic Association
R.B. Johnson	Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach
Bob McClure	Tampa Bay Newspapers
Eired Jackson	Representative Kathleen Peters' Office
Tom Menke	Pinellas County
Linda Fisher	Pinellas Planning Council

Bob Lasher	PSTA
Kathleen M. Peters	Representative, FL House of Representatives
Wendy Nero	Pinellas County
Ralph Reid	Commissioner Charlie Justice's Office
Richard T. Walker	Pinellas County Emergency Management
Mary Burrell	Pinellas County Communications
Nancy McKibben	Pinellas County
Bobby Combs	Senator Brandes' Office
Al Zimmerman	Sand Key Civic Association
Bill Smith	Vice Mayor, Indian Shores
Joan Herndon	Councilor, Indian Shores
Carole Irelan	Councilor, Indian Shores
Mark Deighton	Vice Mayor, Redington Beach
B.G. Mims	City Manger, Indian Rocks Beach
Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy	Vice Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach
Jim Browne	State Representative Larry Ahern's Office
Leslie Notaro	Vice Mayor, Belleair Beach
Melissa Seixas	Duke Energy
Andy Squires	Pinellas County Coastal Manager
Nancy Gonzalez	City Manager, Belleair Beach
John Branch	Vice Mayor, Redington Shores
Irena Milasinovic	Pinellas County
Patricia Gentry	City Clerk, Belleair Beach

### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) was held Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at the City of Belleair Beach Community Center, 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, FL 33786.

President Cretekos called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Simons and seconded by Mayor Lawrence to approve the Agenda.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **4. Approval of September 25, 2013, meeting minutes.**

Mayor Lawrence noted the minutes listed Councilor Joan Herndon's title incorrectly and had omitted his name from the Council's attendees. He requested the minutes be amended to reflect those corrections.

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Simons and seconded by Mayor Lawrence to approve the September 25, 2013, meeting minutes.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **5. Approval of Treasurer's Report for September 2013.**

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Lawrence and seconded by Mayor Palledeno to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2013.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **6. Correspondence.**

President Cretekos stated the invoice for the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association dues of \$5,500.00 had been received. After discussion it was agreed the yearly assessment for each member city would be \$500.00.

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Simons to set the yearly membership dues for year 2014 at \$500.00.

### **7. New Business.**

#### **A. Presentation by the Honorable Kathleen Peters, Florida House of Representatives.**

Representative Peters stated that Florida is the third most populous state in the country for homelessness - veterans, seniors and families, with the majority being single mothers and children – 63,000 homeless children in the State of Florida. She gave an overview of her project, in partnership with the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Pinellas County Homeless Coalition. The students, faculty and staff of the Art Institute of Tampa have developed a state-wide social media campaign named "aTrueFace", to be launched on November 18th. The campaign is to engage and educate the public of who the majority of the homeless are and to build support for the community organizations who work with the homeless. She asked for each city's support by having them designate a communications contact person to disseminate the PSAs through any means they may have.

#### **B. Mary Burrell, Pinellas County Communications.**

Mary Burrell introduced Nancy McKibben. Ms. McKibben reminded everyone that the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Infrastructure Park Boulevard Bridge Project would begin June 2014. The bridge would be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for up to 30 days.

### **8. Old Business.**

#### **A. Janet Long, Pinellas County Commissioner.**

Commissioner Long advised the first public meeting for GreenlightPinellas, the transportation improvement initiative for the County, was scheduled for December 10th.

#### **B. Andy Squires, Pinellas County Coastal Manager.**

Andy Squires stated that the Treasure Island and Long Key beach nourishments are scheduled and all beaches "should be in pretty good shape by next summer".

## **9. Miscellaneous.**

Mayor Minning advised that with the postponement of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act, the focus should be on where we will be in four years regarding home sales and disclosures of flood insurance requirements.

Mayor Cretekos stated that the problem may be greater in four years due to the fact that the \$20-billion dollar deficit now will be greater in four years, and the impact of the new maps once they are finished. He believed the focus should be on a national disaster relief program to balance the entire system encompassing *all* types of disasters. He added that since Florida is considered a “donor state”, it has been discussed that there is a possibility of the State being better off having its own flood insurance program. The four years will give time to have these discussions and have a better understanding of the impact for all.

Mayor Simons stated a request from Madeira Beach City Manager Shane Crawford had been made regarding a project meeting the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project requirements. It was determined it did meet the criteria and they could move forward.

Mayor Cretekos asked Commissioner Long that the visioning session with the Tourist Development Council and the County Commission not only considers promoting the beaches but also the beautification, which in turn would help the TDC to promote the beaches. Commissioner Long stated the beaches are important to the economy and the BIG-C could help promote the transportation initiative for the tourists that are used to and familiar with mass transit systems.

Vice Mayor Bill Smith advised there was an excellent presentation at the FS&BPA meeting in September by Dr. Jim Houston regarding the economic value of beaches.

Mayor Simons stated he is in negotiations with Mayor Adams to acquire property for park space in Redington Beach.

Mayor Adams advised there would be a workshop regarding the property.

Councilmember Schwerer stated everything was going well in Belleair Beach.

Mayor Palledeno announced the 20th Anniversary of the Fall King of the Beach festival on November 7th, 8th and 9th.

Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin announced the 2nd Annual Taste of IRB on November 2nd, and the opening of their Community Garden on November 9th.

Mayor Lawrence stated Ashton Woods Homes began the 54-townhome Waterside project; and the Mayors' Council Holiday Luncheon would be December 6th.

Mayor Queen stated everything is quiet in North Redington Beach.

Mayor Minning announced the Sanding Ovations sand sculpture contest will be November 20th through the 24th, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Cretekos announced that the international firefighter and emergency rescue personnel 2013 World Rescue Challenge will be held in Clearwater at Coachman Park, October 30th through November 2nd. He advised the next meeting of the BIG-C would be December 4, 2013, the first Wednesday of the month, at the Town of Indian Shores.

Mayor Cretekos wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the BIG-C, and asked that during the holidays everyone remember those that are less fortunate.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was duly adjourned.

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George N. Cretekos, President  
Barrier Islands Governmental Council  
Mayor, City of Clearwater