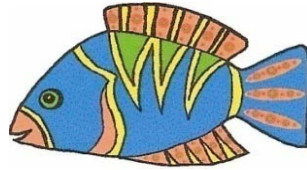


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Belleair Shore  
Clearwater  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Shores  
Madeira Beach*



*North Redington Beach  
Redington Beach  
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St. Pete Beach  
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### **Meeting Minutes February 27, 2012**

Present:	Belleair Beach Belleair Shore Clearwater Indian Rocks Beach Indian Shores Madeira Beach North Redington Beach Redington Beach Redington Shores St. Pete Beach Treasure Island	Mayor Kathy Mortensen Mayor John Robertson 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 Vice Mayor Phil Collins
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Guest Speaker:	Pinellas Planning Council	Michael Crawford
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Guests:	City of Belleair Beach Belleair Shore State of Florida – District 22 State of Florida – District 69 State of Florida – District 22 Florida Department of Transportation City of Indian Rocks Beach City of Indian Rocks Beach Indian Rocks Beach Town of Indian Shores Town of Indian Shores Town of Indian Shores Madeira Beach Aide to PC Commissioner Charlie Justice Aide to PC Commissioner Janet Long Pinellas County MPO Pinellas Planning Council	Nancy Gonzalez Robin Robertson Senator Jeff Brandes Representative Kathleen Peters Legislative Assistant Chris Spencer Robert Baker Mayor R.B. Johnson Commissioner Cookie Kennedy Jose L. Coppen Vice-Mayor Joan Herndon Councilor Carole Irelan Councilor Bill Smith Doreen Moore Ralph Reid Mary Scott Hardwick Sandra Knoebel Linda Fisher
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Progress Energy  
City of Seminole  
Tampa Bay Newspapers  
Tourist Development Council/Barefoot Beach  
City of Clearwater Board Reporter

Melissa Saixas  
Incoming Mayor Leslie Waters  
Bob McClure  
Bill Priakos  
Patricia O. Sullivan

BIG C President George Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the North Redington Beach Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming comments by North Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen.

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

### 3 - Approval of Agenda

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

### 4 - Approval of Minutes – January 30, 2013 meeting.

Commissioner Parent moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of January 30, 2013, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### 5 - Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2013.

BIG C Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton Wollin reviewed the Treasurer's Report for January 2013; the balance was \$7,409.25.

Mayor Robertson moved to accept the January 2013 Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### 6 - Correspondence:

Submissions to Pinellas County for Gulf Boulevard project reimbursements and requests to carry projects forward are due by March 29, 2013.

### 7 - New Business:

#### **a) FDOT MOU, Beacons and Signs**

Mayor Jim Lawrence expressed concerns the RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) system will be vulnerable to bad weather and errant vehicles, and with dwindling property values the Town of Indian Shores cannot take total responsibility for maintenance or replacement costs as outlined in the FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). He said FDOT should cover these expenses.

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Discussion ensued with concerns expressed re unidentified cost and liability issues. Also reviewed were municipal decisions to accept or reduce the number of systems or to opt out of system installation.

State Senator Jeff Brandes and Representative Kathleen Peters will look into the matter and report their findings to the BIG C next month.

### **b) MPO/PPC Update – Michael Crawford, PPC Interim Executive Director**

PPC (Pinellas Planning Council) Interim Executive Director Michael Crawford provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Countywide Plan Update, which is halfway toward completion. Development patterns and local government planning have evolved significantly since the current Plan's basic structure was adopted in 1989. As proposed, the number of plan map categories will be reduced from 38 to 11 and local maps no longer will be required to be identical to the Countywide Plan Map. The Plan will identify potential future centers, corridors, target employment overlays, and associated development and will streamline the planning process for special areas. Associated planning will consider connectivity, public realm enhancements, site orientation, ground floor design and use, and transition to neighborhoods.

It was recommended that municipalities invite Mr. Crawford to visit for his insight on ways to improve pedestrian friendly design.

### **c) Audit Committee Appointments for Annual Meeting**

Mayor Lawrence and Commissioner Parent will serve as the Audit Committee and submit their report at the BIG C Annual Meeting.

### **d) Reschedule Annual Meeting to May**

Mayor Cretokos reported the Emergency Operations presentation is scheduled on April 24, 2013, the date of the BIG C Annual meeting.

Mayor Robertson moved to postpone the BIG C Annual Meeting to May 29, 2013. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **e) Rotating Secretary**

Mayor Cretokos said while BIG C Bylaws direct the Secretary/Treasurer to keep meeting minutes, the President's staff has been doing so. To reduce staff travel time, he recommended that minutes keeping again be rotated and be the responsibility of the host municipality.

Consensus was for the host municipality to be responsible for minutes keeping, beginning March 27, 2013.

### **8 - Old Business:**

### **Legislative Update**

State Senator Jeff Brandes said he chairs the Senate Transportation Committee and encouraged members to use him as a resource. He expressed concerns that some public pension plans in Florida are

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poorly funded and discussed the need for transparency. He said a number of bills have been filed re education and said he supports individual course accreditation. He said he wants to advocate for the community and invited members to contact him with concerns.

State Representative Kathleen Peters reviewed her efforts to have beach renourishment projects approved this year for Treasure Island and St. Pete Beach. She invited members to contact her with beach renourishment concerns.

### **Beach Update**

Councilor Bill Smith said at the quarterly FSBPA (Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association) meeting it was reported that the Governor had suggested budgeting \$25 million for beach renourishment. He said this year's projects are geared to repair damage from storms Debby and Sandy. He said new legislative advocates for the beach need to be developed.

Mayor Minning is attending a conference with Pinellas County Coastal Manager Andy Squires.

### 9 - Miscellaneous:

Members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

Mayor Mortensen was thanked for her efforts on behalf of the BIG C.

Mayor Palladeno agreed to replace Mayor Mortensen on the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Subcommittee beginning March 18, 2013.

### 10 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

March 27, 2013 BIG C meeting scheduled at Redington Beach Town Hall, 105 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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President, Barrier Islands  
Governmental Council  
Mayor – City of Clearwater