

SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 16, 2013
10:00 a.m. - San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: Ron Bick, Clarence Brosmer, Joe Giraldi, Tom Ireland, and Ralph Young

Absent: Richard Redican (excused)

County: Barry DeMello, Chuck Mopps, Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 23, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

The Committee membership was reviewed. Mr. Ireland and Mr. Redican have submitted applications for re-appointment.

Old Business:

- Aquatic Weed Control – There was nothing to report.
- Ms. Nothdurft answered questions regarding the chair person making motions. A FAQ sheet was distributed to the members.
- Lock Status – Mr. DeMello reported nine bumper strips are being replaced today. The broken chains on the floating dock will be replaced by the end of the week. A citizen reported the lock closing on their boat. Mr. DeMello stated that investigation revealed the boat owner hit the lock and caused damage. The \$842.50 cost for repairs was sent to Risk Management to submit to the boat owner's insurance company for reimbursement to the MSBU. Mr. Brosmer distributed a diagram of the lock operation and gave a presentation. There was extensive discussion regarding the operation of the lock, the remotes and a long term fix to the problems being encountered. Mr. Bick made a motion to hire EHM to trouble shoot and fix the lock problems at a cost not to exceed \$5000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ireland. The motion passed with a vote of 4 for and 1 opposed. Mr. DeMello will contact EHM to set up an appointment and will follow up with Mr. Brosmer so that he can be present.
- Mangrove and Vegetation Removal - Mr. Mopps reported that a pre-quote meeting was held on January 8, 2013. The trimming must be done by a licensed arborist. The bids will be opened today at 3 p.m. Mr. Mopps will report the identity of the contractor to Ms. Nothdurft and will work with Mr. DeMello to use the County property to chip and shred the trimmings. The contractor will likely be onsite within the next couple of weeks.
- Depth Survey of the Channel - There was discussion regarding the depth of the access channel. Mr. Mopps stated the depth of the channel is in good shape and a survey would not be required unless the Committee wanted to start a construction project. There was discussion regarding the construction of a turning basin. A turning basin may eliminate some of the damage done to the locks. Construction costs are on the rise; now would be a good time to go out to bid for a future project. Mr. Ireland made a motion to approve the funding of a feasibility study for a turning basin and a survey of the access channel to include design and permitting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bick and passed unanimously.

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New Business:

- Activity Report – Ms. Nothdurft distributed the report for review and explained the definition of Contract Services. There are no questions at this time.
- Budget – Recommendations to budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 are \$50,000 for Design and Engineering, \$500,000 for Construction and \$20,000 for internal costs and for fiscal year 2014/2015 \$50,000 Design and Engineering, \$400,000 for Construction and \$20,000 for internal costs. Mr. Mopps explained the budget planning process and that all unused funds are carried over to the next year. Mr. Bick made a motion to accept the recommended amounts to create the draft budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ireland and passed unanimously. Ms. Nothdurft will invite a member from the Finance Department to attend the March meeting when the draft budget is distributed. There was discussion regarding Administration Costs. The item will be discussed with the Finance Department at the next meeting.
- Election of Officers - Mr. Giraldi nominated Mr. Bick to continue as chair person for another year. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Brosmer and was accepted by Mr. Bick. Mr. Bick nominated Mr. Giraldi to continue as vice chair for another year. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Brosmer and Mr. Giraldi accepted the nomination.
- There was discussion regarding a rumor that the Homeowners Association is going to construct a second lock and the Committee's responsibility if any. No funding would have to be provided by this committee.
- The Committee asked that the line item for the second lock be changed to read "Parallel Lock" in the fiscal year 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 budgets.

Citizen Input:

- Representatives from Weiler Engineering gave a presentation on the project they are working on for Stock Development Company. There was discussion regarding water quality as the area is built out. They will be giving a presentation at the Home Owners Association Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Submitted by:



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**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
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ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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