

Gulf Cove Waterway Benefit Unit Advisory Committee
November 13, 2012
10:00 a.m. – San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: John Eckstrom, Joel Trefry, Arthur Jozwiak, Edward Speer

Absent: Ron Kubala (not excused), Bruce Scullary (not excused)

County staff: Judith Nothdurft, Barry DeMello, Chuck Mopps

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes from May 30, 2012 were unanimously approved as written.

Committee Status: Advisory Committee membership status was reviewed. The Advisory Committee members conveyed that they did not think that Bruce Scullary was a Committee member any longer. Ms. Nothdurft will confirm.

Unfinished Business:

- Assessment of Drainage Outfall Pipes – Ms. Nothdurft provided an update from the Maintenance & Operations Construction Services Manager. The assessment of the drainage outfall pipes for sediment build-up in the canals has been started by the Customer Assistance Investigators. The assessment has not been completed yet due to the large volume of service requests from the heavy rains this rainy season. The Manager anticipates that the assessment will be completed this winter.

New Business:

- Request for Dredging Evaluation - Donna Draus, resident of Gulf Cove, submitted a request to the Advisory Committee to re-evaluate the dredging of the Vance Waterway on which she lives as well as the depth of the mouth of this canal where it is 2 feet at low tide. Mr. Mopps conveyed that Gulf Cove has not had dredging since 2009 and a conditional survey is probably warranted. Mr. Mopps estimated the cost of a conditional survey to be from \$30,000 to \$50,000. He recommended requesting the survey to include the cost estimate for dredging to both 4 feet and 5 feet. Ms. Nothdurft noted that the FY2013 Budget did not include any funding for a survey or dredging. The possibility of transferring the funding from Reserves was discussed.

Mr. Jozwiak met Ms. Draus to view the area to be re-evaluated for dredging and he noted the referenced area is approximately 200 feet beyond the Vance Waterway near the markers within the Myakka River. Mr. Mopps was not sure if this area is within the County easement for the County to handle. He will provide the plans from the last dredging for review to see if the referenced area is within the County easement.

The Committee wants to check the conditions of the Gulf Cove waterways themselves and collect input from their neighbors before making a decision on which direction to take. Mr. Eckstrom made a motion to review the existing dredging plans provided by Mr. Mopps and for the Advisory Committee to conduct public outreach to collect input from the residents on the conditions of the Gulf Cove canals. This information will be discussed at the next Advisory Committee meeting and the Committee will make a decision on whether to request a conditional survey. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trefry and all were in favor.

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- FY2013 Maintenance Fees – as requested by the Committee, Ms. Nothdurft confirmed that the line item for Maintenance/Project Services under Public Work Services in the amount of \$1,850 on the FY2013 Budget is for the MSDR's work hours.
- Activity Report (5/1/12 – 9/30/12) – the only expenditures on the Activity Report were for the MSDR's working hours and there were no further questions on the Report.
- 2-Year Budget Cycle (FY2013/14 – 2014/15) – Ms. Nothdurft reviewed the timeframe for the 2-Budget Cycle and stated that Fiscal Services will need the committee's input for projects and work program by the mid to end of January and the Draft Budget will be given to the Committee for review and approval in March 2013.
- Items for the next meeting's Agenda:
 1. Decision on Conditional Survey
 2. Canal Survey Prior to Hurricane Season (for FEMA Funding Eligibility)
 3. Items for 2-Year Budget (FY2013/14 – 2014/15)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the San Casa conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by:



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