

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 12, 2008
2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jack Fawsett, Richard Cochran, William Mango, Richard Hopkins
County - Dawn Harrison, Chuck Mopps, Kim Raymond
Absent - Stanley Bliss, Renee Larson

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the October 9, 2008, minutes as submitted.

Business:

- Mr. Mopps discussed the pre-construction meeting for the dredging project. The contractor will conduct a hydraulic dredge, which will utilize a de-watering truck instead of spoil sites. Material will be placed into the truck to dry out and then be transported to the landfill or disposal site. Two trucks will be dedicated to this project. Mr. Cochran inquired about the spoil sites that residents have volunteered. Mr. Mopps said they might not be needed, but the contractor will notify Public Works and the residents.
- Mr. Mopps stated that the dredging contract will include all waterways except Bayview and Markham. The Venice Waterway will also be included in the contract, due to the low cost. The contractor will dredge underneath the bridges.
- The dredging project will begin December 1, 2008. The entire project will take approximately 110 days, with additional days to dredge the Venice Waterway. The dredging schedule might be available online.
- Mr. Fawsett inquired about marker installation. Mr. Mopps stated the markers can be done anytime, which will be overseen by the Signing & Marking Department.
- Mr. Mopps stated the canal mouths will be done first, then the inner canals working north to south, starting with the Cheshire Waterway.
- Mr. Fawsett stated that residents who want dredging done around their docks will be charged by the truckload, which will be between the resident and the contractor.
- The Committee discussed whether dredging each waterway completely, then moving to the next, would be more efficient for the contractor and possibly save money. Mr. Mopps will talk to the contractor.
- Mr. Bliss serves on the Peace River Power Squadron, which provides co-op charting for Noah Charts. He stated they will be offering this service, which is already in place in Collier and Lee County, to Charlotte County for free. Mr. Mopps stated the Peace River Power Squadron can provide this service as a courtesy to the residents, but they cannot be used to finalize inspections on contracts. Mr. Mopps explained that the specifications for projects are designed by engineers, and the Power Squadron would need to be insured and be able to stand up in court if a problem arises.

- Mr. Fawsett inquired whether the two remaining waterways, not included in the contract, will go back out to bid even though the contractor bid on them. He discussed borrowing the money now, based on next year's revenue, to prevent sending this back out to bid.
- Ms. Pilikian requested a copy of the dredging contract and maps. Mr. Mopps stated this can be requested from Public Works Administrative Services for a minimal cost.
- Mr. Fawsett gave Public Works permission to remove a tree from a resident's seawall. The tree had been knocked down by a windstorm and drifted down to the seawall. The work will cost the MSBU \$600.
- The Committee discussed the 2009/10 budget and agreed to leave the \$100 assessment rate the same.
- Mr. Fawsett has attempted to retrieve backup from the Purchasing Department for liquidated damages from the previous dredging, which involves about \$39,000. Mr. Mopps stated the Purchasing Department is working on this issue.
- Mr. Fawsett inquired about the School Board giving permission for spoil sites. Ms. Harrison stated the School Board wants the MSBU to pay for additional soil testing before there is any building on the lot.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at Public Works, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative

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