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From: Leasure, Pamela S
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 11:07 AM
To: Bachteler, James J
Cc: DeCou, Cheryl A; Cozzie, Paul A; Harper, Steven J
Subject: Letters of support for item 17-1786A
Attachments: SKP Letters Support.pdf

James

The attached file contains 6 letters of support for Item #17-1786A (2018 Shell Key Preserve Management Update), for the meeting of 9/13/18. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thanks

Pam

Pamela Leasure

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September 6, 2018

Commissioner Charlie Justice
315 Court Street
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Dear Commissioner Justice,

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) would like to extend our support to the development of the Shell Key Preserve Management Plan update. Managing this dynamic preserve, and balancing the recreational uses with challenges of the natural resource management needs at Shell key is an important responsibility of the Pinellas County Department of Parks and Conservation Resources. This updated management plan outlines activities that will allow Pinellas County to meet the mission of protection and conservation of wintering and nesting shorebirds in our highly developed region.

The Preserve incorporates a mosaic of habitats that are important to the survival of several protected species. Shell Key's central core is a vitally important shorebird nesting area and the beach of Shell Key serves as a nesting beach for protected green and loggerhead sea turtles. Preserving Shell Key's natural resources and monitoring success of management activities within this important asset in Pinellas County, is imperative given the dynamic nature of the coastal processes on the evolution of the Preserve. As our region continues to grow, our natural areas will see increased pressures and managing Shell Key Preserve will become increasingly important to our flora and fauna. TBRPC is pleased to offer our support for the update of the Shell Key Management Plan update and would be happy to provide professional planning and environmental assistance to Pinellas County on this important endeavor.

Respectfully,

Sean Sullivan
Executive Director

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September 4, 2018

Commissioner Justice
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Dear Commissioner Justice,

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation for and support of the Shell Key Management Plan produced by the Pinellas County Environmental Program staff, specifically Pam Leasure and Dr. Steve Harper. I served as an Advisory Panel member both for this reiteration of the Plan and the first Plan produced years ago. I was also on the Florida Birding and Nature Festival planning committee when we suggested using funds raised for the Festival to partially purchase the private lands on Shell Key, which led to the possibility that the Key could be managed through a joint State-County partnership.

Management of Shell Key is an important role and Pinellas County has appropriately taken the leadership for this work. The County's partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Pinellas Aquatic Preserve has obviously been key. As the human population of Pinellas County continues to increase, the value of the open space and the undeveloped habitat resources that remain in Pinellas County, as are at Shell Key, increases, for the people of our region and also the wildlife that rely on these critical environments.

Please let me know if you have any questions about my participation in the Management Plan or this letter expressing my opinion on it.

Sincerely,



Ann Paul
Regional Coordinator

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September 4, 2018

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33576
(Sent via e-mail to each commissioner)

Re: 2018 Shell Key Preserve Management Plan

We are writing this letter to express our support for the 2018 Shell Key Preserve Management Plan Update. We visit Shell Key almost every day and we believe that this plan is well thought out and in the best interest of the preserve.

Consideration has been given to all of the public input on the issues affecting Shell Key Preserve – and extra time was taken to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Shell Key Shuttle, Inc.

Nancy Davidek

President

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2018 Shell Key Management Plan

Dear Commissioners,

I have the honor of representing Commissioner Welch on the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board. I am also one of the many county volunteers who go out to the island and support cleanups and invasive plant removal on the island.

On August 23rd, I attended a board meeting where the PCR Advisory board reviewed the Shell Key Management Plan.

I want to express my full support of the plan. It is very important that the county continue to protect this valuable asset and especially the critical wildlife that relies on it.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Kandz

Pinellas County Volunteer and PCR Advisory Board member
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Commissioner Justice,

On August 15th, I attended the Shell Key Management Plan meeting at Tampa Bay Watch. I am one of the many county volunteers who go out to the island and support cleanups and invasive plant removal on the island. Upon review, I want to express my full support of the plan. It is very important that the county continue to protect this valuable asset, especially with the critical wildlife that relies on it. Thank you.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Howard, Pinellas County Volunteer
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From: Tom Bell <tandl1621@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 5:55 PM
To: Leasure, Pamela S
Subject: Shell Key Management Plan

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2018 Shell Key Management Plan

Commissioner Justice,

Regarding the August 15th Shell Key Management Plan meeting at Tampa Bay Watch: My wife and I are long time county volunteers who visit Shell Key to support cleanups, invasive plant removals and bird counts of the many species that utilize the island. After review, we want to express our total support of the plan. This island is one of the many small jewels in the crown of islands in Pinellas County that deserves support. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tom and Lindsay Bell, Pinellas County Volunteers
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Bachteler, James J

From: Leasure, Pamela S
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 7:22 AM
To: Bachteler, James J
Subject: RE: BCC 09-13-18 - Agenda Item 27 - Letters of Support for 2018 Shell Key Preserve Mgmt Plan
Attachments: STT_PM.pdf

James

Not sure if you can add these two letters of support I received late yesterday. If possible, please add them to File 17-1786A to Agenda Item 27 for the 9/13/18 BCC meeting. What is the last date I can add any letters of support?

Thanks and have a good day.

Pam

Pamela Leasure

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Subject: RE: BCC 09-13-18 - Agenda Item 27 - Letters of Support for 2018 Shell Key Preserve Mgmt Plan

Good Morning, Pamela.....

Thank you for submitting the **Correspondence** sent to the Board of County Commissioners in **Support** of the **2018 Shell Key Preserve Management Plan Update**.

The **Attachments** Index for **Legistar** File **17-1786A** has been updated with a PDF file containing this Correspondence. This information is related to Agenda Item **27** on the Draft Agenda for the **13 September 2018** Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

Thank You and Have A Pleasant Afternoon

James Bachteler

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Leasure, Pamela S

From: Tracy Andrews <tracy@seaturtletrackers.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 10:12 PM
To: Justice, Charlie
Cc: Leasure, Pamela S; Sea Turtle Trackers
Subject: Shell Key Management Plan

Dear Justice Commissioner,

My name is Tracy Andrews, and I am an active volunteer, supervisor, and director/board member of the local non-profit organization called Sea Turtle Trackers. Our group works under an FWC permit to monitor the sea turtle nesting along the beaches of St Pete Beach, Shell Key Preserve, and the nicknamed shoal, Outback Key. My primary area of focus is to manage the group of approximately 25 regular volunteers who walk (patrol) the 3.5 miles of shore line on the main island of Shell Key. Our patrol season, per FWC guidelines, is daily from April 1-October 31 of each year.

I have gone through the Shell Key Management Plan for the Shell Key Preserve, and I want to send our approval for the proposed actions to continue to protect and manage this vital environment. It is critical that the entire preserve continues to be a priority in the efforts to restore this area to its original habitat, and to maintain that habitat for our future generations.

The Sea Turtle Trackers, along with Pam Leasure and her team, will continue to work together to keep the main island clean, healthy, and monitored. We will do what we can to help with the efforts in this management plan, and should you need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Tracy Andrews
Treasurer, Supervisor
Sea Turtle Trackers, Inc

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Clearwater, Florida 33576

2018 Shell Key Management Plan

Commissioner Justice,

As a county resident, active volunteer and frequent visitor to Shell Key I have followed the development of strategies for preserving and protecting the key, as well as the current Shell Key Management Plan with great interest. I would like to convey my full support of the plan. It is critical to preserve and care for this important piece of barrier island open space in Pinellas County - there is little of this habitat remaining in the County.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Patrick Mundus
Pinellas County Volunteer
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