

MEETING MINUTES
ALLIGATOR CREEK WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 9, 2012
10:00 a.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Howard Brooks, George McNeill, Ed Minzer, Claire Phelen

County: Dawn Harrison and Sandy Wright

Absent: Ken Fahrback (excused)

Meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from May 22, 2012 were unanimously approved as written.

Ms. Wright discussed the membership status of the Committee, stating there is currently one opening for a regular member.

Old Business:

- Sea Edge - Ms. Harrison researched the dedication and found the waterways were dedicated to the property owners. The area is private and all owners would have to agree to change the territory dedication, making a territory change very unlikely. Being private, the owners don't pay into an MSBU and the County doesn't maintain. The dividing line goes down the center of the canal. The Committee feels Sea Edge should be its own MSBU or be annexed into the city and pay accordingly.
- Survey Work – Mr. Logan stated via email that the contract was awarded to Coastal Engineering. The annual survey contract was under review, causing a delay in the survey. The Committee stated that they are under the impression that an annual survey is required for cleanup reimbursement from FEMA in the event of a storm. Ms. Harrison will research to see if that is correct and report her findings back to the Committee. The Committee is not happy with the progress of the survey. Mr. Logan stated would be done as soon as possible. The Committee asked if the dredging will start as soon as the survey is complete and stated that they would like to try to get the permit to dredge to 6 foot in depth instead of the customary 5 foot. The Committee would like a cost estimate for each depth. Ms. Harrison will forward the survey information to the Committee as soon as it is available. There is money in the budget to dredge next year.
- Ms. Harrison distributed a draft budget for fiscal year 2013 for review and questions. There was discussion regarding ERU calculations. Changes to the budget are not allowed at this time. The Committee is concerned that they may seem to have too much money in the bank and a possible decrease in the assessments. Ms. Harrison advised against reducing the assessment down to zero. Ms. Harrison will forward the Actuals Report to the members as soon as it is available. Ms. Phelan stated that Engineering Services is not a listed line item on the budget and should be. She would like to see the line item added. The Committee agreed that their financials are in good shape and that a decrease was discussed at the last meeting with the Committee agreeing to leave the assessment as is with a possible decrease in 2014. There was money budgeted to dredge the S Curve that was ultimately funded by MAC, which accounts for additional funds being available to the Committee.

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- Mr. Minzer stated that the previous dredge is holding up quite well. The silting that the Committee was warned may occur; has not happened.
- Mangrove Trimming - There are points where the mangroves are growing into the creek in the area of Windmill Village. Previously the contractor reviewed and decided how much needed to be trimmed. The height is being maintained; however the width is not. Ms. Harrison suggested that the Committee get an estimate after the survey is done. She will request the Engineering Department review the area and come back with a recommendation.
- The Committee would like for Ms. Harrison to research the necessity of the annual survey.
- There was discussion regarding continuing the surveys and starting a spot dredging program.
- Mr. McNeill stated that he feels the name of Alligator Waterway should be changed to Alligator River to more properly fit the definition of the area. Ms. Harrison stated that all previous requests for name changes have been denied by the Attorney's office.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department