

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 18, 2015 – Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

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

County Staff: Chuck Mopps, Francine Lisby, and Judith Nothdurft

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call determined a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda: Board member Redican made a motion to add cattails and remote operation of the parallel lock to the Agenda, seconded by Board member Bassett, and unanimously approved.

The meeting minutes from June 23, 2015 were unanimously approved as amended.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit): None

Unfinished Business:

- Access Channel Maintenance Dredging - Bid opening is scheduled for August 19, 2015 with a cost projection of approximately \$160,000. Staff will forward the bid tabs to the Committee for review. Project is expected to start this winter and no boating disruption is anticipated.
- Parallel Lock :
 - Staff discussed current design negotiations with consultant, DMK. Original estimate for the design, permitting, and construction management tasks was \$150,000; however anticipated costs will be closer to \$300,000.
 - Staff confirmed with Fiscal Services an adjustment could be done for the additional costs.
 - Staff suggests removal of construction management related costs until it is closer to construction time.
 - Project construction budget of \$1.5 million is below estimates provided by DMK in the amount of \$3.5 - \$4.0 million.
 - Staff stated it would be possible to obtain a 10 year permit from both the US Army Corps of Engineers and FDEP for construction of the parallel lock.
 - Chairman Ireland discussed the remote operation for the parallel lock and staff affirmed the electronics would be included in the design.
 - Fiscal Services conveyed the amount of time required to raise necessary funds at the current assessment rate. Possible increases were discussed, which will be brought back to the Committee for review and recommendation.
 - Staff requested Committee's recommendation with the understanding of the increased costs before moving forward.

Motion made by Board member Redican to move forward with the design and permitting of the construction plans for the parallel work for a cost of \$300,000 and go back out at a later time for an RLI for the construction management related items, seconded by Mr. Gervais and approved unanimously.

- Remaining Lock Repairs/RFP status - Staff recommends Request for Proposal should go out to bid after October 1st to avoid fiscal year end constraints. RFP will include the requested repairs for the boat dock. The Committee agreed without formal motion.
- Lock Instruction Recording - EHM Quote - EHM quote was \$3,954 with the Purchase Order issued to EHM with instructions to contact Ray Slade as previously recommended by the Committee by motion on June 23, 2015.
- Aquatic Weed Control Update - Staff confirmed that Chara was treated as identified by Chairman Ireland.
- Cattails in the Interceptor Canal - Discussion ensued regarding the SGC Waterway MSBU being responsible for funding cattail removal from the Interceptor Lagoon waterway as requested by the SGC

Beautification Advisory Committee. Mr. Redican interprets the purpose of the SGC Waterway ordinance as the removal of cattails causing navigational problems. Staff will convey this interpretation to the County Attorney's Office.

New Business:

- Financial History/9 Month Actual FY2014/15 - Reports distributed for Committee review and discussion.
- Activity Report 6/1/15 - 7/3/15 - Reports distributed for Committee review and discussion.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit): None

Advisory Committee Open Discussion

- Board member Redican stated development was starting again in Section 94 of SGC. Staff again advised this matter must be discussed with Charlotte County Community Development Department and FDEP and is beyond the scope of the advisory board.
- Board member Huerta conveyed support for the waterway safety signs and requested additional information for the Committee. Appropriate staff will be invited to the next meeting for this discussion.
- Board member Gervais conveyed security cameras at the SGC lock is a good idea. Staff conveyed previous decision from the County Administration. Staff will request a representative from Administration to attend the next meeting.

The next regular meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Building Construction Services Conference Room pending staff availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Submitted by:
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