

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Brewster, Chairman
Norman Ashworth, Joseph Gil
Leslie Totten, Frank Wiechec

OTHERS PRESENT:
Rick Keeney, Public Works Director
Randy Brodersen, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Dennis Murphy, Growth Management Director

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, March 9, 2010 - 1:30 p.m.
- C. Election of Officers: Chairman and Vice-Chairman
 - Mr. Rick Keeney, Public Works Director, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.
 - Mr. Totten NOMINATED Mr. Brewster for Chairman.
 - As there were no other nominations, Mr. Brewster was appointed Chairman by acclamation.
 - Mr. Brewster then opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.
 - Mr. Wiechec NOMINATED Mr. Totten for Vice Chairman.
 - As there were no more nominations, Mr. Totten was appointed Vice Chairman by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting – January 12, 2010
 - Mr. Wiechec MOVED, Mr. Ashworth SECONDED approval of the January 12, 2009 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CANAL MAINTENANCE MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Permits Authorized by City Staff for Installation of Docks, Lifts, Outpilings, etc.
 - Mr. Randy Brodersen, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, announced one permit had been issued in January 2010.
- B. Budget Utilization Report
 - Mr. Brodersen displayed the Budget Utilization Report, as delineated within the agenda material, offering to answer any questions.

- Mr. Brewster commented if current month expenditures were caught up with actual work completed and translated roughly into dollars, the percentage of actual work completed would be closer to 52% as opposed to 21%, as delineated in the report.
- Mr. Brodersen offered a progress update on the seawall failures in the Burnt Store Isles (BSI) Canal Maintenance Assessment District (CMSD) from December 2009, stating that Antalya Court had been backfilled, the seawall caps on Elisa Drive and South Crete had been poured and the remaining sites had been backfilled, stating all failed seawalls had been replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinances of Canal Maintenance Assessment District – Informational Purposes
- Mr. Keeney drew the Committee’s attention to the subject ordinances, as delineated within the agenda material, adding when discussions took place regarding assessment fee methodology at the Punta Gorda Isles Canal Advisory Committee (PGI CAC) on January 21, 2009 a resident presented a copy of a 1979 ordinance, which referred to a taxing districts, questioning how the tax became an assessment. He then stated he asked the City’s Legal Department along with the City Clerk’s Office to supply him information regarding same. He pointed out two ordinances forming the PGI and BSI taxing district, adding in 1992, the legislative action was repealed allowing the City to form assessment districts.
 - Mr. Brewster stated the ordinances specified the amount of the assessment, questioning if the ordinances allowed changes to annual fees and, if not specified in the ordinance, where the legal outlines of the procedure were located.
 - Mr. Gil stated the fees were changed by City Council action.
 - Mr. Keeney agreed, offering to research further if requested.

MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mr. Brewster submitted into the record copies of a letter to Mr. Brodersen and maps highlighting the areas of concern in the BSI canal system generated by citizen complaints. He then asked Mr. Brodersen to bring the Committee up to date on his findings regarding the cost of mapping or obtaining a 3-D view of the bottom of the BSI canals.
- Mr. Brodersen stated he spoke to Marine Contracting Group regarding maintenance dredging of the perimeter canal on a monthly basis, reporting a cost range of \$7,080 to approximately \$11,800. He also advised he met with representatives from Charlotte County to discuss their system of mapping the waterways, adding Charlotte County only had a single source unit they dropped down in the water, making three passes and marrying images together on their computer system, resulting in an image which

appeared to be in 3-D. He estimated purchase of a 3-D sonar system at \$75,000 to \$150,000.

- Mr. Gil added along with that type of technology, other additional costs such as installation and yearly maintenance fees would apply.
- Mr. Dennis Murphy, Growth Management Director, advised that type of work would be considered surveying and per State Statute would need to be supervised by a licensed surveyor.
- Mr. Gil asked Mr. Murphy if he was suggesting the information regarding Charlotte County performing bathometric surveys of Alligator Creek was incorrect.
- Mr. Murphy replied Charlotte County had a bathometry unit on their boat which was tied into their Global Positioning System (GPS) unit, and Charlotte County employed a licensed surveyor, allowing them to collect the data.
- Mr. Gil inquired as to the cost for Charlotte County to collect that information.
- Mr. Murphy offered to ask Mr. Steve Ford, Charlotte County Surveyor, and relay his findings.
- Mr. Totten suggested coordinating a survey by Charlotte County while they were in the area mapping Alligator Creek as their equipment would already be mobilized.
- Mr. Murphy replied he would contact Mr. Ford to see if they would be willing to do so and if so, at what cost.
- Mr. Wiechec asked if anyone heard any input on straightening of the "S" curve.
- Mr. Gil replied Ms. Claire Phelen stated the work was scheduled to begin by the end of March 2010 or the beginning of April 2010.
- Mr. Brewster informed staff the Committee received an e-mail from a City Councilmember regarding proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) changes to water quality for nitrogen and phosphorus, questioning if it would apply to the City's canals.
- Mr. Keeney stated staff had just received the e-mail also and were currently researching same, offering to inform the Committee of their findings. He then announced staff was working on the proposed budget and would soon present a preliminary draft for review and input.
- Mr. Brewster asked when the final recommendation was due.
- Mr. Keeney replied approximately around July 2010.
- Mr. Gil commented, staff typically had difficulty getting Committee members together for meetings regarding the budget due to vacation plans, recommending dates be set further in advance. He went on to suggest there was an electrical problem at the boat lock, stating the lights were burning out frequently.

- Mr. Brodersen stated the lights were recently replaced.
- Mr. Brewster agreed; however, the majority of the lights were out again.
- Mr. Brodersen replied the fixtures were old and the seals had been compromised, suggesting replacement in the near future.
- Mr. Totten questioned who was responsible for funding the fixture replacement.
- Staff replied the CMAD budget.
- Mr. Brodersen updated the committee on GIS interaction with Charlotte County, stating progress was being made, and a more informative update would be ready by the March 2010 meeting.
- Mr. Keeney advised PGI CAC had a large turnout of residents at the January 21, 2010 meeting, and although the committee did not confirm a final recommendation for their fee methodology for City Council, they did do an unofficial poll of the residents present by show of hands, resulting in approximately 80% of attendees in favor of leaving current residential methodology in place.
- Mr. Gil questioned if there were any discussion of the commercial fee methodology.
- Mr. Keeney replied very little.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:08

Gary Brewster, Chairman

Perri Turner, Recording Secretary