

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

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chair Johnson.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Wendy DeGaetano, Greg Fossum, Steve Johnson, Rose Larkin and Jennifer Rusk.

Excused: Robert Howell

Council Liaison: Bill Veach

**IV. APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** MRTF Member Spalletta moved to approve the agenda; second by MRTF Member Fossum.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**V. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – December 8, 2021**

**MOTION:** MRTF Member Spalletta moved to approve the minutes; second by MRTF Member Fossum.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.**

**VII. CURRENT ITEMS**

**A. Dark Skies**

Chair Johnson read the program description including a list of certified dark sky communities. He provided key documents with a checklist, a program guideline and a flow chart to help guide the discussion. He reviewed the application process and noted that completed applications from approved communities were on the website. Chair Johnson highlighted minimum requirements. Liaison Veach suggested they create a list of what they could do fairly easily.

MRTF Member Larkin suggested they start with educating the community about dark

situation where a Kemp's Ridley turtle was rescued by employees of Rebel Watersports. The turtle was rehabbing at CROW. She noted the employees also rescued a pelican later that same day.

Consensus was reached to feature the Kemp's Ridley turtle rescue next and bank the rainwater collector.

### VIII. MEMBERS' ITEMS AND REPORTS

MRTF Member Spalletta commended staff for replanting sea oats at Newton Park.

Chair Johnson noted the fishing pier on the Matanzas bridge was ready to be demolished and concerns should be directed to Town Council. He stated he would forward the Policies & Procedures Manual to members.

MRTF Member Rusk provided an update regarding pop-up since April of 2021. She thanked Gary Mathis for being a great volunteer.

MRTF Member Larkin requested vegetation be added to the next agenda.

No items from other members.

### IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Mathis from Bonita Beach suggested that MRTF Members review the Illuminating Engineers Society (IES) website and the benefits of dark skies. He noted there were a lot of good articles online that would answer their questions. He stated that he would pass a background check.

### X. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Add vegetation, budget and the P&P document.

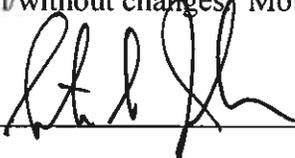
### XI. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** MRTF Member Spalletta moved to adjourn; second by MRTF Member Fossum

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Adopted 2/9/2022 with/without changes, Motion by Mary Rose Spalletta  
(DATE)

Vote: 6 - 0 Signature: 

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