



Cocoa Beach Surfrider Foundation Chapter Meeting

February 21, 2018 - Café Surfinista, 6pm ~ 10 attendees

Old Business

- **Swells of Interest 2** – movie event raised \$1545 for CBSF. Eve show sold out; matinee well attended.
- **Surf Expo** - Brett Henderson attended/reported a huge interest in Surfrider. The CFL Surfrider and CB Surfrider cooperated tabling this event in previous years but CFL Surfrider is no longer functional. CBSF may be more involved next year, possibly in collaboration with Sebastian Inlet Surfrider.
- **Surfrider Florida Lobby Day/Jan 18** - Biff and Jo Branagan attended.
- **Junior ProAm Surf Contest/Feb 3** - Good turnout for dune planting; several City Commissioners. 35 stakes painted. Contest went well.
- **Surfrider DC Lobby Days/Feb 15-16** – no one from CBSF attended.
- **80s in the Park** - Bruce Moeller reported that event at International Palms had no dune protection and apparently no financial deposit for City events dune protection as many people were in the dune area. Commissioner Williams reported that an overflow parking permit was issued by the City for '80s in the Park but no special event permit. He speculated that the people on the beach/dunes had not paid to attend event.
- **FL Surf Film Festival** - Bruce reported that he tabled the event. Not a full house but several attendees expressed interest in Surfrider.

New Business/Upcoming Events

- **Up With People** – Kate DeCoste gave an overview of Up With People (a non-profit, multi-national, community service group with an environmental focus) that will be in Brevard County in mid-March. On March 13, there is a kayak paddle at Ramp Road Park in the morning (w/Fin Expeditions extra kayaks may be needed), yoga later in the morning with Infinity Yoga and a beach cleanup with KBB/CBSF at 1pm at 2nd St N. Up With People will present a musical show at Eau Gallie High auditorium the evenings of March 16 & 17.
- **Save the Mid Reach/Feb 24**, Noon, Pelican Beach Park, Satellite Beach – John Hearin reported that much of the fill used for dune restoration following Hurricane Irma had been found to be of poor quality.
- **Surfrider Core Training/ Mar 6**, 6pm, CB Library – Holly Parker (FL Surfrider staff) and Jackie Beatty will conduct Volunteer Training for Surfrider members/volunteers.
- **Easter Surf Contest/April 1** - John Hearin had not been contacted about CBSF participation but will contact promoters to get further details.
- **Island TrashBash/April 7**, 8am, Lutheran Church Minutemen Cswy – annual KBB event will be cleaning the north Thousand Islands. Fin Expeditions will provide kayaks, City boat will be available and hot dogs, soda, snacks will be provided.
- **Membership** – 2018 goal is 125. Free t-shirt or rash guard for first time new members. Ongoing recruitment; online tablet membership registration being developed to ease event tabling registration.

- **CB Surfrider Campaigns:**

- **Pollution**

- SB562 would allow local gov to regulate smoking in public spaces e.g. beach; minimal progress
- microplastic filter screen – KBB/others saw demo by a local resident who purchased device. Device did not appear to be more effective than other screening methods. KBB may purchase two devices and construct additional devices.
- Plastic Bag ordinances – legislation pending, minimal progress

- **Coastal Preservation** – FL bill SB804 would radically change beach access laws to restrict beach access, allows those who own portions of the sandy beach to restrict use. May not affect Cocoa Beach/Brevard County as the beach renourishment projects have extended the beach well beyond property lines and public beach use easements were obtained as part of beach nourishment effort.

- **Ocean Protection/oil drilling/seismic testing** - there is an active effort to obtain signatures for FL constitutional amendment P91, which would ban oil drilling and fracking in the state. More information can be found online.

- **Clean Water** – pilot project Smart Fin, a water quality testing device fitted to a surfboard fin, is underway in San Diego. When finalized, this technology could be available for other areas.

Other Business

- Robert Day reported that the annual KBB Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 16 at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. More information can be found at the KBB website.

Lawrence's Last Word

Lawrence expressed his frustration at the lack of environmental awareness or concern on the part of our legislators. He noted the items reported above where bills to address environmental concerns were not being acted on or simply stalled. Lawrence feels that the public's concerns are not being listened to by the legislature.

Adjournment: 6:45pm