

MEETING MINUTES
GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 12, 2014 – Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Planning & Zoning Conference Room

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

County: Judith Nothdurft and Matt Logan

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from October 9, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit):

- Franz Leppla stated he was present to observe the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Dredging Proposal Review – Mr. Logan indicated all members should have received preliminary sketches and cost breakdown of the Coastal Engineering proposal for additional data collection for the dredging. He noted a slight change occurred in the summary of estimated fees spreadsheet and introduced Mark Kincaid of Coastal Engineering.

Mr. Kincaid provided an overview of the dredging proposal to include the depth of canal access to the Myakka River at -5 ft. MLW. He conveyed there are 35 canals in Gulf Cove; of these, 7 are connected to other canals, such that there are 28 canals that extend directly into the river. After reviewing the Gulf Cove design survey and dredging plan, Coastal Engineering proposed five groups of canals that would each share a connector channel that would lead to deeper water. Mr. Kincaid conveyed that this would lead to reduce costs for the initial and future maintenance dredging. He also noted this would provide an opportunity to approach the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) for funding assistance for dredging. There was discussion related to costs, channel markers, and the need for navigational aids.

Ms. Nothdurft stated the proposal exceeds the already agreed upon \$65,000.00. Discussion ensued regarding the original proposal, changes made to the proposal, canal shallowness near homes, and possible navigation confusion through the Paar Canal. Mr. Kincaid responded that tide water level was irrelevant to the survey conducted, spoke to options for boaters to maneuver the canals, and expressed the purpose to achieve the Committee's goals within the agreed upon expenditure amount.

There were concerns regarding increased boat traffic and no wake areas. Mr. Logan indicated he was unsure if the area was a minimum wake or a no wake zone and would confirm this. Mr. Kincaid suggested reviewing cross sections of connector channels for further understanding. Mr. Logan suggested exploring the feasibility of remaining within the agreed upon \$65,000.000 budget prior to spending any additional funds. He explained that funds would need to be reallocated from the current scope of work for survey work. There was discussion regarding differences between proposals.

Discussion occurred related to dredging options including the distance away from the shoreline, the depth of the channel, proposal costs, the suggestion to reallocate funds within the contract, the number of boats that would require -5 MLW, the possibility of community outcry if there is a radical change to navigation, and the amount of money already expended under the contract. Ms. Nothdurft confirmed that Coastal Engineering would bring back additional information at the next meeting for the Committee's review.

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Mr. Eckstrom made a motion to proceed with reallocating funds to allow Coastal Engineering to proceed with additional data collection and analysis for the proposed channel configuration, seconded by Mr. Speer and passed with a 3 to 1 vote.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit):

- None.

The next meeting scheduled for December 11, 2014 will be re-scheduled to January 08, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Submitted by:



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**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
 PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
 GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 12, 2014

MEETING TIME: 2:00 P.M. – Building Const. Svc – Planning & Zoning Conf. Rm.

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