

MEETING MINUTES
BUENA VISTA AREA WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 27, 2007
11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Donna Elliott, Eugene Extejt, Charles Witzke, Judith Barnosky, Earl Rhoney
County - Tara Musselman, Matt Logan, Kim Raymond
Guests - Michael Poff (Coastal Engineering Consultant),
Jamie Cohlmeier (Coastal Engineering)
Absent - William Ryan

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes: Ms. Elliott made a motion to approve the December 19, 2006, minutes. Ms. Barnosky seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, and the minutes were approved as presented.

Old Business:

- Ms. Musselman stated that Mr. Ted Boiman resigned from the Committee.
- Ms. Musselman said the ordinances are being rewritten to make the MSBU's uniform.
- Mr. Poff stated that, according to the last meeting, the Committee agreed to move forward with dredging the Sunrise Waterway, inner Beeney Channel. This would be tag-teamed with the Luis Creek dredging. Mr. Poff added that the lowest bid for the dredging came from Marine Construction, who will be on site in April. Discussion was held about the spoil sites. It was stated that the permit cannot be issued to Marker 1. There was also discussion about Alligator Bay and the feasibility study conducted in 1995. A permit application was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), but it was denied due to the area being an aquatic preserve. Lee County is currently going through this process to get a permit to dredge in an aquatic preserve and seagrass beds. Coastal Engineering recommended the Committee wait for Lee County's results before spending money for a study. The process for Lee County could take approximately two years. Ms. Elliott made a motion to wait on Alligator Bay, based on Coastal Engineering's recommendation. Ms. Barnosky seconded the motion. Mr. Rhoney stated that residents need information about this situation. He questioned how the Committee will know if they can receive approval, even if Lee County gets approved. Ms. Musselman advised that the Committee not spend money in the Harbor, which is not part of their MSBU. Mr. Poff stated the County has joined the Regional Waterway Management System with West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND). Ms. Elliott revised her motion to wait to

have the feasibility study done after the Regional Waterway Management System is completed. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

- Ms. Musselman discussed the quote for printing the surveys, which will be printed on 8.5" x 11" cardstock paper. The quote was \$476, plus tabbing and postage. This can be completed within seven to ten business days. Mr. Rhoney made a motion to print the surveys and submit them to the residents, as written. Ms. Elliott seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Ms. Musselman will sort out the responses, based on the concerns and requests of the residents. Mr. Extejt suggested the survey imply that dredging will not be in front of residents' docks. Ms. Musselman stated that, making that change, a resident could assume that his/her canal is going to be dredged, which might not happen. Mr. Extejt stated that, if Ms. Musselman is going to sort through the completed surveys, they should be left the way they are written.

New Business:

- A letter from a resident stated that Elkham Waterway is filling in and requested information on the solution. Ms. Musselman advised that the bathometric study is complete, but the data is currently being compiled by the Survey Department. In response to a question about oversight of the Survey Department, members were advised to contact Mr. Dan Quick, County Engineer. Ms. Musselman also noted that the Survey Department can only work during high tide. It was presented that Mr. Ted Boiman conducted his own study, which concluded four to five feet into the middle of the channel. Mr. Witzke made a motion to amend the Luis Creek contract to include the dredging of the Elkham Waterway. Ms. Musselman stated that, based on the cost to include the Elkham Waterway, the contract would have to be sent out for re-bid. Ms. Musselman will schedule another meeting once the results of the bathometric study are completed.
- It was stated that Gardner Canal is in bad shape. Mr. Extejt made a motion to wait for the bathometric survey; to include Gardner, Beeney, and Elkham (if money is available and permits have been issued); and to resubmit for bidding if the contractor does not accept the bid with the additional channels. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- The MAC Committee approved \$50,000 for dredging, but WCIND changed the rules and is allowing those funds to be used for the dredging cost only, not the cost of design and permitting.

Open Floor:

- Meryl, who is a member of the ELF Committee, stated that communication needs to be brought back to the residents. They pay for it. This information needs to be

sent to the residents. Ms. Musselman informed him that, upon invitation, she would attend their meetings and present the information to the residents. She also stated that information is available online.

- Cliff, President of the ELF Committee, informed Ms. Musselman that their next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2007, at 4 p.m.
- In order to reduce costs, a resident suggested submitting the information to each property organization to distribute to the residents.
- Ms. Musselman stated that the draft for the MSBU study will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on April 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. The study is proposing only three MSBU's (Mid-County, South, and West).
- A resident inquired how long the survey information is valid. Mr. Poff stated that it depends on storm events.
- The depth of the dredging will be between 4.8 and 5.2 feet, unless historical information indicates that it can be dredged deeper.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Service District Representative

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