

MEETING NOTES
MANCHESTER WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 12, 2012
10:00 a.m. Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Dennis Peck, Patrick Randall, Grace Amodeo

Absent: Cliff McMahon (excused), Donald Fredrick (excused), James Goulette (excused)

Guests: Al Augustine

County: Dawn Harrison, Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

The status and term limits of the Committee members were reviewed. There are no vacancies at this time.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 26, 2012 were unanimously approved as written.

- The Budget report and the Work Program report were distributed and reviewed. The Budget was approved by the Committee in a previous meeting and is ready to go before the Board of County Commissioners for approval. There was discussion regarding advertising and the fees for advertising. The MSBU meetings are advertised on the County Web site and CCTV free of charge. The newspaper is going to start charging for this service so it was suggested that meeting dates be posted on the bulletin board located across from the security desk at the entrance of the Administration Building. Ms. Harrison will check on the availability of the board.
- There is currently no need for maintenance dredging; however, the area has not been checked since Tropical Storm Debby. Residents will be asked to check for shallow spots and report their findings to the Committee. Maintenance dredging should be done during the fall around October. If the Committee is requesting spot dredging in October, a survey will need to be completed quickly. Mr. Randall made a motion to approve a survey if it is determined that spot dredging is required. Ms. Amodeo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Harrison will be informed if she is to proceed with the survey. She will also advise the Committee of the expiration date on the Maintenance Contract.
- There was discussion regarding areas of concern outside this MSBU. Those areas will be addressed by their respective MSBU's and will not be funded by Manchester Waterway MSBU. Ms. Harrison explained that at one time the BCC wanted a County-wide dredge program but that would mean that areas never dredged before would be paid for by areas who have had ongoing maintenance dredges.
- There was a question about vegetation removal from County-owned lots. There are mangroves growing at the banks of the canal at Midway. Ownership will be checked and the overgrowth will be reported to the appropriate department. There are restrictions on trimming mangroves so that sometimes requires a permit.

The next meeting will be determined at a later date after the survey is complete.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.