

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

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Vice Chair Mapes. Members present: Greg Holmes, Steve Johnson, Shannon Mapes, Mary Rose Spalletta.

Excused: Patty Feste, Justin Paulauskis and Bill Veach.

Staff: Rae Burns

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 10, 2019 and May 8, 2019

April minutes to be voted on at the August meeting.

MOTION: MRTF member Spalletta moved to approve the May 8, 2019 minutes; second by MRTF member Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. CURRENT ITEMS

A. Fertilizer Ordinance Review

Vice Chair Mapes reported that the DEP ombudsman office approved stricter ordinances like Seminole County. She described soil testing requirements to prove the soil was deficient before applying fertilizers. She will submit supporting documentation to the DEP to address water quality and fertilizer use. The Town's setbacks and deflectors for spreaders were not the same as the DEP model and they should be addressed. Technician Burns suggested that MRTF provide Council with the differences between the two ordinances at their next meeting. Vice Chair Mapes will present information to Council at their meeting in August.

B. Reusable Bags

MRTF member Johnson reported that there was 13 boxes of bags left. Discussion was held regarding upcoming events for distribution. MRTF member Holmes commented that the head of the Condo Association was interested in distributing bags and MRTF was on the agenda for their next meeting in the fall.

MRTF member Spalletta stated that guests at Sea Gypsy liked the bags so much they took

them home instead of leaving them in the room. Discussion was held regarding the design for sponsor bags.

C. Glyphosate Use on Fort Myers Beach

Technician Burns remarked that Council discussed the issue at a Management and Planning meeting and they requested additional scientific data and studies. Vice Chair Mapes will provide additional information to Technician Burns before the next Council meeting. Vice Chair Mapes suggested that they remove references to cancer in the ordinance and concentrate on water quality issues.

D. MRTF Issued Certifications

1. Island Yard Certification – tabled to a future date.
2. Sea Turtle Lighting Certification – MRTF member Johnson working on presentation.
3. Turf Grass Study – no update.

E. Good Citizen aka the “Murphie” – MRTF member Johnson to email nominees to Chair Veach.

VI. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

MRTF member Johnson reported that he installed 20 signs at the following locations: Dakota, Lanark, Flamingo, Gulf, Avenue C, Seaview, Pompano, Gulf Beach, Delmar, Palm, Miramar, Avenue E, Alva, Avenue A, Canal, Mango, Coconut, Bayview, Gulfview and Strandview. MRTF member Spalletta stated that there were 52 turtle nests. Vice Chair Mapes will contact two rental companies regarding placing bags in rooms.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VIII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – August 14, 2019

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MRTF member Spalletta moved to adjourn the meeting; second by MRTF member Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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

Vote: _____ Signature: 