

BEACH AND DUNE COMMITTEE



Minutes Thursday, October 9, 2025

Call To Order. *BDC members present:* Mike Cordero, Susan Dautel, Carolyn Fortuna (chair), Vickie Fox, Myrna Nickel, Lynne Perry (second chair). *Excused:* Bob Cook, Michele Harris (POA liaison), Tracy Jerabek, Rita Lazzaroni, Carol Malicki.

September minutes: Motion made by Susan, seconded by Myrna. to approve the [September 2025 minutes](#). Unanimous approval.

Chair's Reports: Carolyn

BDC 2026 budget -- Thank you to Michele for being instrumental in maintaining the current \$12,000 budget allocation for 2026.

Shell hash path replanting --

- CF has moved plants in the king-tide flooded area. Consultation with Jim Chrulski indicates that saw palmetto may be the best plant for this wet area in future.
- Sedge Hammer application by Creative partially successful. Will wait until November for next treatment rather than apply RoundUp now, as the latter could affect new plants.
- Need volunteers to help with weeding to get rid of St. Augustine grass here. Mike, Myrna, and owner Phyllis have helped CF to weed. Will seek to entice additional weeding volunteers with, "If you feed them, they will come" approach, which Phyllis offered to help with. CF will send an email plea, "Take Pride in Your Ocean Village Community" to...
 - A1A clean up group
 - BDC
 - Shell hash path ad hoc working group
 - Landscaping committee
 - Select owners who have offered to help



WILL YOU HELP US

WEED

FOR 15 MINUTES?

A small group of interested owners is gathering to prepare POA dune areas for upcoming planting. We can use your help!

MORNING SHIFTS, WEEKDAYS



THERE WILL BE SNACKS. 😊

RSVP: c4tuna31@gmail.com

Dune plantings to replace wedelia: [PowerPoint presented to the POA Board](#). Approved. Discussed best plants based on availability. Discussed schedule for ordering after November 1 so plants will arrive no sooner than November 15. This timeframe will give owner volunteers an opportunity to gather to prepare the planting sites (“feed them”).

Nickerbean FL plant: [Presenting as invasive on dune](#). Chris Willis will have the team apply herbicide to bring it under control. The plant is thick up and down A1A.

Sea oat seed harvesting: CF met with Carly Batts for harvesting sea oat seeds for commercial use. Batts, owner of “B the Change Natives,” signed an [agreement](#) that, among other items, gives Ocean Village the first opportunity to purchase sea oats that her company cultivates.

Heavy equipment agreement: Holly confirmed that this agreement with CW Willis has been renewed for 2025-2026.

2026 annual beach cleanup: CF = coordinator. Black tee shirt color chosen. Same artwork as last year. Change amounts to 15 small and 5 2XL. Will incur about \$20 shipping charge, as our OV rep is in the hospital. Decided to distribute tee shirts the day of the event *after* participants come back to the Community Center and show the litter they picked up, which will also allow for weigh-ins.



Other Reports

[Reviewed BDC Calendar of Events](#). Due to double-booking of guest lectures with BDC meetings, we will reschedule some BDC meetings to the following dates. CF will share calendar updates with Dominique (AM) and Marie (Rec) and repost on the BDC website.

- January 5, 2026
- February 5, 2026
- March 5, 2025

BDC Executive Committee: Lynne will ask Tracy to be the Secretary. Mike agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

Litter reports to Charlene Adair: Carolyn reported 60 hours and, upon Charlene’s request, shared photo compilations from 2025 BDC beach cleanups.

Blue Tubes: Updated Crossover assignments -- Myrna (5), Andy (4), Carolyn (3),

Vickie (2, 1), Susan (0).

Old Business

Beach status: Mike reported on beach erosion north of OV following 2 weeks of storms and king tides, but OV is stable. [Here is an article about the storms and local erosion.](#)

2025 Dune Study: In order to market this important document, the BDC agreed that CF should publish it as a Kindle e-book.

Dune Catalog: Need to do outreach to find a company to make an app, OR someone knowledgeable to use AI to create as an e-book, OR to publish one Word doc daily on Instagram. Need a working group to locate tech-savvy individual(s) to take on this role. What financing are we willing to contribute from the BDC line item?

New Business

Dune walk: CF will send out a scheduling request so the BDC members can join together on a dune walk. SD will offer us a tour of the Ocean Houses dune at the same time. A weekday in November around 8 am was the preferred time. Snacks afterward!

Adjournment: Motion made by Susan, seconded by Myrna.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2025; Aruba East; noon; also by Zoom