

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Harrigan, Chairman
Norman Ashworth, Bill Hughes,
Mike McIntosh

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Bob Nikula, Project Manager
Mayor Nancy Prafke
Bill Drummond

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
 - 1. November 12, 2019
 - Mr. Hughes stated he would be unable to attend.
 - 2. Certificate of Appreciation - Wm. Hughes
 - Mayor Nancy Prafke expressed appreciation for the work Mr. Hughes had done for the City and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 10, 2019
 - Mr. Ashworth MOVED, Mr. McIntosh SECONDED approval of the September 10, 2019, minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

- A. Finance Reports - September 2019
 - Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, announced the September 2019 reports marked the beginning of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020, as delineated in the agenda material.
- B. Budget Utilization Report - September 2019
 - Ms. Miller stated the September 2019 reports reflected the final amount spent during the previous fiscal year.
 - Mr. McIntosh inquired whether \$500,000 would be rolled over.
 - Ms. Miller replied with uncertainty, noting the figure for seawall replacement could change as the Federal Emergency Management Agency had reimbursed the City for the sod for the damaged seawalls.

- C. Seawall Replacement Status Reports - September 2019
 - Ms. Miller drew attention to the September 2019 report, noting the proposed project schedule for seawall replacements during FY 2019/2020 was included. She confirmed no additional seawall panels would be manufactured during this fiscal year.
- D. Permits Authorized by City Staff - September 2019
 - Ms. Miller announced two permits had been issued.
- E. BSI Capital Improvement Status Update - September 2019
 - Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, announced the Seawall Alternatives Materials Project consultants would present their findings at the November 12, 2019 meeting. He then stated the Weiler Engineering Corporation (WEC) Preliminary Investigation Memo was received for the BSI Inlet Widening Project, as delineated in the agenda material, noting a 30-foot wide cut would cost \$635,000 while a 40-foot wide cut, which matched the interior channel, would cost \$750,000. He displayed the existing conditions survey and existing channel width, noting the location where existing wall infrastructure would be removed and new seawall and riprap installed for a 30-foot channel versus a 40-foot channel. He stated WEC recommended utilizing the vinyl wall product for the final design. He concluded staff was seeking input from the Board regarding whether to widen the channel to 30 feet or 40 feet, noting same was for permitting purposes only at this time.
 - Messrs. McIntosh and Hughes spoke in favor of widening the inlet by 40 feet to provide sufficient space for barges and avoid potential complications in the future.
 - Discussion ensued regarding mean low water and the seawall system with consensus of members to recommend the 40 foot width.
 - Mr. Disher stated he would inform WEC of the Committee's decision to move forward with the 40-foot design.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Recording Secretary Pues swore in all participants.
- A. Special Permit - CCSP-10-19 - Petition for Special Permit under the provisions of Section 6-6(j) of the Punta Gorda Code to install a four (4) piling boat lift exceeding ten (10) feet waterward on a waterway less than one hundred (100) feet in width which is prohibited by Section 6-6(c)4.a., Punta Gorda Code, at Lot 129, Block 275, Section 15, aka 5016 San Massimo Drive, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950 Owner/Petitioner: Robert Poss
Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412329156007
- Mr. Bob Nikula, Project Manager, displayed photographs of the subject property and proposed construction drawings from the agenda material. He provided a detailed explanation regarding staff's concerns with the proposed dimensions impacting safe

navigation within the rim canal, concluding staff was unable to recommend favorable consideration based on the current proposal.

- Discussion ensued regarding the water depth and canal width surrounding the proposed construction as well as the space a vessel might use while stored on the boat lift.
- Mr. Peter Aratari, authorized agent, provided a detailed review regarding the proposed engineer drawing, opining same was found to be the best option according to the applicant's request.
- Mr. McIntosh noted standard size boats might be able to navigate through the waterway; however, larger vessels might not.
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding alternative options to the proposed construction, with members concluding the revised drawing should include the boat lift and pilings being installed closer within the permitted 45 degree angle. Consensus was to continue the request to the November 12, 2019 meeting to allow revisions to be made.
- Mr. Aratari agreed to reconfigure the dimensions of the boat lift.
- Mr. Harrigan called three times for public comment.
- Mr. Hughes MOVED, Mr. McIntosh SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Hughes MOVED, Mr. McIntosh SECONDED to continue CCSP-10-19 to November 12, 2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Buckley's Pass Additional Harbor Access Project Update

- Mr. Disher displayed the most recent aerial footage recorded on October 3, 2019, depicting the progress made on Buckley's Pass, adding the next recording would commence on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. He announced the panels were installed and construction was progressing, noting there were some difficulties caused by the tides which required berms to be constructed around the work zone.
- Discussion ensued regarding the work being completed, with members confirming expected completion was in February 2020.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Bill Drummond stated he had requested an automatic boat cover for his vessel from the Zoning and Code Compliance Division and was informed the cover alone was permitted; however, mechanical ones were not. He then displayed video footage illustrating how the mechanical boat cover operated, opining same would not encroach upon visibility within the canals. He concluded the device would create a simpler process for protecting boats, particularly for the elderly.

- Discussion ensued regarding the prohibition of mechanical boat covers within City Code, with members questioning the specific Code section.
- Ms. Miller responded with uncertainty, offering to speak to Ms. Lisa Hannon, Zoning Official, regarding same. She stated she would update members at the November 12, 2019 meeting.
- Mayor Nancy Prafke stated City Council was in the process of making the community age friendly, noting the device seemed in line with those efforts. She explained the main purpose for presenting the device to the Committee was to receive support as she was willing to pursue a Code amendment to permit such devices.
- Members spoke in favor of the mechanical boat lift cover.
- Mayor Prafke stated she would seek staff assistance in moving forward. She then pointed out the corner house displayed in the Buckley's Pass video had a speed limit sign previously, requesting the status regarding same.
- Mr. Disher confirmed Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission had removed the sign; however, staff was working to restore same, noting he would provide an update on the status when available.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:44 p.m.

Sean Harrigan, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary