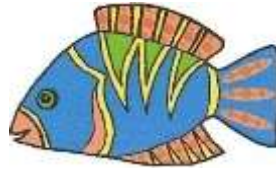


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<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belleair Beach Clearwater Indian Rocks Beach Indian Shores Madeira Beach North Redington Beach Redington Beach Redington Shores St. Pete Beach Treasure Island 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Kathy Mortensen Mayor George N. Cretekos Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton Wollin Mayor Jim Lawrence Mayor Travis Palladeno Mayor Bill Queen Mayor Nick Simons Mayor Bert Adams Commissioner Jim Parent Mayor Robert Minning
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<p>Guest Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Florida – District 13 State of Florida – District 54 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senator Dennis Jones Representative Jim Frishe
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<p>Guests Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beach Scene City of Belleair Beach Florida State Senator Jones Office Florida Barter Mark Hubbard Indian Rocks Beach Town of Indian Shores Town of Indian Shores Town of Indian Shores City of Madeira Beach City of Madeira Beach City of Madeira Beach City of Madeira Beach City of Madeira Beach Madeira Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phyllis Johnson Councilmember Wanda Schwerer Betsy Collins Missy Hand Hubbards Marina Jose L. Coppen Vice Mayor Joan Herndon Councilor Carole Irelan Councilor Bill Smith Commissioner Terry Lister Vice Mayor Robin Vander Velde David J. Marsicano Ginger Stilton Vince Tenaglia Marilyn Hafling Sarah Ward
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Town of North Redington Beach	Vice Mayor Curtis Blocker
Pinellas County	Andy Squires
Pinellas County Candidate	Janet C. Long
Pinellas County Candidate Aide	Mary Scott Hardwick
Pinellas Planning Council	Linda Fisher
Town of Redington Shores	Vice Mayor John Branch
St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Convention & Visitors Bureau	Rhonda Sanborn
Sand Key Civic Association	Doug Chandler
Sand Key Civic Association	Nick Fritsch
SWFWMD	Cara Martin
Secrets of the Sea	Butch Ringelspaugh
Secrets of the Sea	Debra Roman
Secrets of the Sea	Howard Rutherford
Secrets of the Sea	Emily Stehle
Tampa Bay Newspapers	Bob McClure
Tourist Development Council/TBBCC	Doreen Moore
City of Treasure Island	Commissioner Carol Coward
City of Treasure Island	Commissioner Alan Bildz
	R. Sollie
City of Clearwater Board Reporter	Patricia O. Sullivan

BIG-C President Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Secrets of the Sea Marine Exploration Center and Aquarium in John's Pass, Madeira Beach, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcoming comments by Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno and Secrets of the Sea representatives.

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

3 - Approval of Agenda

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

4 - Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2012 meeting.

Mayor Adams moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG-C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of March 28, 2012, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

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

BIG-C Secretary/Treasurer Terry Hamilton Wollin reviewed the March 2012 Treasurer's Report, stating the balance is \$354.35.

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

6 - Correspondence:

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Mayor Cretokos reported receipt of correspondence from Senator Dennis Jones, who he welcomed and thanked for his many years of service.

7 - New Business:

a) The Honorable Dennis Jones, Florida Senate

Senator Dennis Jones said it was his pleasure to serve the community for 32 years, thanked the council for its support, and encouraged its ongoing partnership with the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association. He reviewed funding efforts for the 8.7-mile Sand Key beach renourishment project, scheduled for completion in November 2012. He said with hard work, this year's beach renourishment budget totaled \$22-million and will be matched by Federal money to fund the top seven projects in Florida. He thanked Senator Latvala for his efforts on behalf of the Honeymoon Island beach restoration project, which will be accomplished without Federal matching funds; Honeymoon Island is the top visited State park in Florida. He said additional funds have been budgeted for post construction monitoring and inlet management. He discussed the importance of the ongoing project to map the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean for sand source areas; gas and oil pipes cannot intrude into these areas. He said new legislators will need information regarding the importance of beach restoration for tourism and Florida's economy. Senator Jones also thanked new FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr., for his support of legislative efforts to remove barriers in the permitting process.

b) The Honorable Jim Frishe, Florida House of Representatives

Representative Jim Frishe complimented Senator Jones for his efforts as architect of the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association and associated legislation and appropriations. He reported this year the Florida Legislative passed the Beach Management/Dennis L. Jones Beach and Shore Preservation Act. He reviewed efforts to streamline the permitting process for beach management. He said the Governor understands the importance of Florida's beaches to State tourism.

8 - Old Business

An honorary gavel and plaque were presented to Mayor Nick Simons for his service as BIG-C president. He was complimented for his efforts to secure funds to upgrade Gulf Boulevard.

9 - Miscellaneous:

a) Beach Update

It was reported Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater had a 100-foot booth at the recent U.S. Travel Association's International Pow Wow in Los Angeles to encourage international tour operators to offer tour packages that combine visits to Pinellas County beaches with Orlando. The Association's president recently purchased a vacation home in Pinellas County.

It was recommended that local Chambers of Commerce encourage businesses to emulate Arizona efforts that enthusiastically welcome Spring Training fans and encourage repeat tourism.

Rhonda Sanborn, of St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, encouraged votes for Treasure Island as best urban beach rehabilitation.

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Andy Squires, of Pinellas County, reported the Sand Key beach renourishment project has been delayed slightly, but the November completion date remains unchanged. He anticipated the Treasure Island to Pass-a-Grille project will begin next summer.

Individual efforts on behalf of beach renourishment were acknowledged.

b) Legislative Update: see above

c) Penny for Pinellas Update

It was reported Pinellas County Commission discussion of the Penny for Pinellas Interlocal agreement has been delayed while review of beach renourishment parking requirements that affect two beach cities continues. It is hoped these parking issues will be resolved at a future legislative session.

Members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

10 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

May 30, 2012 BIG-C meeting scheduled at Treasure Island.

President, Barrier Islands
Governmental Council
Mayor – City of Clearwater