

RESOLUTION 20-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, CREATING THE BEACH AND COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Marco Island provides for continuous citizen input and advice through a wide variety of boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the community to create a Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will appoint members to the committee that have substantial experience in areas that would be beneficial in carrying out the purposes of the committee, and have the ability to devote the time necessary to the business of the committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida that:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Marco Island City Council hereby creates the Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee, consisting of seven members chosen by City Council whose terms will be established in accordance with Sec. 2-204 of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 3 . The Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee is charged with identifying short and long-term issues that impact the beach and coastal environment, evaluating potential solutions and recommending policy and practices to City staff for administrative or Council action.

Section 4 . The Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee goals are:

1. Public outreach/education on Sea Turtle Lighting Compliance. Presentation to condominium boards & associations, local clubs, such as Kiwanis, Rotary and realtor boards, and schools.
2. Public outreach/education on commonly found listed species on Marco Island, such as Burrowing Owls, Gopher Tortoises, American Osprey, Black Skimmer, Least Terns, winter/summer shorebirds and other species listed under the City's Protected Species Ordinance.

- a) Continue to leverage our relationships with the Audubon of the Western Everglades (AWE), the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Rookery Bay, and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.
 - b) Support Marco Island Environmental Speaker Series on Marco's Wildlife presented by various organizations.
3. Public outreach and education on the Importance of Big Marco Pass as a critical wildlife area, and its unique ecology.
- a) Support FWC, AWE and the Collier County Shorebird Stewardship Program in Marco for both winter and summer shorebirds, and why it is important.
4. Educational Outreach to Tommie Barfield Elementary School, Marco Island Charter School, Mackle Park Summer Camp and Marco Island Academy.
5. Write a proposal or grant request to the Collier County Tourist Development Council, District 1 Collier County Commissioner and/or Collier County Parks & Recreation, for funding of a Beach Stewardship Program on "Benefits of Sharing our Beach with Wildlife" as this promotes ecotourism.
6. Continue with monthly beach clean-ups.
7. Continue to work with City Council on issues pertaining protection of Marco's listed species.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, this 15th day of June 2020.

ATTEST:

CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

Laura M. Litzan, City Clerk

By: _____
Erik Brechnitz, Chairman