

MEETING MINUTES
ALLIGATOR CREEK WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 16, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Bill Schmitz, Ken Fahrbach George McNeill
County - Tara Musselman, Chuck Mopps, Kim Raymond
Absent - Claire Phelen, Ed Minzer

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Minutes: No minutes were submitted for approval.

Business:

- The Committee received the 2007/08 Activity Report.
- Mr. Mopps has been performing inspections to determine if docks infringe on easements.
- Mr. Fahrbach said the island by Windmill Village is getting bigger, due to overgrown mangroves, so the easement is back on the island. Per Ms. Musselman, the MSBU has money budgeted to trim the mangroves. The Committee agreed to have them trimmed, due to line-of-sight issues and impediment to navigation. Other locations of concern were discussed.

S-Curve Update:

- Mr. Mopps said the Army Corps of Engineers permit has been received, but the one from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is still pending. DEP has requested two weeks for an answer. A legal ad will be published to allow responses. The response time is 30 days and, if no one opposes the project, the permit will be approved. The Committee agreed to grant DEP two weeks. The project should go out for bid in January 2009.
- There was discussion about grouping projects to save on mobilization costs, but Mr. Fahrbach suggested having this project done alone. The Committee discussed having the material trucked out, because County-owned property is not available on Alligator Creek.
- A resident inquired about dredging past the last marker (Marker 56) in Alligator Creek. Mr. Mopps advised this is not included in the contract, but the resident said the Committee told him it would be. Mr. Mopps researched the records and found a revised resolution showing a County easement at this location. A bathymetric survey will need to be done, but Mr. Mopps will verify the extent of previous surveys. He said the Committee will have to follow the RLI (Request for Letters of Interest) process to have this area included into the dredging program. Mr. Fahrbach made a motion to move forward to include the end of Alligator Creek when dredging the S-curve project. Mr. Schmitz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Mr. Mopps dove the area near Markers 40 and 40A but only found rock pieces, not a rock.

- Per Ms. Musselman, the bands around the pilings will be replaced by the Marine Advisory Committee.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room, 7000 Florida Street, in Punta Gorda. Ms. Musselman will forward any updates received prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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