

MEETING MINUTES
ALLIGATOR CREEK WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 15, 2007
9:00 a.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Bill Schmitz, Ed Minzer, George McNeill, Kenneth Fahrback, Claire Phelen
County - Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond

Minutes: Approval of the November minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Business:

- Mr. McNeill discussed the ten-foot-wide channel at the end of Sea Lanes Waterway and requested that a new marker, numbered 57, be added at the end of it. He mentioned that this section was not included in the dredging, because it was omitted from the contract.
- The lights on the markers have been installed and Marker 18 replaced.
- The Committee requested that Ms. Musselman check into the floating marker by the rock ledge.
- Mr. Fahrback advised that "Minimum Wake" signs were placed at the Lock. He feels this will cause more problems and requested that more markers be installed at east side of the lock. Ms. Musselman said a resident, who recently installed a new seawall, requested a "Minimum Wake" sign by Marker 23. The existing sign is after Marker 24.
- The Committee reviewed the 2007/08 budget, which is the same as the previous fiscal year, with the exception of an additional \$10,000 for yearly bathymetric surveys. The surveys will begin in April 2008. Ms. Musselman stated that a survey conducted after the dredging would be sufficient if a hurricane hits this year. Mr. McNeill made a motion to approve the 2007/08 budget. Mr. Schmitz seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously supported the motion, which carried.
- Ms. Musselman related details of her meeting with Charlotte Park, at which discussion was held about the Alligator Creek Waterway. The residents stated they were not aware of the straightening of the S-curve and questioned the reasoning for it. They feel the MSBU has not received a consensus from the residents for this project. Ms. Phelen advised that this project has been in the works for five years. The Committee said the purpose of this project is to save money for future dredgings and for safety.
- The Committee reviewed the Activity Reports for January and February 2007.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that Mr. Ivan Chou has submitted the Request for Additional Information (RAI) for the S-curve project to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Chou will not submit any additional information

to DEP without being compensated. Ms. Musselman stated a Request for Letter Information (RLI) is currently in the Purchasing Department and will go out in two weeks. Purchasing will send out another bid for additional \$50,000 for the contract. Ms. Musselman stated she will submit a list of the additional questions to the Committee members.

- Ms. Musselman stated River Bay Canal will be surveyed for the rock in the middle of the canal. The Committee had previously agreed to include this canal as part of the S-curve project. It was suggested to move Marker 42 in closer to the rock ledge to keep boaters off the ledge.
- A resident inquired whether lights will be installed on all markers at the entrance to the waterway.
- A Charlotte Park representative was present, and the Committee explained the purpose of the S-curve project.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 23, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Service District Representative

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