

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
MARINE RESOURCES TASK FORCE
Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Chair Veach. Members present: Greg Holmes, Mary Rose Spalletta and Bill Veach.

Excused: Tree Andre, Tony Lubig and Keri Hendry-Weeg.

Staff: Rae Blake

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 11, 2016

Tabled until next meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.

V. CURRENT ITEMS

A. Vehicles on the Beach (All)

Ms. Blake reported that Council may address the issue at their next meeting.

B. Rain Gardens (Weeg) - no report.

C. Adopt a Beach (Andre) - no report.

D. Beachscape and Dune Plantings (Veach)

Chair Veach noted that almost half of the plants looked healthy and were getting established. Chair Veach thanked Ms. Spalletta for keeping the tape up.

E. Community Outreach (Weeg)

Discussion was held concerning starting to organize events earlier.

G. FAQ for Shelling and Dogs on Fort Myers Beach (Spalletta and Holmes)

Chair Veach shared cards used by Beach Patrol to educate visitors.

H. Environmental Education (Weeg and Veach)

Chair Veach printed samples of a brochure for review. Discussion was held concerning the cost of printing.

I. Branding of Nature and Ecotourism (Veach) - no report.

J. MRTF Policies

Ms. Blake provided copies of the procedures manual and the ordinance for discussion. Chair Veach noted that, according to Code, MRTF was charged with promoting stewardship of the environment and did not have to wait for direction by Council.

VI. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Ms. Spalletta indicated that three hatchlings were disoriented by lights and two fell into holes, but survived. She noted that 132 turtles made false crawls this year. Discussion was held on educating beach goers and property owners concerning lighting and protecting nests. Ms. Blake described the enforcement process.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.

VIII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

MOTION: Chair Veach moved to meet on September 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.; second by ?

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Blake noted that Ms. Weeg, Ms. Andre and Ms. Denegre were up for reappointment in October.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Holmes moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Spalletta.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Adopted _____ with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature:  _____

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