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From: BoardRecords,
Subject: FW:

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller [mailto:noreply@mypinellasclerk.org]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda <bccagendacomment@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject:

Live Form

Topic Masks, Closing of Beaches
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Undecided

Comments I'm disgusted. Curfews,500 dollar fines, 60 days in jail. No bond? An officer pulls me over without reasonable suspicion and I will demand he be prosecute for a felony of violating my rights! 14th amendment, I am not your slave, 5th amendment and 6th amendment, you don't get any explanations, I am not guilty until proven so, and I have the right to an attorney. My rights trump your safety. Open the beaches for exercise, 6 foot rule for social distancing. Vitamin D3 boost immunity. Every one of you tyrants disgust me vehemently. I do not want or need a nanny state protecting me.

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Topic Reopening the Beaches
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I am writing to ask the board to please reopen the Pinellas County Beaches. I am a 40 year old born and raised citizen of Pinellas County. I have been going to Clearwater Beach my whole life. The beach is my sanctuary. It is where I go to relax and take respite. It soothes my soul and calms my nerves. In these uncertain times people need the healing calming waters of our very own Gulf waters now more than ever! It is not healthy for citizens to be held prisoners in their homes. I have always believed the cure for everything is saltwater; sweat, tears and the sea. There is real suffering right now. Citizens should have the right to walk along the shore, breathe the salt air and clear their mind in order to endure another day in these despairing times. Please, reopen Our Beaches!!!

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Live Form

Topic Beach closure

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Undecided

Comments I support re-opening the beaches for locals to exercise. I live within a mile of the beach and it would greatly improve my mental and physical health to be able to walk on the beach as I typically do.

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Topic Reopen Beaches

BCC Agenda Date 4-14-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments Beaches should not have been closed to begin with. Instead of preventing people from going altogether, have police patrol to prevent and ticket larger groups. If people can go to the grocery store, why is it unsafe to sit 6ft or more from someone outside? People need to get outside in the open air and get sun.

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Topic	Opening Beaches
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please re-open the beaches to Florida residents, while maintaining social distancing guidelines.
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Topic Open the Beaches

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments We need to open the beaches and apartment pools. Not everyone wants to waste their time in front of the tv or computer. Besides Spring Break anytime you go to the beach you usually sit at least 6 feet from the other beach goers. Fresh air and a little vitamin D is a great thing for your health

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Topic Current State of Emergency restrictions

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

PLEASE stop the current restrictions on beach access. Social distancing and common sense guidelines as restricting groups of no more than 6 to 10 people are fine, but STOP blocking the access to the beaches and parks. Also, PLEASE encourage city governments in the county to STOP locking people out from access to exercise areas like Tennis courts where the sport itself has greater distance requirements than the virus guidelines. Lack of common sense guidelines by local governments WILL push people to stop cooperating and disregard future "authoritarian" demands... just look at what is happening in other states (like Michigan) government because citizens will only cooperate when they see common sense requests. If you don't exercise respect for peoples liberties and common sense you will loose the support of the citizens and you will only have your own actions to blame. In this case LESS is More / Better Thank you for your restraint in this matter. Best regards

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Topic Closure of Condo/apt pools and beaches

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments I live at Boca Shores Condos in St. Pete Beach. I swim daily due to fibromyalgia. Most of the people who were here at the condos have now left. We normally do not have that many people at the pool at one time. It is a truly gated community and you cannot get in without being left in. We would certainly appreciate the opportunity to use our own pool at our own risk. A number of folks here swim due to arthritis and other health issues. The beach is also another place to open please.

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Topic Public Polling of Beaches, Pools and Essentials
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Good morning, My name is Denise Fougere and I reside at 9136 Jakes Path in Largo, FL I am the editor of Enjoy Pinellas. Enjoy Pinellas is a local online magazine that reaches approx. 700,00 Pinellas County residents a month. We also have a very active FB group of about 4,400 members that consists of business owners, community leaders, non profit organizations, restaurants, veterans, military, teachers, parents and we work with a lot of major media such as Bay News 9 and Channel 10. -38 Today I am here to speak on behalf of the majority* of Enjoy Pinellas. We have ran extensive polling in our community and have formed several solutions and 3 questions. I ask that you keep an open mind as I mention these topics as they are areas of heated controversy and also that you not get overwhelmed because.... this is a lot of information but we want to help. The solution that we offer is as follows: SOLUTION Open automatic car washes and dog groomers. Open 107 pools with HOA/condo/apartment oversight and sporadic police visits so that people can exercise and get sunlight. Mandate people keep a form of identification or the tie to a property, in case they're spot checked on our beaches or at pools. Continue to allow exercise on the wet sand, continue to close down the schools, dry sand and vacation rentals for another 2 weeks until we get the newest test results, like previously agreed, to determine impact. 137 Ensure that we 're getting as many tests and protective gear as possible and if we cant-then let people know. Provide drive thru testing as opposed to urgent care, or medical testing inside. Continue to assess Tampa's cases in addition to Pinellas as we obtain a lot of visitors from Tampa and Tampa is a hot spot for the virus. Continue restaurant curbside take out and recommend platforms like Uber Eats etc. Also recommend online marketing to local businesses, restaurants and

organizations who are struggling. Enjoy Pinellas uses SEO and social media to advertise and we're working on an ecommerce site and online networking platform to help our community! People who are interested can go to Enjoy Pinellas's FB group for more information. After 2 weeks, If we have ample testing and the virus has gone down, reopen the dry sand for everyone as long as we have enough police to monitor social distancing and utilize a fine if necessary for deterrent. QUESTION How many tests for Pinellas County are currently available? Where can you get tested at and when will the next shipment of protective equipment for our front lines come in?

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Topic Re-opening Pinellas Cty beaches

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I would encourage leadership to follow the data and not be a prisoner to emotions. The epicenter in the U.S. is also the media center of the U.S. reporting with a myopic view. Total cases per million NYC 19,107 per 1M ppl Source: CDC site Pinellas Cty ~500 per 1M ppl. Source: Florida D of H COVID-19 site If the pandemic was to reach NYC scale, Fla. would be most vulnerable with the state being the 2nd oldest state aggregate total 4.35M 65+ citizen (California) and percentage of citizens 20.5% (Maine). Pinellas Cty citizens 65+ represent ~25% of our 1M. Total cases are still on 500/1M and new cases have not increased by >10% since 4/7. Winston Churchill wisely recognized he had to give his people hope there was a light in WWII. We are not in the teetering predicament of NYC. Opening the beaches is a small but, needed step to create hope and let some steam-off. Challenge us to preserve social distancing as there will be stages to our resumption to normalcy. Perhaps it is in the works but, an easy to understand Likert scale of threat as was implemented for terror threats after 9/11 or wildfire threat in our parks.

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From: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Pool and beach openings

From: Sandra Silva [mailto:sandrajean5@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:08 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda <bccagendacomments@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Pool and beach openings

Please consider opening these up. We very badly need exercise. You could open these with restrictions so people can get outside.

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Subject: FW: Upcoming Meeting

From: Jay Hare [mailto:harejay@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:06 PM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Upcoming Meeting

All,

I wanted to take a minute and congratulate all of you for working through our current Pandemic situation and applying what I would say is the most practical way with restrictions and applying common sense with most these restrictions. I also understand the need to apply more stricter restrictions in certain aspects as "common sense is not that common" and some of the public may not realize what you are attempting to do. With that said i would like to weigh in on a few topics that you have discussed in detail but just some additional comments.

I do not need a reply to this email as these were just creative ideas that maybe you could mold into something useful. I do understand that people are starting to get a little "cabin fever" and are looking for some outlets and I do agree that if you do not apply certain restrictions people would probably not utilize self governance in the current situation. I am seeing a lot of essential business that have found creative ways to abide by the distancing rule, volume rule (no more than 10 people), etc. and it seems that there could be a balance between some of the current discussions.

- 1) Open beaches between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. then again at 4 p.m.- (sunset)
- 2) Open beaches but no towels, lawn chairs, or coolers - this may stop groups/crowds
- 3) open beaches for walks/runs/bikes only no congregating in areas
- 4) maybe apply the same to parks - but make them free during this time
- 5) Pools for condos- no groups - maintain 6 feet apart - no parties (even families) - have the condo boards self regulate - maybe you restrict occupancy of people on a deck to be divided by 6' or something of the like with enforcement at the condo association level. No more than 10 people on a pool desk at a time and maybe no more than 5 in a pool- there is potential for a balance
- 6) Boating- seems like the boating community is heading advice, but if and only if you or the sheriff have any issues, maybe put a restriction on anchoring in the higher traffic areas if it becomes an issue

We appreciate your time and efforts and as mentioned no response is needed, just some unsolicited ideas.

Jay Hare
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Subject: FW: Beach Openings

From: Linda McDowell [mailto:linda.mcdowell12@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:31 PM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Beach Openings

Dear Commissioners,

I represent a large community of 55+ citizens in unincorporated Seminole. We live close to Gulf Blvd. beaches and ask you NOT to re-open Pinellas County beaches at this time. As cases continue to climb daily, we are in no position to lift restrictions on the one attraction that will draw people from all over.....and not just Pinellas County! Even if you try to restrict gathering, by limiting to "exercise only" it will be very difficult to not draw crowds of folks tired of being confined with too much stress and time on their hands. Let's not take our foot off the break yet!

Pinellas County has beautiful parks and neighborhoods that residents are enjoying now by walking, biking, and enjoying recreation. We appreciate your hard work on the Baypointe project, which has provided our neighborhood a nice space to walk and bike. Folks are very friendly and respectful in social distancing. Many wear masks out of respect for their fellow neighbors and community (which would be another great mandate to implement as we move forward toward social integration).

Thank you for your consideration and efforts to protect the residents of Pinellas County!

Linda McDowell, *GRI, ABR*

REALTOR

Keller-Williams Seminole

Secretary - Harbor Greens Condo Association

President - Save Baypointe Golf Course



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Subject: FW: Beaches

From: Valerie Polansky [mailto:valp@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Beaches

Dear Ms. Gerard,

Please consider opening the beaches to residents for exercise. We need enjoyable exercise so that we don't go stir-crazy and become depressed, especially now that we know this isolation isn't going to end any time soon. The beach is an especially restorative environment. We have been denied access to it for a month--the best month of the year--even though we have deeded access to the beach behind Belleair Shore. The sidewalks on Gulf Blvd get more crowded all the time and we constantly have to move into the grass or street to pass others coming in the opposite direction. Meanwhile, the big beautiful wide-open beach is right there behind the barricades. Social-distancing is a lot easier on the beach. I have a background in microbiology and I truly can't see how it is a danger to the community to allow walking on the beach as long as people keep 6 or 10 feet apart. How is it different than walking on the sidewalk? Even the sheriff didn't see a problem with it when the closure was first considered. The spring-breakers are gone now. Please allow us back on the beach to walk along the shore.

Thank you for your time and consideration. And thank you for all you do for Pinellas County.

Valerie Polansky
Belleair Beach

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From: Kirks Gmail <kirkzastrow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:40 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Pools/Beaches

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Pat - Let's get the beaches and pools opened up ASAP! We can self police the social distance requirements.

Kirk Zastrow
424 Mariner Drive
Tarpon Springs

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: Beaches and groomers oh my!

From: Terri Anderson [mailto:remaxterri@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:51 AM

To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Beaches and groomers oh my!

Please vote to open our beaches! The Spring Breakers are gone! Keep the parking lots closed to reduce those who dont live in the Beach Community. That's a fair move!

Also, please vote to let groomers come back to work. They are essential. Our pets need them just like we need our salons! Vote for the salons to open too! They can do distancing in the salons except for between the stylist and the customer. Let them decide which customers to take.

Thank you!

Kindest regards,

Terri Anderson

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Subject: FW: From Brian P. Battaglia

From: Brian Battaglia [mailto:bbattaglia@bbdglaw.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:51 AM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Cc: Brian Battaglia <bbattaglia@bbdglaw.com>

Subject: From Brian P. Battaglia

April 14, 2020

Dear Members of the Pinellas County Commission:

I saw a news item yesterday which indicated that you would be considering reopening the public beaches in Pinellas County. Obviously, the beach closures, as well as the closures of restaurants and other non-essential businesses, has had a devastating impact on the residents and business owners in Pinellas County, the effects of which will be felt for some time.

I know that you have many responsibilities, and each of you must weigh the interests of the public, the interests of the business owners in your districts, as well as evaluate the information provided to you by the experts with respect to the current crisis, in weighing the short term and long term impacts your decisions may have on the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Pinellas County.

In considering the reopening proposal, I know that you will be consulting with experts. In doing so, I wanted to suggest, if I may, the following areas of inquiry, so the decision you ultimately make, will be the best one, and in the best interests of all residents of our county:

- a. What is the current timeline of the Covid-19 virus, and the effect the reopening of the beaches could have on that timeline, including short term and long term Covid-19 containment and mitigation efforts in Pinellas County?
- b. What will be the direct and indirect impacts of a possible reopening, and the potential that any reopening, will act to draw additional travel to Pinellas County from both within and outside of Florida? What risks are posed by such travel to Pinellas County? What are the projections in terms of the increase in the number of people that may travel to Pinellas County in the event the beaches are reopened? What additional health risks will this pose to the residents of Pinellas County, both young and old, and those segments of our population most vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus in light of the current timeline?
- c. If a resolution is passed by the Commission to reopen the beaches, what is the best timeline for a reopening, and what will be the contingency plans in the resolution to address and mitigate the risks identified by your experts, that could or would potentially result from any reopening?
- d. In the event a resolution to reopen the beaches is passed by the Commission, what steps will be taken before it becomes effective, to educate the public as to reasoning for the reopening, and the rules that will be in effect upon reopening, to protect the residents of Pinellas County, (as well as those who may travel to Pinellas to visit our beaches?)

My best wishes to each of you in this most difficult time.

Respectfully,

Brian P. Battaglia

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Subject: FW: Fort De Soto Park

From: Michael Haan [mailto:mhaan@tampabay.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:01 PM

To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Fort De Soto Park

Dear Commissioner Gerald:

Please consider re-opening Fort De Soto Park's bike paths and walking trails.

The community needs a place to exercise.

Thank you.

Michael Haan
Tierra Verde

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Please open the beaches for exercise!

From: Karen Owen [mailto:karen@owenta.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Fwd: Please open the beaches for exercise!

Dear Pat,

As a resident of Pinellas County, I frequently enjoy a walk on the beach (or a run) for exercise, and as a way to fill my soul with hope, keep my lungs loaded with fresh ocean air, and maintain proper emotional health. Or at least, I used to, before all beaches were summarily closed because... bad PR? Social distancing can still be accomplished on beaches in Pinellas to guard against the spread of coronavirus. Without the beaches, the emotional and physical health we must maintain during this horrible epidemic becomes nearly impossible, especially for those residents in apartments, condos, and other homes who reside near the beaches and use them for exercise. Please consider re-opening the beaches, with social-distancing required, at least for a 3-week trial basis, so our residents can get the exercise they so desperately need!

Karen Owen, PhD
Safety Harbor
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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. ~Margaret Mead

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Request for Modification of Resolution 20-17 Upon Renewal

From: Evan Soileau [mailto:enoels1912@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:56 PM

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Subject: Request for Modification of Resolution 20-17 Upon Renewal

Greetings Board of Commissioners,

Whereas, the State of Florida does not currently have any order in place suggesting or requiring county governments to close access to beaches.

Whereas, beaches in the State of Georgia continue to remain open after the governor's executive order (<https://thehill.com/homenews/news/491157-georgia-beaches-reopen-after-governors-executive-order>).

Whereas, Volusia County (<https://www.news-journalonline.com/news/20200404/coronavirus-volusia-county-eases-restrictions-on-beach-closure>) and Brevard County (<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/04/03/brevard-county-beaches-remain-open-with-heightened-restrictions-amid-covid-19-pandemic/>) are allowing limited activity on their beaches for essential exercise purposes in consideration of the Governor's State Order.

Whereas, the number of new cases daily within the State of Florida has flattened and begun to decline per public records (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>).

Whereas, Pinellas County has a substantially lower than average positivity rate of 5.4% compared to the state average of 10.5% and compared to 17.5% in hotspots like Miami-Dade County (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>).

Whereas, checkpoints put in place by the State of Florida at the state border and at airports will limit travel from high-risk areas of the country (<https://wsvn.com/news/local/florida/gov-desantis-orders-checkpoints-on-i-10-and-i-95-to-screen-travelers/>).

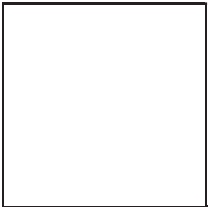
Whereas, enforcement of the beach closure is inconsistent across the county in various jurisdictions and within jurisdictions themselves (some areas have no barriers at beach access points, some have tape, and some have secured plywood barriers) causing dissent among citizens.

Whereas, the jurisdiction of Pinellas County over the beaches ends at the wet sand line (<https://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/site/pressrelease/event/pinellas-county-beach-closures-faqs/>) leaving that area of the beach legally accessible if CDC guidelines are followed.

Whereas, limited access to the beaches for non-stationary activities such as jogging, walking, biking, and swimming can be performed in accordance with all CDC guidelines.

Now, therefore, I, as a resident of Pinellas County, respectfully request, for the reasons stated above, that the board of commissioners consider adopting a resolution that would (1) leave the beach closure resolution in place but (2) modify the requirements to permit non-stationary, essential exercise activities including walking, jogging, biking, and swimming in accordance with CDC guidelines in groups of no more than 10 and (3) request local jurisdictions to remove barriers barring beach access points to allow for this essential exercise.

Regards,
Evan Soileau
Linda Soileau



Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Pinellas youth swimmers - beaches open 7 to 9:30 AM?

From: Pete Williams [mailto:pete@petewilliams.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:45 AM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; kwelch@pinellascounry.org

Subject: re: Pinellas youth swimmers - beaches open 7 to 9:30 AM?

Dear Pinellas County Commissioners:

I'm the parent of a 17-year-old swimmer for the Clearwater Aquatic Team (CAT), who like all Pinellas County swimmers has not been able to swim at The Long Center or anywhere else during this pandemic. Unlike other sports, swimmers train 52 weeks a year and can't replicate that training in the weight room, a typical backyard pool, or by shooting baskets in a driveway. Pinellas has a number of national-level high school and college swimmers and several Olympic hopefuls.

I urge you to reopen the beaches on a limited basis, perhaps from **sunrise to 9:30 AM**. This would enable serious swimmers- and others who wish to walk, swim or engage in paddle sports - to get in their much-needed workouts. From March 17-20, after the pools were closed but with the beaches still open, a number of elite youth swimmers gathered on area beaches in the early morning hours to train. They had the beaches virtually to themselves.

By limiting beach hours from sunrise to 9:30 a.m, you will avoid the masses that might gather to sunbathe and congregate in groups.

I hope you'll consider this option of limited hours. Thank you.

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Pete Williams, Safety Harbor

pete@petewilliams.net

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From: [Karen Keen](#)
To: [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)
Subject: Beach & Pool Openings
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:43:39 PM

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Dear County Commissioners,

As a full-time retired resident of Largo, FL in Pinellas County, I am strongly urging you to vote on behalf of re-opening pools and our beautiful beaches here. Trying to stay mentally and physically healthy during this pandemic is very important. I work-out daily, pool swimming, stretching and walking on the beach is a big part of my well being.

Thank You
Karen Keen
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Largo, FL 33774
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From: [Bonnie Charity](#)
To: [Comments](#), [BCC Agenda](#)
Subject: Beach and condominium pool closures
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Dear County Commissioners,

I am a senior citizen in Pinellas County and heard that you will be considering opening the beaches and condominium pools. I strongly support this decision. I have been walking on the beach every morning for years and it has been the highlight of my day.

Aside from what my beach walks do for my physical health, it is my mental health that really benefits from my early morning walks on our beautiful beaches. I also swim laps and do other exercises in my condo pool on a daily basis.

I am trying to stay healthy both mentally and physically during the recent pandemic. I feel it is extremely unhealthy to put citizens under indefinite house arrest, with extremely limited opportunities for fresh air and sun light. I have been and want to continue to be a productive and active senior citizen for many years to come.

Therefore, I ask that all Pinellas County Commissioners agree to allow us to walk the beaches and exercise in our condo pools. I will honor social distancing and forever thank you for allowing me to keep up my pool exercise routine and my sunrise beach walks.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Bonnie Charity, Largo Florida Resident

From: [Karen King](#)
To: [Comments](#), [BCC Agenda](#)
Subject: Beach and pool Reopening
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Dear County Commissioners

I am a senior citizen in Pinellas County and heard that you will be considering opening the beaches and the condo pools. I strongly support this decision. I have been missing walking on the beach. Yet, more importantly, my number one form of exercise is water aerobics that I can do in my condo pool. Biking and walking do not give me the fitness workout I can give myself in our condo pool. It helps meet my exercise needs.

Plus, I agree that “ It’s extremely unhealthy – both mentally and physically – to put citizens under indefinite house arrest, with extremely limited opportunities for fresh air and sun light.”

Therefore, I ask that all Pinellas County Commissioners agree to allow us to walk the beaches and work out in the condo pools. We will honor social distancing and forever thank you for allowing me to keep up my water exercise work outs and beach walking.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Karen King
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Seminole, Fl
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From: [Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller](#) on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Topic Beaches to be open

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I working all day at home and need to be able to go out for a walk on the beach at least a few times a week. I moved here because breathing in the sea air has made it possible for me to no longer suffer from allergies, or take allergy medicine. Walking on the beach with the sound of the water is also calming. Since the beaches have been closed I now have to take meds for my allergies, and anxiety. Please open up the beaches, for my mental, and physical health. I am begging you!!

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Topic COVID 19 Restrictions for condo pools
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue

Comments I would like to see the restrictions of closing condominium pools lifted. Condominiums that do not have vacation rentals are just like home owners pools. People can follow all the guidelines for social distancing and are very safe in a pool and much healthier being able to exercise in their own pool. I think homeowners are able to monitor themselves to follow the guidelines. I would much rather see County resources used to help nursing homes and hospitals and deal with people that may not be following the guidelines.

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Topic Beach use
BCC Agenda Date 4-17-2020
Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

Can't believe it safer to walk on Gulf Blvd than the beach. While walking today I encountered 2 big construction projects that require you to cross the street and walk with your back into traffic. Terrifying with all the trucks and people on their phones. A big porta potty truck driver was texting as speeding down the road. Big puddles that require you to walk in the traffic lane. Yeah... it's safer. Someone is going to get hurt and the county should be sued!

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Topic	Pinellas Beaches Reopening
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	I support the beaches being reopened to use for only exercise (biking, running, walking) to aid in the health of our county residents since gyms are closed. The number of people together should be limited & they should be noted to be 6 ft apart if together as are other counties in FL (Cocoa Beach & Volusia County)
Citizen Name	
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Phone	
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Topic	Open Pools
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	I hope you can at least open the pools for 55+ communities, I understand under that age may pose problems.
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Topic Condo Pool Reopening

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

I can see closing community pools, however condo pools should be opened. If groups of 9 people or less can be on a boat as small as 20' what is the logic behind closing condo pools. Limit the number of people on a condo pool to 9 or less and at least 6' apart. That would comply with social distancing a lot better than the boat rule!!!

Citizen Name

Karen Allen

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Topic Opening Beach for Walkers
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Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

Please consider opening the beach behind Belleair Shore to Belleair Beach residents for the purpose of exercise. Residents have deeded access to this beach. Social distance can be maintained and walkers can wear face masks. This would present no more of a threat to the community than walking on the sidewalk, and it would be safer for the walker given the narrow sidewalks on Gulf Blvd and the growing foot traffic. Thank you for your consideration.

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Topic Local State of Emergency

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

First, I applaud the county for not resorting to more draconian emergency measures seen in some cities and counties in our region. I believe the actions taken thus far by Pinellas County have generally had a clear public health focus, will help keep citizens healthy and safe, and have been understandable in the current context.

Regarding the local state of emergency, I would make two comments. I urge the commission to go no further with closures or restrictions. Given actions taken at the state level, more restrictive local closures would serve no public health benefit, while panicking and alarming citizens who are already under severe duress. COVID-19 is not just a public health crisis, but also a mental health crisis. Exercising and enjoying the outdoor amenities we have in the county – while staying six feet apart from others – has easily been the most beneficial way I have found to cope with the stress of the current situation while being responsible and protecting the health of my neighbors and community. At a bare minimum, the ability to use our public beaches for exercise (of course, subject to CDC social distancing guidelines) would not violate mandates from the state and federal government, and provide an additional outlet for us as citizens to cope with the current situation. If the county elects to continue the current state of emergency, I would urge transparency in terms of the metrics, waypoints, and other guidelines being used by the county to determine when restrictions will be lifted. The measures in place go beyond beach closures; they are having a profound impact on all of us mentally and financially. When government is using such extraordinary powers to curtail the freedoms of otherwise healthy citizens, it owes them an equally extraordinary level of accountability and transparency. Being open with citizens will ensure confidence in the overall process, and also help to enhance compliance with current measures, while keeping us engaged and informed. Thank you.

Citizen Name Josh Waller

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Topic	condo pools
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	hi. I live in a 55+ community & there are people here that rely on the pool for exercise & relaxation. I feel that, as we are doing already, would adhere to the 6ft physical distancing & just keep 10 chairs available. It really has been hard for some of the residents & I we are adults & will do what is right & safe for all.
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Topic	Covit 19 beach closures
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	I am in favor of reopening our public beaches as soon as possible as they provide a very important recreational resource for residents of Pinellas county
Citizen Name	Dolores Ligibel
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Topic	Covid19 Beach Closures
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Please consider reversing the beach closure order. The beaches are needed for the physical and mental health of our citizens, especially the dunedin causeway and Fred Howard Park.
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Topic	Opening Beaches, Public Parks
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	It has been medically demonstrated that bright sunshine helps the body's immune system; therefore, I SUPPORT opening all beaches, public parks, and playgrounds immediately for exercise, dog walking, and childrens play activities. And, I SUPPORT mandatory mask requirements. All citizens must be required to wear a mask in public, including beaches, parks and playgrounds, that includes all children 3 years of age and older.
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Topic	Reopening beaches
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please reopen Pinellas County beaches for residents. With beaches, gyms, and other recreational facilities being closed, people's mental and physical health are declining. As long as people are still social distancing and not gathering in large groups, I don't see how it is a problem. How is it OK for people to be packed inside of a store breathing the same air and touching multiple items and surfaces, but not OK to be outside in fresh open air? Please open beaches!!
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Topic Opening Condo pools and area beaches
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I live in a 9 unit townhouse community in Dunedin. We have a total of 8 people living here year around and no short-term rentals. It is unfair that we are not allowed to use our pool as social distancing is very doable with this small number of people. "One size does not fit all" should be applied. I would suggest opening condo/townhomes pools and stipulate numbers of residents that can be there at anytime. Also, I live at entrance of Dunedin Causeway. It would be far safer if I were allowed to walk on the causeway beach versus the crowded side walk. Just is common sense. Social distancing can be improved if exercising were allowed on the causeway including the beach area. Thank you for your service!

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Topic	Opening pools
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	We are a small condominium (15 units) and wish to open our pool.
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Topic Opening Private Pools & Beaches
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Dear Commissioners, I strongly urge you to open beaches and private pools so the people can get exercise and maintain a healthy immune system. I am President of Seminole Gardens Community Club, representing 700+ units in a 55+ community. Many of our residents get out for an early walk to maintain their health, but a few of us rely on the pool due to physical limitations. We all need to exercise, eat healthy and get a little sun to boost our immune system and improve our mental disposition during these trying times. Canadians and many other snowbirds have returned home which had allowed proper social distancing at our Community Pool before the closure. Personally, I am a candidate for a knee replacement recuperating from open-heart surgery that used the pool daily. Please, vote to open our pool so we can resume our pool routine in a responsible way. Our health depends on it!

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Topic Reopening beaches/pools

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Citizen Name Peter Williams

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Topic condominium pool openings

BCC Agenda Date 4-15-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

I was using our condominium pool for exercise for arthritic hips and knees. Because of your decision last month I am no longer able to exercise without pain. I am unable to walk long distance and actually fell last week from uneven pavement. Less than 20 residents regularly ever use our pool. I have never seen more than 5 people using our pool at one time. We are responsible condo owners. We are more than capable to self monitor our pool's usage. I encourage your vote in support of re opening condo private pools. Thank you

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Topic Pool Closures
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

The Board of the Harbour House Townhomes Association strongly urges the Board of the County Commissioners to vote to allow private pools to reopen during the Covid 19 crisis. Our development has 30 units, of which at least 1/3 are not in residence. Of those remaining, about 1/3 use the pool. During normal times, we rarely have > 6 people in the entire pool area. Just prior to the closure, Owners were carefully practicing safe distancing in the pool and on the deck. Our Board is willing to stay on alert regarding the number of people in the pool area and their behavior and will enact appropriate rules and/or take action if residents do not follow recommended safety guidelines. Being outdoors and exercising are important to one's mental and physical health, especially during this time. As the temperatures rise, the pool will give much needed relief to our residents. Thank you for your consideration. Lynn Rothman, President On behalf of the Board of the Harbour House Townhomes Assoc.

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Topic Opening privately owned condominium pool areas

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Please seriously consider opening the pool areas in our condominium complex. I live in Misty Springs near Countryside Mall in Clearwater and our complex has a high percentage of senior citizens. Because of the size of the condominiums, the limited open grassy space, and some us having limited walking mobility we rely heavily on getting sun around the pool and exercise swimming. From the start, I have felt that the restriction was unfair to us because our pool area is NOT open to the public and should be considered a private pool. It is a locked area and only owners have access to it. It is posted for residents only. Even before you voted to close the pool we maintained social distancing. No one sits closer than 6 feet and we don't gather in groups. When in the water space is maintained between us. Closing the pool area to our use just serves no purpose except to deprive us of a good, safe, local area to relax and exercise. Please vote to reopen our pool area with the provision that we maintain the social distancing and adhere to the guidelines set. We aren't teenagers or kids. We are older adults that need our time outside. Thanks for listening! Your vote to reopen our pool area would be appreciated!!

Citizen Name Cecil Menges

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Topic open condominium pools with restrictions

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Social Distancing can be achieved in condominium pools with restrictions of no more than 10 people in the pool area and a residents only qualifier. The county commissioners should open the condominium pools with these restrictions. The pools/hot tubs are used for daily exercise, relieving body aches and to cool off from the heat. There is no reason the commissioners should deny residents access to their own property as social distancing can occur. Pools & pool decks have more room than boats which are allowed 10 people onboard. Allowing only the wealthy to access their private beaches and pools is inexcusable. The commissioners must vote to allow condominium pools to be opened with restrictions this week.

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Topic Opening Beaches for Walking

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

I'm in favor of a limited opening of Sand Key Beach for walking only. There are residents that live in condos/house along the beach that are allowed to walk but residents living across Gulf Blvd are not since access is cut off. This is unfair. We are walking along the street now and maintaining safe separation distances. This could be done as well on the beach. Since traffic is down, as well as accidents, I don't see why it would be onerous for the police to occasionally patrol to area to enforce walking only as Sheriff G. contends. Your favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Citizen Name Felix Pinol

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Topic	Beach reopening
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please reopen the beaches They are an important resource for exercising while social distancing.
Citizen Name	Damon Ball
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Topic	Beaches Reopen
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Beaches should reopen. Not businesses just the beaches. Have police on the beach to check id's and make the beaches only open to local residents of pinellas county. Police are already there, just have them check id's and make sure people follow cdc guidelines. People need to be outside and get vitamin D. Beaches are good for people and their state of mind. Don't let anyone who is not a resident on the beaches.
Citizen Name	Maegan Chapman
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Topic Opening Condo Pools
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Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

I respectfully ask that you approve opening condominium pools. Unfortunately I am unable to do many types of exercises but I can do pool aerobics. I was doing them faithfully everyday at 9 am even in 50 degree weather with several others (well in excess of 6' apart) to remain healthy. However the county action has taken away my ability to exercise in order to keep my health. Please open the condo pools for exercise.

Citizen Name

Deborah Schutt

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Topic	Beach opening
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	:Please pass on to the commissioners my support to open beaches to residents only within cdc guidelines. We are not a police state (yet)
Citizen Name	John Bambach
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Phone	610-5741127
Email	Bambach@comcast.net

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Topic	Public space opening
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Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please relax/allow limited beach access and multi-unit pool access for residents. Reasonable accommodations are possible and enforceable at a distance. I am a physician, and knowledgeable about the current epidemiology of CoVid19. Thank you for your consideration,
Citizen Name	Michael Rothman MD
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Phone	610-2171150
Email	DrRothman@TheNeuroradiologist.Com

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Topic	beach and condo pool cosures
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Exposure to UV light and chlorinated pool water can blunt the effects of the COVID virus on the skin.I urge the members to allow opening of private condo pools and limited beach use. Of course, social distancing should still be followed Barry Smiler,MD Beau Monde Apt 407 St Pete Beach Fl
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Topic	Opening beaches for walking and exercise
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please open the beaches for safe walking and exercise. The sidewalks are full of people and this is much safer when people give themselves plenty of space
Citizen Name	Todd Gooding
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Topic	Safer At Home Restrictions
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	<p>BCC Denied Access to Private Waterfront Fenced in yard/deck/pool/grill Property. Small condo bldg resident, 30 units, no children residents: Never has there been more than 4-5 private resident owners present in the pool/deck/grill/yard area at same time. BCC denied residents access to own private backyard, regardless of our adherence to posted CDC guidelines and FL GOV ORDER. Yet, the public park docks, on the other side of a chainlink fence, that are 12x12 in size, or a 20' boat pulled up to the backyard seawall, may have 10 strangers at any time congregate together. BCC needs to allow condo residents their rights to access, utilize, sit, stand, etc, facilities within their private property while adhering to FL GOV ORDER. Pool Usage: Wife has medical prescription for water physical therapy awaiting surgery, but cannot exercise in our pool despite FL GOV ORDER specifically stating swimming is allowed and encouraged.</p>
Citizen Name	Michael Gorsage
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Topic Miscellaneous
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Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments
As a newer year-long resident of Florida I respectfully request your consideration to allow residents to conduct walking or jogging exercise along the waterline of local Treasure Island beaches. since the beaches were closed on March 21, 12 AM, responsible mature residents have been concientiously abiding by this directive. Residents who live here are very interested in keeping the economy of Treasure Island strong by patronizing these local essential services near the beaches. It seems like permitting tax paying residents to exercise by walking or jogging along the waterline would be a small positive incentive for residents to get much needed stress release and exercise for abiding by "safer at home" order. Additionally, I respectfully request that HOA pools on ISle of Capri be allowed to re-open, with conditions of social distancing and limitations of the number of residents allowed in the pool area. The condo community where I reside currently has very few residents left, due to seasonal residents leaving when the restaurants, beaches and pools were closed. Typically, there are few than 10 residents that use the pool, even when seasonal residents are here. Thank you for allowing me to comment and thank you for your consideration.

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Topic Request for Modification to Emergency Resolution 20-17

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Date

Your

Stand on Oppose

the Issue

Whereas, Agenda Item #1 of this Board of Commissioner meeting for Pinellas County is to consider a resolution to extend the local state of emergency without any modification. Whereas, the State of Florida does not currently have any order in place suggesting or requiring county governments to close access to beaches. Whereas, beaches in the State of Georgia continue to remain open after the governor's executive order (<https://thehill.com/homenews/news/491157-georgia-beaches-reopen-after-governors-executive-order>). Whereas, Volusia County (<https://www.news-journalonline.com/news/20200404/coronavirus-volusia-county-eases-restrictions-on-beach-closure>) and Brevard County (<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/04/03/brevard-county-beaches-remain-open-with-heightened-restrictions-amid-covid-19-pandemic/>) have beach closures that now permit non-stationary activity on their beaches for essential exercise purposes (including walking, jogging, biking, and swimming) in consideration of the Governor's State Order. Whereas, no comment from the State Governor, CDC, or Florida Department of Health has condemned the actions of Volusia County or Brevard County for loosening their beach closure policies. Whereas, the number of new cases daily within the State of Florida has flattened and begun to decline per public records (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>). Whereas, Pinellas County has a substantially lower than average COVID-19 positivity rate of 5.4% compared to the state average of 10.5% and compared to 17.5% in hotspots like Miami-Dade County (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>). Whereas, checkpoints put in place by the State of Florida at the state border and at airports will limit travel from high-risk areas of the country (<https://wsvn.com/news/local/florida/gov-desantis-orders-checkpoints-on-i-10-and-i-95-to-screen-travelers/>). Whereas, enforcement of the beach closure is inconsistent across the county in various jurisdictions and within jurisdictions themselves (some areas have no barriers at beach access points, some have tape, and some have secured plywood barriers) causing dissent among citizens. Whereas, the jurisdiction of Pinellas County over the beaches ends at the wet sand line (<https://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/site/pressrelease/event/pinellas-county-beach-closures-faqs/>) leaving that area of the beach legally accessible if CDC guidelines are followed. Whereas, limited access to the beaches for non-

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stationary activities such as jogging, walking, biking, and swimming can be performed in accordance with all CDC guidelines. Now, therefore, I, as a resident of Pinellas County, oppose simply extending the state of emergency order without modification and instead respectfully request, for the reasons stated above, that the board of commissioners consider adopting a modified resolution that would (1) continue the state of emergency, (2) leave the beach closure resolution in place, but (3) modify the beach closure resolution to permit non-stationary, essential exercise activities including walking, jogging, biking, and swimming in accordance with CDC guidelines in groups of no more than 10 and (4) request local jurisdictions to remove barriers barring beach access points to allow for this essential exercise.

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Topic	Reopen the Beaches
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please reopen the beaches for beach residents
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Topic	Reopen the beaches
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please vote to reopen the beaches. You may consider a partial reopening of people walking or running at the water line. You may consider keeping the parking lots closed to deter visitor traffic. This will at least allow the beach residents access to the beach which is why we live here.
Citizen Name	Terri Anderson
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Topic	Covid-19
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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Please re-open the county. Businesses will close permanently. People cannot pay their rent and feed their families. Kids need to go back to school, for some, it is their only safe place. Open the Beaches. Our numbers and cases do NOT justify this reaction.
Citizen Name	Katie Harris
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Topic Reopening of condominium swimming pools

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

I am a resident of woodland villas condominiums in Clearwater. We are a relatively small community. Our daily pool population has never been more than 10 people at a time during normal circumstances. I have been here going on 3 years as a snowbird and most of the time my husband and I are the only one at the pool and occasionally there will be 3 or 4 full time residents who come down in the late afternoon. There is plenty of room for 10 people or less to sit around the pool very far apart. No one ever has any visitors from anywhere else. I recommend the pool be re-opened to 10 residents or less. I can honestly say that I doubt there would ever be 10 people at that pool at the same time. Even if we had a few folks in the morning and a few folks in the afternoon there would still never be 10 people. At least that is what I have witnessed over the past two years. A few of us only get into the pool to dip and get wet and get out. I think everyone who lives in this development is well aware of the social distancing rules and would definitely abide by the 6 foot or more rule as we are all adults and care about each other. I think that for the few people that do use the pool including myself this would definitely be boost for our mental health at this difficult time. I support opening the condominium swimming pools providing distancing rules are followed.

Citizen Name Judith Papaleo
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Topic re opening condo pools

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue

Comments PLEASE RE OPEN CONDO POOLS THERE ARE NOT VERY MANY PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING ANYWAYS AND WE NEED SOMETHING TO DO!

Citizen Name Linda Zell Linda Zell

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From: [John Zahara](#)
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I am a senior citizen in Pinellas County and heard that you will be considering opening the beaches and the condo pools. I sure support this decision. I have been missing walking on the beach. One of my favorite forms of exercise is to walk 2 miles on the beach. Yet, more importantly, my number one form of exercise is water aerobics that I can do in my condo pool. Biking and walking do not give me the fitness workout I can give myself in our condo pool. It helps with all of our exercise need.

Plus, I agree that “ It’s extremely unhealthy – both mentally and physically – to put citizens under indefinite house arrest, with extremely limited opportunities for fresh air and sun light.”

I am very confused why the Sheriff who initially opposed closing the beaches is now opposing the re-opening of the beaches. We now know to honor social distancing. And pools open for fitness only is a great idea.

Therefore, I ask that all Pinellas County Commissioners agree to allow us to walk the beaches and work out in the condo pools. We will honor social distancing and forever thank you for allowing me to keep up my water exercise work outs going.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request

John W. Zahara

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Seminole FL 33776

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To: [Comments](#), [BCC Agenda](#)
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Please reconsider opening our condominium pools!

Many of us use the pool for physical therapy and exercise! I use to walk the beach daily until it closed! Please reopen!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schultz

Sent from my iPhone

From: [donna johnston](#)
To: [Comments](#), [BCC Agenda](#)
Subject: Re opening beaches and pools
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I do believe condo pools should be open. Especially 55 and over since we will be responsible and also we need the water exercise. If we open beaches, don't tell new Yorkers.

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Topic	re-opening condominium pools
BCC Agenda Date	4-14-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	I support re-opening of condominium pools with social distancing considerations.
Citizen Name	Carol Buchanan
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Topic	Opening of Condo pools
BCC Agenda Date	4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	We need the condo pool for physical therapy and mental wellness
Citizen Name	Linda Gallagher
Address	2060 Marilyn Street unit 201 Clearwater , Florida 33765 United States
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Topic Condo pools
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments Please consider opening pools at 55 and over condo communities, I am aware of beautiful seniors that need the pool for physical therapy, movement therapy and mental health therapy. We live in small condos and the pool can bring some relief to our members, we can stay 6 ft apart, please take this into consideration as many of our seniors cannot get to the beaches to swim. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Topic Opening of swimming pools
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments Seminole Garden Apartments is a 55+ co-op community (Chapter 719) with a private gated pool. We seniors NEED our pool to maintain our health in this difficult time. We are dedicated to doing social distancing in the pool and have been very responsible. We understand we are high risk and would not risk exposure. Please let us open our pool and we will provide monitors if necessary. Please include co-op communities along with condos. Thank you.

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Topic Opening of Clearwater Beaches
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments Since the topic of Beaches is going to be discussed, I would like to ask about small Condo complexes. We are a unit with only 64 condo's. which maybe half are occupied. Of that number there are less than 20 people who use the pool. I need the pool, because it is my source of exercise, it has been helping me by reducing the stiffness in my joints. Since the closure of the pool I have been set back, stiffness joint pain. we need our pool open.

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Topic Reopen swimming pools for Condominiums

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I reside at Seminole Garden Apartments managed by Ridge Management. The SGA residents were abiding by the 6 foot rule before the closing of our pool. Year round residents do not as a rule sit on the deck normally and limit sun exposure. We support using our pool and not allowing congregation of people on the pool deck. Our pool facility is large enough to adequate distant the residents during the use of the pool. The exercise and enjoyment of the chlorinated pool would be beneficial to those whose enjoy swimming. We found the snowbirds were more apt to use the deck and congregate in groups. Please reopen the pools. We will be happy to follow the rules.

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Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Thank you for your time and efforts to secure out community.

From: Cecil Menges [mailto:mengesc@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:11 AM
To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Thank you for your time and efforts to secure out community.

I'm writing to ask that you seriously consider opening the pool areas in our condominium complex when you meet tomorrow. I live in Misty Springs near Countryside Mall in Clearwater and our complex has a high percentage of senior citizens. Because of the size of the condominiums, the limited open grassy space, and some us having limited walking mobility we rely heavily on getting sun around the pool and exercise swimming.

From the start, I have felt that the restriction was unfair to us because our pool area is NOT open to the public and should be considered a private pool. It is a locked area and only owners have access to it. It is posted for residents only.

Even before you voted to close the pool we maintained social distancing. No one sits closer than 6 feet and we don't gather in groups. When in the water space is maintained between us. Closing the pool area to our use just serves no purpose except to deprive us of a good, safe, local area to relax and exercise.

Please vote to reopen our pool area with the provision that we maintain the social distancing and adhere to the guidelines set. We aren't teenagers or kids. We are older adults that need our time outside.

Thanks for listening! Any comments are welcome but most of all, your vote tomorrow to reopen our pool area would be appreciated!!

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Bachteler, James J

From: Mary Steiner <marysteiner01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Pools closed

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We need our condo pool reopened asap. Before the order came down to close condo pools we were already observing the max number of people and the six foot rule. We only have 33 units in our condo and only a few of the people here even used the pool.

Thank you
M Steiner

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Please open condominium pools

From: peter horowitz [mailto:horokfsh@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:03 PM

To: Burton, Barry <bburton@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Please open condominium pools

Dear Commissioners,

Please reopen the condominium pools.

I'm a condo owner in Indian Shores and was swimming every day for the exercise.

I'm sure the owners and renters will observe safe distancing guidelines. There are only 30 units in our building and the pool is mostly empty.

Thank you for your kind support for reopening the condo pools.

Peter Horowitz
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Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: [BULK] Fwd: 4/14 UPDATE - COVID-19 Response in Pinellas County

Importance: Low

From: nmcmullen220 [mailto:nmcmullen220@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:23 PM

To: McMullen Neil <nmcmullen220@gmail.com>

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Subject: [BULK] Fwd: 4/14 UPDATE - COVID-19 Response in Pinellas County

Importance: Low

Friends,

Wishing health to you and your families. The Commission has done well under novel and difficult circumstances.

Following is an email to Commissioner Long about an issue I think deserves consideration. I've tried to briefly sketch what seems an unconsidered outcome of the Commission's order to close public gathering spots. In short, while it seems within the powers of government to issue shut down orders affecting commerce and corporately (still a non-person/individual under most legal interpretations) owned assets on various legal theories, it seems governmental overreach abrogating at least U.S. and State of Florida Constitutional holdings on private property to shut down, "take" or diminish owner's rights in private property. Note that Business has been suspended and COUNTY owned property regulated by properly elected officials has been closed BUT a property owner's right to visit, work in, use, or to reside in privately owned property has not been abridged at any governmental level so far - (except in the instance of private fractionally owned pools). That is the essence of the Commission's order as I read it.

Please read my note to Commissioner Long. My request is that the Sheriff be ordered to reopen privately held well regulated non-public pools.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: nmcmullen220 <nmcmullen220@gmail.com>

Date: April 14, 2020 at 3:28:30 PM EDT

To: janet@janetforpinellas.com

Subject: Re: 4/14 UPDATE - COVID-19 Response in Pinellas County

Commissioner Long,

The positions and actions taken by the Commission are necessary however please study the legality of closing privately owned pools. Three weeks ago a Deputy stopped by our private pool with an order to the HOA to

close and lock. The HOA had for almost a week and a half prior posted a “No more than 10 and maintain 6 feet separation“ within our pool area. Residents were complying without exception.

I am under the inclination to believe this closure was/is based on the county’s/city’s/state’s ability to control commerce - business. It was and is right to close businesses and within the legal power of government so to do. However when government extends its power to “take” PRIVATE property by issuing close orders to privately owned and non-business pools (and ones already well regulated to avoid spread of coronavirus), government has overstepped its authority.

A Marriott Hotel guest does not have an incidence of ownership in the pool on hotel property, a pool that is present for the business revenue enhancement of the hotel corporation. It is quite a different legal situation when I, as a unit owner in a townhouse PUD (own the land and mineral rights beneath the townhome foundation and outward as displayed on county plat maps in the County Clerk’s office and fractional ownership of the “commons” administered by the townhome PUD HOA) and payer of monthly fees to cover maintenance of my fractional ownership interest in commons - such as the pool - am diminished in my ownership by being locked out of my property - the pool) by sheriff’s order.

I would greatly appreciate the Commission putting the issue before the county attorney for review, that is, does the county have legal right to close down well regulated privately owned pools resting on private property there for the benefit of only their owners.

I maintain the county does not have the legal power as presently invoked to diminish the owners’ right to “enjoy and quietly keep” their pool ownership interest.

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