

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 12, 2007
9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance: Richard Redican, Ray Warner, Joe Jaax, Richard Stinson, Ronald Bick
Absent - Clarence Brosmer
County – Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond, Matt Logan

Minutes: No minutes were approved.

Business:

- Mr. Redican inquired why the contractor is still being paid, when there are four sensors that do not work. Ms. Musselman explained that the current contractor has completed the work for which he was contracted. He did what was called for in the specifications. Ms. Musselman has spoken to Mr. O’Kane regarding the situation, and he will work on resolving the matter with the engineer who drafted the bid specs.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that only two pilings out of four were installed, because the ground was too hard. The remaining two pilings are scheduled to be installed on July 19, 2007.
- The Committee requested a map of the markers. There are two new markers awaiting approval. The signs at Santa Cruz and Zephyr have been repaired. The Committee requested that “Slow Speed, Minimum Wake” signs be changed to “Idle Speed, No Wake.” Ms. Musselman will check into this, because some boaters cannot operate their vessels without wake. Mr. Redican stated that boat traffic has increased, and boaters washing off their props will necessitate dredging.
- Ms. Musselman discussed the meeting she attended with Clarence Brosmer, Rich Bossey, Commissioner Moore, Dan Quick, and Kelly Shoemaker. Mr. Bossey discussed beautification of the Lock and requested a key to the building. Ms. Musselman informed him that, if he attended the waterway meetings, he would be updated on their plans. She advised the Committee that Mr. Bossey will not receive a key to the building, but one will be supplied to Committee members and a gate key to boat storage owners.
- Mr. Warner noted that Mr. Bossey’s taxes do not reflect that he is waterfront. Ms. Musselman stated that both properties need to be added together. She will check with the Tax Appraiser.
- Mr. Redican inquired about the status of West County Stormwater’s water testing. Ms. Musselman said the Health Department has not submitted any dates, but she will check on it. Mr. Redican inquired whether the water testing that the South Gulf Cove Waterway Committee had done by consent order was sent to DEP to be analyzed.
- Mr. John Rogers, DEP, introduced himself to the Committee. Mr. Redican explained that the Committee wants the cattails completely removed along the Interceptor Lagoon, due to what they feel is a dam formation and loss of water flow. The purpose of the

Interceptor Lagoon is to help filter out the water. After a rain, the water only recedes one inch every 24 hours, compared to six to seven inches within 24 hours, which is what it was in the past. Mr. Rogers stated that, in other cases, cattails became a navigational hazard for boaters, and their request was granted based on justification. He explained that cattails can be sprayed with herbicide, but it is slow-acting. The cattails can also be harvested, but this is more expensive and they will eventually grow back. He suggested breaking this up into three phases over the years. Mr. Rogers stated that he has to justify to Tallahassee why so much has to be removed. The Committee explained that there is no flow over the sand flats into Charlotte Harbor. The County does not open the locks during storms, and there is significant flooding during large rain events. The Committee informed Mr. Rogers that support documentation was submitted to Fort Myers, with the original permit application stating there was planting of grass in the sand flats. Mr. Rogers will allow some removal, but not all. He will review this new information and get back with Ms. Musselman and Mr. Logan.

- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that she will be meeting with Risk Management to discuss the cameras for the Lock.
- The Activity Report for April 2007 through June 2007 was submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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