

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 19, 2010**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Renee Larson, Richard Hopkins, and Stanley Bliss  
County: Dawn Harrison  
Absent: Jack Fawsett and William Mango

The meeting was called to order at 2:42 p.m.

**Minutes:**

- The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting held on October 19, 2009, with the change under new business of the fifth bullet down: change the wording in the paragraph. There was discussion on how the channel snakes around and narrows to 20-foot wide. The marine markers were set at 35 feet apart.

**Public Input:**

- Mr. Pilikian thanked me for being forth-coming at the last meeting. All public records should be easily accessible, the freedom of information, and the right to speak and be heard, both of these freedoms have been restricted for him and his wife. Mr. Pilikian stated he and his wife have been trying to understand how the MSBU works and functions. Mr. Pilikian feels he does not know how and when the tax dollars are being spent. It is like living under a dictatorship. Mr. Pilikian apologized for recording the meeting if this makes any one feel uncomfortable. He feels some of the words in the minutes are not accurate. In his opinion, NW Port Charlotte has been over looked, used, and shortchanged.

**Un-Finished Business:**

- The contractor has some issues that still have not being addressed on clean up and properties that are being used. The information was given to Mr. Mopps and was confided to the contractor. Mrs. Larson inquired what is the completion date on the project. Things are just being left in the channel. In addition, their equipment is not working properly. The swales are not being taking care of, the silt screens are coming down and silt is washing back into the channels. The Committee members are requesting clean-up to be done right. A punch list will be done on any items that are out standing before the release of all the funding to the contractor.
- The Marine Markers should be in place within three weeks. Mr. Mopps has not notified the Committee members whether the contractor is willing to dredge around the additional boat docks.
- The Committee discussed that if there is something blocking the waterway, they will handle taking it out as a community; if there is something large that cannot be removed by them and blocking navigable waters, the Committee will contact me, and Signing and Marking will remove the debris. If close by land, Maintenance & Operation might be able to remove the item.

- There was discussion on the speed limits in the Waterways. Mrs. Larson read from Charlotte County Code. The Committee is requesting information on the signs, and if they have to be posted.
- The Committee requested the status as to where they are with the progress of the new project connecting the channels.

**New Business:**

Budget review - Mrs. Harrison will send the committee members the Accomplishment by Activity for the year. The Committee members do want to discuss the rate for 2011 at the next meeting.

The next meeting for North West Port Charlotte Waterway is scheduled for March 2, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison  
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