

MEETING MINUTES
EDGEWATER NORTH WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 13, 2007
1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Herb Eldredge, Lucius Anthony, Philip Graham, Herb Koenig, Barry Snider
County – Tom O’Kane, Marty Simone, Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond

Absent: Melody Shinner

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes: No minutes were submitted for approval.

Business:

- Ms. Musselman has received numerous phone calls from upset residents, who apparently have been given incorrect information. She clarified that this Committee has not voted to move forward on any projects and, if a change in the assessment was required, the residents would be notified.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that the survey will cost \$27,500. There was discussion about this, and all members agreed they do not want to spend that much money on the survey. They delayed any vote until after the public has had a chance to speak.
- The Committee discussed the breakdown of the assessment rate. Ms. Musselman stated that \$20 of the assessment is to pay for part of the dredging already done in the Elkcam and Sunrise Waterways. The Committee does not feel they should pay a portion of this dredging. Mr. O’Kane suggested the Committee write a letter to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) stating its concern with not being involved with work on these waterways.
- If any dredging is approved, the contractor will dredge 15 feet from the seawall. Homeowners wanting dredging done around their lifts can individually deal with the contractor. This has nothing to do with Public Works, and there is no guarantee the contractor will do the work.
- Mr. Graham informed Mr. O’Kane about his meeting with Commissioner Duffy regarding infiltration into their canals from the drainage ditches. Residents who have street and drainage infiltration should report it to Code Compliance.
- Mr. O’Kane explained the work being done by West Tarpon. He requested that all input from residents regarding filtration be forwarded to him.

- The Committee reviewed the 2006/07 year-end actuals. The members inquired about charges regarding the work done at the Sunrise and Elkcam Waterways, and Ms. Musselman stated that this is the 50% of all costs pertaining to these waterways that they are responsible for.
- The Committee reviewed the October and November 2007 Activity Reports.
- The Committee agreed to leave the budget the same for 2008/09.
- There was discussion about dredging segments of the canals. Ms. Musselman stated that any dredging needs to benefit all the residents. Mr. O'Kane said the County has blanket permits but can only dredge to original depth.

Open Floor:

- Tom Vick – Mr. Vick asked numerous residents if they wanted the survey done, but never found one in favor of it. He stated the residents do not want to spend any more money for work they do not want done. He was given confirmation that the Committee will seek input from the residents before any money is spent. Mr. Graham said that, if they receive a reasonable cost for the survey without raising the rate, they will consider having it done. The BCC will have the final decision regarding the rates.
- Jim Elliott – Mr. Elliott inquired about the cost of dredging. Ms. Musselman informed him that they cannot establish an estimated cost for dredging unless a survey is done. He stated that he surveyed the properties on the Sunrise Canal, and only 32% have boats.
- Ms. Musselman stated that the Committee discussed sending out surveys to the residents to establish a consensus of what they want done.
- David Moore – Mr. Moore had his dock repaired by Charlotte County Seawall in 2002, and they jettisoned the material away from the area. Mr. Graham said they just replaced the material, but dredging will remove it.
- Dave Connor – Mr. Connor stated that Public Works came up with a cost of \$700 a couple years ago, but costs have increased. Ms. Musselman said the \$700 included the mouths, but they have already been done.
- Walter Horst – Mr. Horst said residents need to understand that dredging is only done at the center of the canal.
- Robert Goon – Mr. Goon suggested ways to save money, such as posting written material on the web and sending surveys to residents via e-mail. He stated the

survey should ask residents if they have a boat (with or without a propeller) or a seawall. Residents are taxed differently, based on the type of motor vehicle they own. Mr. Goon is concerned about the Committee members' representation.

- Tony Malano – Mr. Malano suggested using grappling hooks to see what is on top of the silt. Ms. Musselman explained that dredging is done with a backhoe.
- Mr. Snider stated that members are responsible for talking to the residents, and they represent the residents and what they want. Ms. Musselman said that any information needs to be presented to all residents the same way, with the same facts. The benefit is for the property and not for personal interest.
- John Thomas - Mr. Thomas inquired about the reasoning for a bathymetric survey. Ms. Musselman stated it shows the depths of the canals. Mr. Thomas said that dredging is a low priority and recommended letting the money accumulate.
- Mr. Eldredge made a motion not to go forward with the bathymetric survey. Mr. Snider seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Services District Representative

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