

MEETING MINUTES
MANCHESTER WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 15, 2008
9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Grace Amodeo, Donald Fredrick, Cliff McMahon, Dennis Peck, Patrick Randall
County - Commissioner Richard Loftus, Tara Musselman, Chuck Mopps, Matt
Logan, Kim Raymond, Vince LaPorta
Coastal Engineering - Mark Kincaid

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes: No minutes were submitted for approval.

Business:

- Mr. Mark Kincaid, Coastal Engineering, gave an update on the lock removal. He said an arbor mat was installed at the far bank of the canal. The mat installed at the east bank was not up to specifications, based on the survey, and was 11 feet too narrow. This was the contractor's mistake, and the MSBU will not pay for it. Material is needed where the barge is located.
- Mr. Frederick inquired if the channel will be closed in the future. Mr. Kincaid stated there is a possibility when the mats are being re-installed. Ms. Musselman said boats will still be allowed to pass through.
- There was discussion about the installation of structures to restrict boat traffic. Mr. McMahon inquired why they are worrying about boat control and not the environment. Installing these structures will cause issues for future dredging. The contractors will not want to bring their barges into the channels.
- Mr. Kincaid said an arbor mat was installed from bank to bank at the Lewis Creek cut-through. This will prevent boats from traveling through there.
- The canal at the end of Midway was surveyed, and a large amount of material needs to be removed. The contractor will be removing 142 cubic yards of material from Lewis Creek and removed 460 cubic yards at the lock. Mr. Peck inquired where all the material is coming from, if the contractor already dredged. He said shoaling was not an issue before the dredging project began. Mr. McMahon advised that the contractor is responsible for dredging ¼ mile (900 feet) on either side of the lock. Ms. Musselman said the contract does not specify this.
- Mr. Kincaid stated they have five-foot depths through the channel, and the channels are 50 feet wide across the bottom. He said they have done cross-sections every 50 feet down the channel, and some areas are a little narrow. Mr. Kincaid stated that Coastal Engineering represents County residents and not the contractor. There is no affiliation between Coastal Engineering and the contractor.
- A volume summary, see attached, for each channel was submitted to the members. The summary displays how much material will need to be removed.

- Mr. Mopps discussed dredging at Flamingo and Como, which will require the removal of about 3,000 cubic yards of material. In the Como Waterway, at the north end of Edgewater Drive, there are approximately 1,100 cubic yards that need to be removed. Christopher Waterway is narrow, as it is a 20-foot channel inside a 60-foot canal with numerous boat lifts.
- Mr. McMahon made a motion to dredge 700 cubic yards from the channel entrance; 475 cubic yards from the problematic area for sediment deposit; 480 cubic yards from the entrance of Manchester Waterway; 2,340 cubic yards from the channel at STA 109+00; numerous areas that need to be widened to 50 feet; and the Flamingo and Como Waterways. Ms. Musselman estimates \$460,000 should be budgeted for 2009/10 for dredging. Mr. Randall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Mopps stated spoil sites will be needed at the north and south ends.
- The Committee requested that the minutes reflect that this meeting consisted of 14 residents, who unanimously agreed to have the connector canals dredged to 50-foot widths and the Flamingo Waterway dredged to a five-foot depth down to the last buildable lot.
- Mr. Peck explained that the connector canals were designed to be navigational channels into the waterway, which was designed as a buffer zone. He stated that dredging will be limited, due to boat docks and lifts. Some docks and lifts were put in under the condition they would not impede the waterway but, if they dredge to a 50-foot width, they would.
- Mr. Peck said the County previously informed them when residents requested docks or lifts, but this has changed. He reported that the property at the end of Midway had rip rap installed along the bank, and it is falling into the channel. Code Compliance has been notified, but nothing has been done. Mr. Randall read a letter from the Building Department, stating that the County changed mid-stream and allowed docks and lifts. The waterway can be dredged to a 50-foot width, since it is a navigational channel. Ms. Musselman asked if Public Works is notified when a resident applies for a permit. The departments need to work together, and it was requested that Public Works be included in the process. Mr. Randall said members of the Civic Association are complaining. He has contacted the Zoning Department and was informed this was not a problem. Mr. Randall and the Civic Association will be taking further action. Mr. LaPorta stated the permit for the rip rap was reviewed by the Natural Resources Department, but navigation must not have been taken into account. Commissioner Loftus will follow up with Mr. LaPorta regarding this issue.
- Mr. LaPorta will ask Nicole Dozier why the red flags were removed from these channels, and why they were not monitored for new docks and lifts.
- Ms. Amodeo discussed the catch basin issue, which is letting sand fall into the canal.

New Business:

- The Committee reviewed the up-to-date Activity Report, the Nine-Month Actuals, and the 2008/09 Revised Draft Budget.

- Ms. Musselman said the direct and indirect costs were updated on the 2008/09 budget. These costs are for the departments in Murdock, such as Purchasing, Budget, etc. These costs are calculated by the number of line items in the budget.
- Ms. Amodeo stated the outfalls need to be funded by Stormwater. Ms. Musselman explained they are working properly as drainage systems. The Street & Drainage MSBU's do not clean around the outfalls leading into the waterways. Commissioner Loftus stated that proper maintenance of the catch basins would solve the problem.
- Ms. Amodeo requested that the agenda be submitted to members by e-mail prior to the meetings. She inquired about another meeting location, which would be closer for residents. Ms. Musselman said having the meetings at Public Works will allow appropriate staff to attend, and the MSBU will pay less staff time.

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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