

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

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Veach. Members present: Eldon Ridener, Mary Rose Spalletta, Bill Veach and Keri Hendry Weeg.  
Excused: Greg Holmes, Tony Lubig and Shannon Mapes.  
Staff: Rae Blake

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 8, 2017**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ridener moved to approve the minutes; second by Chair Veach.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously with Keri Hendry Weeg abstaining.

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

**V. CURRENT ITEMS**

**A. Beachscape (Veach)**

Chair Veach indicated that his plants were ready to transfer to Newton Park.

**MOTION:** Chair Veach moved to plan a date to put in replacement plants in Newton Park; second by Ms. Hendry Weeg.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Develop Island Naturalist Class (Veach)**

Chair Veach reported that he was assisting with the Master Naturalist Class in the absence of Jim Rodwell and was learning new information that will be helpful when developing the new class. He suggested offering the Town two seats for employees if they could meet at Newton Park at no cost. Discussion was held regarding pricing the course.

**C. Good Citizen Award aka the "Murphie"**

Mr. Ridener mentioned Corey Francisco and Ms. Blake nominated Penny Jarrett. Ms. Hendry Weeg suggested that Penny Jarrett be nominated for the Mulholland Award instead.

**MOTION:** Ms. Spalletta moved to award Corey Francisco with the Murphie; second by Ms. Hendry Weeg.



**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hendry Weeg will contact Ms. Francisco.

D. Mulholland Award

Ms. Spalletta will complete the paperwork to nominate Penny Jarrett.

**VI. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Mr. Ridener mentioned stewardship outreach to large groups. Chair Veach suggested reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce and Condo Associations. Mr. Ridener will contact the Chamber.

Ms. Hendry Weeg invited Chair Veach to speak at the Leadership Conference and he agreed. She mentioned scheduling a joint meeting with the new Council.

Chair Veach provided a progress report regarding the trailer/float for the Shrimp Festival. Discussion was held regarding parking, RSVPs for the float, brochures and attire.

Ms. Spalletta commented that she attended a turtle convention in Gainesville and she received information from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regarding beach cleaning practices. Ms. Blake will add it to the agenda.

Chair Veach reported that Town Council passed the fertilizer ordinance and plastic straws to MRTF for their review and recommendations. He preferred to get in front of designing a new website and Ms. Blake noted that she was working on it. Chair Veach suggested that ideas be submitted to her.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VIII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

Add group outreach, bird pamphlets, fertilizer ordinance, straws on the beach and share the beach.

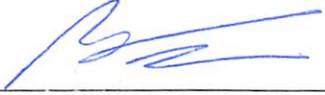
**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ms. Spalletta moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Hendry Weeg.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Adopted 5/10/17 with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: 

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