

**SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**December 5, 2013 – Regular Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Ron Bick, Clarence Brosmer, Joe Giraldi, Richard Redican and Ralph Young

**Absent:** Tom Ireland (excused)

**County:** Johnny Hunter, Chuck Mopps, Judith Nothdurft, Ray Slade

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. A roll call of members established a quorum was present.

The minutes from October 16, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

**Old Business:**

- Lock Maintenance / Carp / Monitoring Funding – Mr. Bick and Ms. Nothdurft provided an update on the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit (WCSU) funding arrangements for the 1) carp stocking, 2) water quality monitoring, and 3) lock maintenance in South Gulf Cove (SGC). The water quality monitoring will be funded in the amount of \$6,000. Since the PO was already cut, a change order was requested for the account to be funded by WCSU. A Purchase Requisition in the amount of \$5,000 will be processed for the grass carp and WCSU will be charged. The lock maintenance funding is more complex in that a portion of the funding will be provided by WCSU and a portion by SGC Waterway Unit, because it has dual functionality as a stormwater structure and boat lock. The funding of lock maintenance will be done on a case by case basis rather than a blanket amount budgeted each year. Ms. Vernon, the Assistant County Engineer, will determine what qualifies for WCSU funding. At this time, it is thought that the lock maintenance will initially be paid by the SGC Waterway and then reimbursed by WCSU at the end of the Fiscal Year. This information is based on discussion between the Public Works Director, Fiscal Services, and the Assistant County Engineer. Further details on the process will be conveyed as finalized. The Committee asked if the reimbursement could be done quarterly instead of annually. The Committee also asked if it would be easier to determine a certain percentage to be funded by WCSU at the end of the Fiscal Year. Ms. Nothdurft will follow-up.
- EHM Inspection and Recommendation Report – the work for the hydraulic hoses and stainless steel fittings has been completed by Maintenance and Operations (M&O). The M&O crew is now scraping in preparation for the needed painting on the lock. Mr. Slade will forward the EHM Report (with costs) to the County Contract Specialist to submit back to EHM to arrange for the remaining necessary contract work. The Radio Remote control system will be handled separately. Mr. Slade forwarded the list of local contractors provided by the Committee to the Contract Specialist to look for a local contractor that can supply Linear Access services. FPL has completed their work on the pole adjacent to the lock. Mr. Slade reported that there are still intermittent problems with the remotes. Mr. Slade will make arrangements for himself and Clarence Brosmer to meet with the FPL representative to see if FPL can do any further testing or provide assistance.
- Aquatic Weed Control – Mr. Hunter provided an update on the water lettuce and answered various questions from the Committee. He conveyed that the water lettuce had entered SGC through the Butterford Waterway. Mr. Hunter explained that his crew does treatment both on a surveillance and report basis. Cutrine is the chemical used for treatment and the crew is now using Cutrine with a special additive for the first time. The treatment schedule varies due the work load.
- Grass Carp Stocking - Mr. Hunter will prepare a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for Grass Carp. The budgeted amount is \$5,000 to be funded by WCSU. He expects to have responses back for the RFQ in four to five weeks. This will allow the carp to be stocked in the cool weather, hopefully by February 2014. After the carp are stocked, Mr. Hunter will evaluate in 1 - 2 years to avoid overstocking. Too many carp strip all the vegetation with none left to filter nutrients and sediment, causing the water to lose clarity. Mr. Bick thanked Mr. Hunter for his excellent response time and service.

**SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**December 5, 2013 – Regular Meeting – Page 2**

- SGC Access Channel/Turn Basin Maintenance Dredging – Mr. Mopps reviewed the draft Permit Drawings previously provided to the Committee and gave an update on the project. Mr. Mopps has been working on a plan to place the spoil from the project in a location other than the landfill. There will be approximately 6,800 cu. yd. of material removed. A plan has been proposed to use the spoil as fill material for future construction on Florida State Park property in Placida.

Johnson Engineering recommends that the red markers be moved to the outside edge of the channel rather than use the markers for a “safe water area” to save money and make navigation less complicated. This will delineate the full width of the channel. There is funding in the County Signing & Marking Program through the Marine Advisory Committee for moving the markers. The markers can be moved within 60’ without a permit being required. Markers R10, R12 and R14 will be moved and R16 will be added. Mr. Mopps asked for the Committee’s input and the Committee agreed that moving the markers was the appropriate action to take.

The permit application has been submitted to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and they have thirty (30) days for review. It is possible that the FDEP permit could be issued in approximately two (2) months. The permit application will also be reviewed by US Army Corps of Engineers and National Marine Fisheries; this permit may be issued by summer 2014. The dredging could possibly begin in late summer 2014 and the Dredging Contractor may have 90-120 days to complete the project.

- Financial Reports – the approved FY 2013/14 and FY 2014/15 Budgets, Financial History 12-month Actual Report for FY 2013, and Activity Reports for 9/1/13 - 9/30/13 and 10/1/13 - 11/26/13 were reviewed. The Parallel Lock and funding options were discussed. This will be discussed further when planning the next 2-Year Budget Cycle.

**New Business:** None

The next regular meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Submitted by:



Judith Nothdurft  
Public Works Department

