

MEETING MINUTES
EDGEWATER NORTH WATERWAY UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 22, 2014
5:30 P.M. – Port Charlotte Beach Complex

Attendees: Lucius Anthony, Philip Graham, Stephanie King, Rae Konjoian and Keith Waltz

Absent: Herb Eldredge (excused)

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

County: Dawn Harrison and Sandy Wright

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the October 15, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- Mail Out Results – The results were distributed for review and discussion. The results were as follows:
 1. 976 - Total ballots mailed out with 48 ballots returned as undeliverable.
 2. 35 – Ballots for yes to 5 feet, 140 – Ballots for yes to 4 feet = 175 – Total yes ballots returned.
 3. 389 – Ballots for no dredge.
 4. 564 - Total ballots returned to Public Works.

There was extensive discussion regarding the outcome of the votes. The Committee requested a breakdown of the ballots that were returned to Public Works to show how residents voted by area.

There was discussion regarding splitting the MSBU into two separate units as was previously done with this Unit and the Buena Vista Waterway Unit. This would allow the residents on the east side of Harbor Blvd. to not get dredging and would allow residents on the west side where dredging is needed most to get dredging. There was discussion regarding the makeup of the Committee with four members from the west side of Harbor and two from the east side. The members were reminded that they are here as an advisory committee to represent the whole community, not just the side of Harbor they live on and that they should be focusing on the future, not the past.

- Financial Reports – The Activity report was distributed for review and questions. The survey will continue to be paid for over the next two years. The Buena Vista Commitment has been paid for in full.

Public Comments:

- Resident would like to know the breakdown of how many voters owned vacant lots, how many were permanent residents and how many full time residents.
- There are some home watchers that collected the mail for people that were out of the area; in three instances, the ballot was marked and returned by the home watcher and not the property owner. Resident was advised to contact the Postal Service.
- Why is the demographic data needed? This information will be beneficial if the Committee decided to pursue a split in the MSBU with the Board of County Commissioners.
- Homeowner stated he bought where water is deeper and paid more for his house to be on the deep canal.
- Thank you to Committee for the work they do and would like to know the demographics of the votes.
- If there is a dredge, can the fill be used to back fill vacant lots? No it must be taken away and brought to the landfill or the MSBU would have to pay additional funding.
- Resident would like to see the MSBU split. He has been unable to get his boat out for 1 ½ years.

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- Why does everyone have to subsidize the needs of a few? All members of an MSBU must receive equal benefit.

New Business:

- Election of Officers
 1. Mr. Anthony nominated Mr. Waltz to remain as Chair; there were no other nominations. Mr. Waltz accepted the nomination.
 2. Mr. Anthony nominated Mr. Graham to remain as Vice Chair; there were no other nominations. Mr. Graham accepted the nomination.
- Financial Reports - The financial reports were distributed for review and discussion.
- The Committee agreed to table the discussion on how to move forward until the demographic information is received.
- Items for the next meeting agenda:
 1. Demographic Data
 2. MSBU Split

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
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ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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