

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

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chair Veach. Members present: Keri Hendry-Weeg, Tony Lubig, Mary Rose Spalletta and Bill Veach.

Excused: Tree Andre and Greg Holmes.

Staff: Rae Blake

Ms. Andre sent word that she was going to take a break from MRTF. Ms. Blake was under the impression that Ms. Denegre was not interested in reappointment.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 27, 2016**

**MOTION:** Ms. Weeg moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Lubig.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.**

**V. CURRENT ITEMS**

**A. Vehicles on the Beach (All)**

Ms. Blake reported that Council has not discussed the issue. Discussion was held regarding trash pickup.

**B. Rain Gardens (Weeg)**

Ms. Weeg will contact Scott Baker, Director of Public Works, regarding best management practices. Ms. Blake will send Mr. Baker a follow up email to facilitate a meeting and she will email Tetra Tech for additional information.

**C. Adopt a Beach (Andre) - on hold.**

**D. Beachscape and Dune Plantings (Veach)**

Chair Veach noted that some of the plants were hanging on after the storm. He reported that they gained an average of 26-27" of sand since 2013. Ms. Blake will forward the informational email from Chair Veach.

E. Community Outreach (Weeg)

Ms. Weeg will contact Bonnie regarding feedback from the event and planning for next year. Chair Veach brought up having a MRTF float for parades.

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

Completed - remove from agenda.

G. Environmental Education (Weeg and Veach)

Ms. Blake indicated that she needed a design, sizes and price quotes before she can move forward with interpretive signs. Chair Veach provided a copy of his pamphlet. Ms. Blake will get dimensions for the signs.

Ms. Weeg reported that she was submitting articles regarding water updates every other month.

H. Branding of Nature and Ecotourism (Veach) - merge with G.

**VI. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Chair Veach suggested starting the agenda anew in October. He stated that anyone could submit agenda items 10 days before the meeting.

Mr. Lubig stated that his friend would lease beach raking machines to the Town a couple of times a year. Ms. Spalletta commented that raking may not be permitted. Mr. Lubig would meet all Town raking requirements. Chair Veach discussed negative effects of raking. Ms. Weeg suggested that Mr. Lubig provide additional information on the machines. Ms. Blake will add the item to the agenda.

Ms. Spalletta reported there were 10 to 12 turtle nests left to hatch.

Ms. Weeg thanked Ms. Andre for serving on MRTF and for all her hard work. She thanked Ms. Denegre for her hard work. Chair Veach thanked Ms. Andre for her work on Adopt a Beach.

Chair Veach questioned the status of erosion in the critical wildlife area. Ms. Blake replied that mangroves were starting to die off due to the influx of salt water concentration. She considered dredging the area in multiple places to allow the water to mix. Discussion was held concerning salinity and oxygen issues. Ms. Blake will get DEP and FWC involved.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.**

**VIII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING - October 12, 2016 at 4:30**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ms. Weeg moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Lubig.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Adopted 10/12/16 with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: 5/0 Signature: 

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