

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 23, 2015 – Regular Meeting
9:30 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Joe Huerta, Gerald Bassett, David Gervais, Richard Redican, Ralph Young, and Tom Ireland

County Staff: Mike Dallenbach, Kelly Louttit, Jason Ouimet, Chuck Mopps, Tara Musselman, and Judith Nothdurft

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. A roll call determined a quorum was present. Membership status was reviewed and Ms. Nothdurft reviewed changes implemented by the County Attorney regarding MSBU Committee meetings.

Changes to the Agenda: None

The meeting minutes from March 25, 2015 were unanimously approved as amended. The Committee requested contact information for John Elias regarding aquatic weed control. Ms. Nothdurft confirmed and suggested Johnny Hunter as an additional contact.

Roberts Rules of order/ Sunshine Law Presentation: The Committee viewed the presentation previously recorded by the County Attorney. Mr. Redican stated his displeasure regarding participation of the alternate member during MSBU meetings. Discussion continued regarding the changes.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit):

- Mr. Robinson, President of the South Gulf Cove HOA, discussed the importance of relaying MSBU meeting information to the HOA and suggested the Chair of the Gulf Cove Waterway Committee provide updates at the HOA meetings. Discussion continued regarding the Sunshine Law.

Unfinished Business:

- Access Channel Maintenance Dredging – Mr. Mopps stated the initial 100% percent plans have been received and the new survey revealed less material is expected to be dredged. Mr. Mopps stated the bid package for the turning basin and access channel dredge has been submitted to Purchasing for bid spec review and the work could possibly begin in August. Mr. Mopps stated the costs will be approximately \$150,000 dollars and 2,900 cubic yards will be removed. Possible contractors were discussed.
- Parallel Lock- Mr. Mopps stated DMK was the only contractor to submit a bid. The County team vetted the process and The Board of County Commissioners approved the item today. Mr. Mopps advised negotiations will proceed with DMK to ensure no budgetary issues arise. The project will take approximately three years. Mitigation and safety strategies, costs, dimensions of the lock, and budget details were discussed.
- Remaining Lock Repairs/RFQ status- Mr. Ireland stated the line replacement is complete.
- New Lock Signs & Recording Updates EHM Quote – Signs are installed but the recording has not been updated. Ms. Nothdurft advised Mobile One is not interested in providing a quote for the recording. Mr. Redican stated a recording is needed. Ms. Nothdurft reviewed the EHM Quote details and will contact the company to verify the quote is still valid. Mr. Redican motioned to proceed with the EHM quote for recording and the syncing of the recording with the lock mechanism, Mr. Huerta seconded. Mr. Redican amended the motion to go forward with the EHM quote for recording and the syncing the recording with the lock mechanism at a cost of no more than \$4,000 dollars, Mr. Huerta seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Slow Speed Signs for-Butterford and County Boat Ramp- Mr. Ouimet stated the signs have been installed. Mr. Ireland stated additional signs have been requested at top of lagoon turning into Butterford Waterway and where the canal intersects with Butterford Waterway. Mr. Redican stated the signs are not necessary. Discussion continued regarding necessity of signs. Mr. Ouimet stated the MAC pays for the signs. Due to lack of a motion the matter will not proceed.

- Aquatic Weed Control Update/Cattails- Ms. Nothdurft conveyed from Johnny Hunter that routine treatments continue for Chara. Mr. Ireland stated Chara is present at the south side of the Aqua Canal and the canals off of Staunton Waterway. Ms. Nothdurft will provide updates to Johnny Hunter. Cattail treatment was discussed. Mr. Redican stated cattails are non-invasive and do not need to be treated or removed. Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that the County Attorney stated the purpose statement of the South Gulf Cove Waterway Ordinance includes the removal of cattails from the Interceptor Lagoon therefore; the South Gulf Cove Waterway MSBU should fund the herbicide treatment of cattails on the St. Paul Linear Park shoreline located on the Interceptor Lagoon. Ms. Musselman reviewed prior minutes discussing cattail removal. Ms. Nothdurft will investigate the matter further and provide updates as they become available.
- **New Business:**
- CHEC Water Quality Presentation- Mr. Hubertz from Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center discussed the water quality in South Gulf Cove. The presentation included collection sites and collection results. Ms. Nothdurft will forward the presentation to the committee.
- Lock opened to raise water level- Mr. Ireland said the lock was opened for 4 days to bring the water to a normal level.
- Financial History/6 Month Actual FY2014/15- Ms. Nothdurft distributed reports for Committee review and discussion.
- Activity Report 3/1/15-5/31/15- Ms. Nothdurft distributed reports for Committee review and discussion.
- Draft FY 2016& FY 2017 Budgets rev. 6/5/15- Ms. Nothdurft distributed the Budgets for Committee review and discussion. Mr. Redican discussed differences in the FY15/16 and FY16/17 Budgets for maintenance services. Discussion continued regarding outsourcing for maintenance services and budget line items. Mr. Redican motioned to add \$10,000 dollars to the FY15 & FY16 budget for the rehab and maintenance of the docks at the locks. Mr. Gervais seconded; and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Redican motioned to add to FY15/16 and FY16/17 \$25,000 dollars for maintenance of the lock. Mr. Bassett seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit):

- Mr. Robinson discussed information sharing from the MSBU Committee to the HOA. Mr. Robinson supports new signs and believes the issues should be revisited at the next meeting.
- Mr. Young suggested EHM make no changes to the Mobile One equipment. Mr. Young stated most boaters are not on the correct side of the waterway and believes the S bend sign should read keep right. Discussion continued regarding verbiage of the signs.
- **Advisory Committee Open Discussion-**
No comments by the Committee

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Building Construction Services Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Submitted by:

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