

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 9, 2007
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the February 5, 2007, and July 12, 2007, minutes as presented. The January 22, 2007, minutes were approved at a prior meeting.

Business:

- The permit was submitted to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation for the new “slow speed” markers on the Butterford Waterway.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that, as of this date, water testing has not been conducted. Mr. Warner stated that the West Charlotte Stormwater MSBU said it was going to have water testing done a year ago. Mr. Post is working with Joanne Vernon, Stormwater Manager, regarding water quality testing. Mr. Redican stated that permits issued by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) indicate what needs to be done, the locations, and when it should be done (annually). Mr. Redican will provide a copy to Ms. Musselman.
- The Committee discussed having the speed zone changed to “No Wake.” Ms. Musselman stated that, according to the ordinance, a small wake is required to operate safely. In order for the Committee to change the ordinance, a legal request must be done, but Public Works does not recommend this change. The Committee requests, in writing, the ordinance description and the action that needs to be taken.
- There was discussion about the lack of law enforcement in area waterways. Ms. Musselman requested that residents contact law enforcement repeatedly.
- Ms. Musselman advised that, according to County Administration, surveillance cameras will not be installed at the Lock. Committee members stated that they will take this request to the Board of County Commissioners. The Committee’s argument is that other County facilities have cameras installed. Also, residents are netting and fishing at the Lock, even though signs are posted. Ms. Musselman advised members to call law enforcement.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that the operating instructions sign for the Lock is being made larger.
- The Committee reviewed the 2006/07 Draft Activity Report. Ms. Musselman stated that Lock maintenance costs are being reviewed and, once resolved, the final draft will be submitted to members. Mr. Redican inquired why the MSBU is paying to have a Public Works employee check on, grease, and open and close the Lock two days a week. He

stated that the West Charlotte Stormwater MSBU should be paying for this, since DEP says the Lock is a southwest control device. He added that the Lock is not just for South Gulf Cove residents, but for all residents.

- Mr. Redican inquired where funding came from for removal of the Manchester Lock. He requested that Ms. Musselman check into this.
- The year-end actual report will be completed at the end of November.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that, per its request, stone will be put down at the Lock. Mr. Brosmer said this project needs to be done properly, such as clearing the vegetation and setting a base. He stated that a vegetation program needs to be developed and wants the process explained to the Committee before it is established.

Other Business:

- The Committee requested that the phone number designated for the Lock status be kept updated.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at the Charlotte County Administration Building, Room 106B, in Murdock.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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