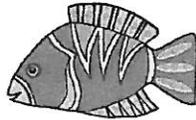


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Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2013

Present: Belleair Beach  
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Indian Shores  
Madeira Beach  
North Redington Beach  
Redington Beach  
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Mayor R. B. Johnson  
Mayor Jim Lawrence  
Mayor Travis Palladeno  
Mayor Bill Queen  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Mayor Bert Adams  
Commissioner Jim Parent  
Mayor Bob Minning

Guest  
Speakers: PSTA  
P.C. Education Foundation  
Emergency Preparedness  
Suncoast Bird Rescue

Cassandra Borchers  
Karen Seel, Eric Zimmer  
Rick Walker  
Rob Vergara

Guests: Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Rocks Beach  
PSTA  
Indian Shores  
Indian Shores  
Redington Shores  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Pinellas County BCC  
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Karen Seel  
Doreen Moore

Big C President George Cretkos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Redington Beach Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming comments by Redington Beach Mayor, Nick Simons

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Robertson moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes, February 27, 2013:** Commissioner Simons moved to approve the minutes of the regular Big C meeting of February 27, 2013, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report for February 2013:** Mayor R. B. Johnson reviewed the treasurer's report for February 2013. The balance was \$1,999.38. Mayor Johnson moved to accept the treasurer's report and duly seconded by Mayor Lawrence. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence reported that the audit committee met prior to the meeting with Deanne Riley. The last twelve statements were reviewed and there were not discrepancies or errors. He will file a written report.

### **New Business**

#### **A) PSTA Community Bus Plan**

Cassandra Borchers provided a power point presentation of the PSTA Bus Plan. The purpose of the plan is to evaluate the PSTA's current transit system and develop a network for the future. Also included in the plan is how to best serve the existing and potential new customers and what the long range solutions will work best for Pinellas County.

#### **B) Pinellas County Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children**

Commissioner Seel and Board of Director, Eric Zimmer informed the members that Take Stock in Children is a statewide non-profit organization that provides scholarships to children. To be awarded scholarships, students must stay in school, maintain good grades, exhibit good behavior, remain crime and drug free and meet with their mentors once a week. The students are held accountable. Both Ms. Seel and Mr. Zimmer encouraged the municipalities to allow employees to mentor at a local school.

#### **C) Emergency Preparedness Conference**

Rick Walker of Pinellas County encouraged member to attend the Emergency Preparedness Conference to be held at Harbourside Holiday Inn, Indian Rocks Beach on April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The conference is free and members should bring staff that will be involved with disaster planning.

#### **D) Suncoast Bird Rescue**

Robin Vergara, co-founder of the Suncoast Bird Rescue, spoke of the need to get a temporary rehab facility for injured birds. They are seeking a facility near the beaches with anywhere from 1,000 to 2,000 square feet. Their goals are to rescue, rehabilitate and release in a cost effective manner. Currently they are working with the Audubon Society and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

#### **Old Business**

Vice Mayor Bill Smith commented on the FL DEP public hearing to be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> in Tallahassee regarding the beach re-nourishment program. He encouraged members to attend.

Andy Squires of Pinellas County Coastal Manager introduced John Bishop, the new Coastal Coordinator. He indicated that funding for Long Key and Treasure Island will not be available until after the session has ended. Sea Turtle nesting surveys will be going out the first week of April.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

April 24, 2013, meeting scheduled for Holiday Inn Harbourside, Indian Rocks Beach from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm.

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President, Barrier Islands  
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Mayor, City of Clearwater