

**BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2003**

PRESIDENT: Mayor J.J. Beyrouti, Town of Redington Shores
VICE PRESIDENT: Mayor Mike Kelly, City of Belleair Beach
SECRETARY-TREASURER: Mayor Tom DeCesare, City of Madeira Beach

Vice President, Mike Kelly called the March 26, 2003 meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL Each person was asked to introduce him-herself.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (Voting member – V; Alternate member – A); Non Voting (NV)

Belleair Beach	Mayor Mike Kelly (V)
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson (V)
Madeira Beach	Mayor Tom DeCesare (V)
Treasure Island	Mayor Leon Atkinson (V)
Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor Bob DiNicola (V)
Redington Beach	Commissioner Linda J. Wilson (NV)
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Peter Blank (V)

GUESTS

Joan Herndon, Town of Indian Shores Counselor; **Paul Warren**, Redington Beach Commissioner; **Linda Fisher**, Pinellas Planning Council Program Planner; **Steve Sutch**, President of Indian Shores Property Owners Association; **Vince Robertiello**, Treasure Island Newspaper “The Reporter”, Correspondent; **Fred Martinson**, Owner of Alternative Power Sources; **Marty Martinson**, Vice President of Sales for Alternative Power Sources; **Preston Holby**, Captain of Florida Public Safety; **Tom Brobeil**, Commissioner of Indian Rocks Beach; Mike Nadeau, Town of Redington Shores Building Official; **Kris Cottier**, Ext. Affairs Manager, Clearwater Gas; **Hoyte Hamilton**, City of Clearwater Commissioner; **Nick Fritsch**, Sand Key Civic Association; **Donna Draper**, Town of Redington Shores Town Clerk; **Gary Curtis**, North Redington Beach Commissioner; **Barbara Blush**, Treasure Island Commissioner; **Rodney S. Fisher**, Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board; **Kim Hall**, Director of Government Affairs, Tampa Bay Builders Association; **Joe Burdette**, Partner with Consus Group; **Will Davis**, Director of Pinellas County Environmental Management Department; **Nancy Loehr**, Community Relations for Progress Energy; **Gay Lancaster**, Chief Assistant County Administrator for Pinellas County.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2003 TREASURER’S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Tom DeCesare presented the March, 2003 treasurer’s report showing a balance as of March 9, 2003 of \$1581.34. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. All showed favor by voice vote.

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APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 26, 2003 MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and the minutes passed by voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKER: BRIAN SMITH, MPO

Mr. Smith discussed a transit loop going across North Central Pinellas County, down the Eastern corridor, across South Central Pinellas and looping North on Alternate 19 to complete a circular route. Monorail and other mass transit solutions were discussed. The MPO / Work Shop Meeting will be held on April 30, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at the Transit Authority Office on 49th Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Gulf Boulevard Undergrounding and Beautification Report

Gay Lancaster, the Chief Assistant County Administrator for Pinellas County spoke about alternatives to lower the cost for this project. This will go back to the Board in April.

B. Legislative Issues

Joe Burdette, a partner with the Consus Group, spoke about Beach Renurishment funds. Senators John Carassas and Dennis Jones filed a bill which received opposition from the Hotel and Motel Association which is in the second committee. He recommends a letter of support from the Big-C for the bill.

Density intensity for the Barrier Islands would allow increase in density for Coastal high hazard areas. A bill introduced by Senator John Carassas and Senator Dennis Jones would allow a select group of demonstration cities or counties. DCA is cooperating. Key date is June 2003. The County is currently working on a Comprehensive Plan that is due in 2004. Notices have been sent to local municipalities regarding local plans mirroring the County plans

PCCL Board

Plans are moving along to add a Beach Building Official

C. American Assembly

Clarification was made that the list previously submitted by the Big-C constituted our complete list of participants. No other volunteers/participants are anticipated to be added to that list.

NEW BUSINESS

A. American Coastal Coalition

American Coastal Coalition VS. American Shore & Beach Preservation Association. The ACC was founded by Howard Marlow who has since moved to ASBPA. Let it be noted that Commissioner

Peter Blank will be the contact person. Motion was made to make the change as long as the cost does not exceed \$500.00. Motion was made by Mayor Atkinson and seconded by Mayor DeNicola. Motion was passed by voice vote.

MANGROVES

Mr. Will Davis, with Pinellas County Environmental Management, gave information about Mangroves helping to preserve the shoreline, erosion control and the ecological chain as well as bird life. There is a state law that protects Mangroves with penalties of up to \$10,000.00 for some situations. There are trimming permits available along with a list of approved mangrove trimmers and a brochure detailing the restrictions and proper trimming of mangroves. The next hearing is scheduled for May 20th regarding changes to the mangrove trimming law. The committee is proposing a “trim window” very similar to the current state law.

WEBSITE PROPOSAL

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Belleair Causeway Bridge

The big span bridge was approved. Residents from Sand Key pushed for this bridge due to the fact that the need is so great.

NEXT BIG-C MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 23RD IN MADEIRA BEACH AT 9:00 A.M.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Attest:

Diane Renton, Assistant Clerk

Bob Fountaine, Mayor