

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 21, 2008
2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Clarence Brosmer, Richard Redican, Ray Warner, Joe Giraldi
County – Tara Musselman, Chuck Mopps, Kim Raymond
Absent – Ron Bick

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the March 5, 2008, minutes as submitted.

Business:

- The Committee said the sandbags at Trout Creek are holding up. Mr. Mopps explained they will disintegrate within two years. He suggested planting red mangroves along the banks for stabilization and asked the Committee to be involved.
- Ms. Musselman said dredging for the entrance channel and Marijuana Bay is budgeted for next year. Mr. Mopps said that, if Parks & Recreation is planning on installing a boat ramp, they should dredge the bay. He does not see any real concern with this area. The members said moving the signs eliminated the problem.
- Mr. Mopps suggested moving the slow speed sign in the mouth of the entrance channel, before the lock. The members are fine with the location.
- Mr. Mopps advised that the Department of Environmental Protection will not allow any new dredging in aquatic preserves or areas approved for conditional shellfish harvesting. Mr. Brosmer suggested dredging outside the lock, past the turn, to allow room for any boats waiting to get through the lock.
- Ms. Musselman stated that Parks & Recreation will not pay to maintain the main access channel but, by having a boat ramp at that location, she could seek money from the Marine Advisory Committee.
- There was discussion about boaters damaging the lock. Year-to-date maintenance for the lock is \$31,000.
- Mr. Redican stated that the gate has been repaired. He discussed that it used to be locked but, since it is on State land, they will not allow it.
- The estimated cost for putting down stones at the lock is \$6,500, which includes material and labor. Maintenance will be done twice a year, at the cost of \$300 each time. Mr. Redican suggested that Mr. Frank Shupock, Maintenance & Operations, provide maintenance to the stones, since he goes out there every couple weeks. Mr. Redican made a motion to move forward with having the stones installed at the lock. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Mr. Brosmer inquired about the status of the water testing. Ms. Musselman will contact Ms. Joanne Vernon, Stormwater Manager, about any information received from DEP or Mike Post. Mr. Redican said he presented the consent form, Exhibit A,

listing all the items to be tested. He inquired where the Manchester Waterway received its funding, other than MSBU money, to remove its lock. The Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Utility will fund if there is an environmental benefit, per DEP.

- Mr. Brosmer inquired about the status of the permit for the additional markers. Ms. Musselman said it went to the Army Corps of Engineers in January, but she will check on its status.
- Mr. Brosmer requested a copy of the permit for the sandbags placed at Trout Creek.
- Mr. Redican reported that two men were spraying cattails and pepper trees on both sides of the canal on July 2. He stated they were from the County but that the MSBU should not be charged for this. Ms. Musselman advised it was not Public Works but will investigate it.
- Mr. Brosmer inquired about the speaker covers at the lock. Ms. Musselman will verify the status.
- The Committee reviewed the 2008/09 budget, Year-to-Date Activity Report, and Nine- Month Actuals.

Open Floor:

- No input.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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