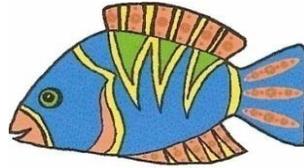


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Present: Belleair Beach
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North Redington Beach
Redington Beach
Redington Shores
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

Mayor Kathy Mortensen
Mayor George N. Cretekos
Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton Wollin
Councilor Bill Smith
Mayor Travis Palladeno
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Vice Mayor John Branch
Commissioner Jim Parent
Mayor Robert Minning

Guest Speakers:
University of Florida/Pinellas County
Extension Service
Pinellas County Emergency Management

Ramona Madhosingh-Hector
David MacNamee

Guests Present:
Clearwater Gas
City of Indian Rocks Beach
City of Indian Rocks Beach
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Aide to PC Commissioner Janet Long
Pinellas County Emergency Management
Pinellas County MPO
Town of Redington Beach
Town of Redington Beach
St. Petersburg
Sand Key Civic Association
The Scene

Kristi Cheatham
Mayor R.B. Johnson
Chuck Coward
Vice Mayor Joan Herndon
Councilor Carole Irelan
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Cara Martin
Bob McClure
Rhonda Sanborn
Patricia O. Sullivan

BIG-C President George Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Indian Shores Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and expression of sympathy to Indian Shores Mayor Jim Lawrence for the loss of his mother-in-law.

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

3 - Approval of Agenda

Mayor Minning moved to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

4 - Approval of Minutes – October 31, 2012 meeting.

Councilor Smith moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG-C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of October 31, 2012, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5 - Approval of Treasurer's Report for October 2012.

BIG-C Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton Wollin reviewed the Treasurer's Report for October 2012; the balance was \$1,436.17. Two BIG-C members have not paid their assessments.

Mayor Mortensen moved to accept the October 2012 Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6 - Correspondence: None.

7 - New Business:

a) Ramona Madhosingh-Hector, University of Florida/Pinellas County Extension Service

Ramona Madhosingh-Hector said the University of Florida/Pinellas County Extension Service had identified the BIG-C as an ideal organization to interface with communities that could benefit most from the CRI (Coastal Reliance Index) tool, developed by Gulf Coast Sea Grant in partnership with NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration). The CRI tool provides information to assist waterfront communities on Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico better prepare for and adapt to disaster by examining infrastructure, facilities, transportation, business plans, mitigation, and social systems and determining how well a community would respond. University of Florida Leadership Institute faculty will work with local governments that volunteer to participate. The project timeline for January to March 2013 includes facilitating sessions with governments, consulting with community businesses, chambers of commerce, and citizens, and scheduling follow-up meetings/evaluations. In April and May, projects will be presented at the university and consultations with governments will be scheduled. The program hopes to work with at least 3 communities.

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Ms. Madhosingh-Hector said she had not discussed the CRI tool with Pinellas County Emergency Management but will collaborate with them on disaster response. She said the program wanted to showcase Pinellas County as a project community and share data with NOAA and Sea Grant. She reviewed university resources available to participants, including analysis of federal and state laws that affect coastal communities.

BIG-C members will present CRI tool information to municipality staff to determine interest.

b) David MacNamee, Pinellas County Emergency Management Office

David MacNamee, Pinellas County Emergency Management Office, requested that the Coastal Community Summit to discuss the 2012 Hurricane season be scheduled during the March 27, 2013, BIG-C meeting. Staff who provided logistical support in New York following Hurricane Sandy and a representative from Galveston will attend. It was determined approximately 100 people will attend. Mr. MacNamee will report to Mayor Cretokos regarding the beach location for the 4 to 4.5 hour meeting and provide an agenda.

Board Reporter Note: After meeting, Coastal Community Summit was rescheduled to April 24, 2013.

8 - Old Business:

Beach Update

Councilor Bill Smith said a December 18, FSBPA (Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association) teleconference is scheduled on proposed changes to FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) Rule 62B-36 regarding the beach management funding assistance program. Proposed changes include the ranking of inlet management projects and adding to eligibility criteria credits for bus service, off beach resort condominiums, and bike racks. He said the FSBPA had sent a letter to FDEP expressing disappointment with its reorganization decision to eliminate its Bureau of Beach and Coastal Systems and concern that the agency no longer would focus on beaches. He said bureau staff has been dispersed throughout the agency.

Mayor George Cretokos reported the TDC (Tourist Development Council) had denied a request to use TDC funds to help solve Belleair Beach's parking issues related to beach renourishment.

Mayor Nick Simons said BIG-C and Pinellas County Interlocal Agreements for Gulf Boulevard upgrades have been signed and reviewed Penny for Pinellas program funding. He said no project applications have been submitted; reimbursement requests from Clearwater and Indian Shores have been received. Sandra Knoebel, with Pinellas County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), said reimbursement requests must include paid receipts. She said funds are disbursed four months after requests are submitted. Mayor Simons requested that members submit project design work to the subcommittee as soon as possible and also send annual letters of intent regarding project plans to the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and BIG-C subcommittee. It was stated it is important that new County Commissioners become familiar with the program.

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9 - Miscellaneous:

Members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities. The Outback Bowl's importance to beach tourism was noted. Members wished Happy Holidays to all.

10 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

January 30, 2013 BIG-C meeting scheduled at Town of Redington Shores.

President, Barrier Islands
Governmental Council
Mayor – City of Clearwater