

MEETING MINUTES
GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 9, 2014 – Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Steve Eckstrom, Ron Kubala, Joel Trefry and Edward Speer

County: Mike Dallenbach, Matt Logan, Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from May 29, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Maintenance Dredge Project – Mr. Logan introduced Mark Kincaid from Coastal Engineering who has done most of the field work for this project. He reported that the bathometric surveys are complete and the preliminary volume quantities are done. There is not a huge amount of volume throughout the whole system that needs to be removed at a depth of -4 ft. MLW. The Committee stated that the decision to dredge the entrance channels to -5 ft. MLW is going to be based on Coastal Engineering's findings. If the Committee decides to dredge to -5ft. MLW, the permits and the length of the channels dredged will have to be modified. A permit requesting to dredge to -5 ft. MLW doesn't mean you must dredge to that depth, but that you can't exceed it. Construction costs are unknown until the decision is made to collect further data to estimate the volume to be dredged. If the permit is to be modified, additional work and costs will be required to get the total volume information. The additional data and report should be ready by the next meeting. Mr. Kincaid will determine what additional work is required and will provide Mr. Logan with a cost estimate. Mr. Logan will research and report back with the budget information. Mr. Eckstrom made a motion to move forward with gathering the additional data at a cost not to exceed the previously approved amount of \$65,000; the motion was seconded by Mr. Speer and passed unanimously.
- Vacant Lots Without Seawalls – is causing erosion on those lots and sometimes impacts adjacent lots. Mr. Dallenbach worked with Mr. Kubala and reported that if there is an outfall pipe causing erosion; Maintenance & Operations would address the problem. However, Public Works would not have any further involvement. Seawalls are not required until the lot is improved. Mr. Dallenbach suggested Mr. Kubala talk to the Commissioners to work with the Community Development Department for an ordinance change. Mr. Kubala stated that erosion is occurring on vacant lots without seawalls and he spoke with Commissioner Deutsch regarding this subject. He is waiting to hear back from the Commissioner. Mr. Kubala made a motion to send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners to ask for their assistance in resolving this issue with erosion into the canals and trees growing into the canals causing navigational problems; the motion was seconded by Mr. Speer and passed with a vote of 3 to 1. Mr. Kubala will work with Ms. Nothdurft to draft the letter and will bring it to the next meeting for the Committee to review.

New Business:

- Financial Reports - Reports were distributed for review and discussion. There was discussion regarding the cost of dredging. The cost of the last dredge was estimated to be approximately \$760,000 for dredging all the canals; not just the mouths of the canals. The final actual year end numbers will be known by mid-November and will be available for the members to review by the next meeting.
- FY2014/2015 – The approved budget was distributed.

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Open Discussion:

- Mr. Trefry reported problems with swale across from Gillot. He stated the swale outfall drains into the Bacchus canal. There were pond lilies coming down the canal last week after the big rain. Masses of grass cuttings and lilies came floating down the Bacchus Canal. Mr. Dallenbach will follow up.
- Mr. Trefry initiated discussion regarding the possible cost benefits of the County purchasing their own dredging equipment. Mr. Dallenbach will take the suggestion to management. The committee asked Mr. Dallenbach to provide their feedback at the next meeting.
- The Committee would like to donate the dredged material to the church instead of taking it to the landfill. Mr. Logan will follow up regarding the regulations and costs involved with doing that and report back. Mr. Eckstrom will find out what quantity of fill the church would like to receive.

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The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

