

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 17, 2013**  
**3:00 p.m. - Building Construction Services Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Joseph Fabini, Richard Hopkins, and Ron Larrivee

**Absent:** Stanley Bliss (unexcused), Renee Larson (excused), and Ronald Olson Jr. (excused)

**County:** Chuck Mopps, Judith Nothdurft, Linda Rohmer Free and Sandy Wright

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. with a roll call of members.

Committee status was reviewed. This is a full committee with no vacancies. Three terms will expire in February. Applications have been distributed.

Mr. Fabini made a motion for Mr. Larrivee to act as chair-person during the absence of Ms. Larson for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hopkins and approved unanimously.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the December 13, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Public Input:**

- None

**Unfinished Business:**

- Activity Report – The report was distributed for review and questions.
- Dredging Project – Mr. Mopps from the Engineering Department gave a status report of the project. The bid specifications are in the Purchasing Department and he expects to have them back by next week. The project is right on schedule. There was discussion regarding moving the time the work is to be performed. DEP specified the time frame for the project in the permit. Work must be done during that time frame. A final inspection of the project will be done through a professional service and in a way that would hold up in court at the end of the project. There was discussion regarding dockside dredge at private docks. Residents may contact the contractor directly for dockside work. All dockside work is between the resident and contractor.

**New Business:**

Draft Budget – Ms. Rohmer-Free from the Finance Department was present to discuss the draft budget. There was discussion regarding the dredge project funding and loan. Ms. Free will work with the funds available to create the draft budget. The bids are not in yet; meaning that the project may come in at a lower cost. The 2013/2014 budget will include this project. A maintenance dredge will need to be done in three years. The more the canals are used the cleaner they will stay.

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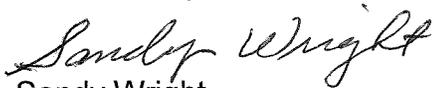
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- There was discussion regarding peppertrees growing into the canals causing navigation issues for boaters. There is no ordinance in place to make property owners responsible for trimming the growth that goes into the canals. Safety issues can be addressed by the Public Works Department. Mr. Fabini and Mr. Lawrence will take pictures of areas that are an issue. The information will be brought to the next meeting for further discussion.
- Election of Officers – Postponed until next meeting.
- New Member Introduction – Postponed until next meeting.
- Items for next meeting
  1. Peppertree Ordinance
  2. Marine Markers
  3. Dredge Project Update
  4. Update Budget

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 21, 2013 at 3:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright  
Public Works Department

