

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Harrigan, Chairman
Norman Ashworth, Randall Bowdish
Mike McIntosh

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Hughes

OTHERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Lynne Matthews
Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Bob Nikula, Project Manager
Peter Aratari, Bob Fritz, Charles Longenbarger

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- Mr. Bowdish introduced himself as a new member of the Committee and provided a brief history of his professional experience.
1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Mr. Harrigan opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.
 - Mr. Ashworth NOMINATED Mr. Harrigan.
 - Mr. Harrigan declined nomination.
 - Mr. Ashworth NOMINATED Mr. McIntosh.
 - Mr. McIntosh declined nomination.
 - Consensus was to continue election of Chairman and Vice Chairman to the December 12, 2019 meeting as there were no other nominations.
2. Certificate of Appreciation – Sean Harrigan
- Vice Mayor Lynne Matthews expressed appreciation for the work Mr. Harrigan had done for the City and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
1. December 10, 2019

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 8, 2019
- Mr. Ashworth MOVED, Mr. McIntosh SECONDED approval of the October 8, 2019, minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

- A. Finance Reports - October 2019
 - Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, confirmed there were no questions regarding the October 2019 report denoted in the agenda material.
- B. Budget Utilization Report - October 2019
 - Ms. Miller stated funds for the Seawall Maintenance Alternative Project and Burnt Store Isles (BSI) Inlet Widening Project were now included in the Budget Utilization Reports.
- C. Seawall Replacement Status Reports - October 2019
 - Ms. Miller stated seawall replacement schedules were included in the list of projects to be completed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020 but would not be advertised on the City's website as they were likely to change.
 - Mr. Harrigan confirmed homeowners would be notified six to eight weeks prior to the commencement of work.
- D. Permits Authorized by City Staff - October 2019
 - Ms. Miller announced four permits had been issued.
- E. BSI Capital Improvement Status Update - October 2019
 - Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, announced staff met with Taylor Engineering, Inc., Project Consultant, and received documentation regarding the Seawall Alternative Materials Project. He explained staff decided additional historical seawall replacement data should be included in the report to create a more accurate forecasting model, adding the information would be available at the December 10, 2019 meeting.
 - Mr. McIntosh questioned whether corrugated vinyl was one of the alternative materials considered, noting a section of seawall in Charlotte County constructed with same was collapsing after approximately six months.
 - Mr. Disher replied he was unaware of the situation and would contact Mr. Matt Logan from Charlotte County regarding the matter. He then reported staff met with the engineers for the BSI Inlet Widening Project to review the 60% plan submission, noting the project was moving forward toward permitting. He concluded the Seawall Alternative Materials Project should provide direction for decisions regarding the BSI Channel Corner Widening Project.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the reasoning for investigating alternative seawall materials and the use of corrugated vinyl seawall panels in other locations.

- F. Buckley's Pass Additional Harbor Access Project Update – October 2019
- Mr. Disher announced all video footage of the Buckley's Pass additional harbor access Project was available on the City's YouTube Channel, noting the project was moving forward as anticipated. He reported dredging had commenced this date, providing a brief review of the design and materials used for same.
- Mr. McIntosh verified scheduled completion was no later than March 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Recording Secretary Pues swore in all participants.
- A. Special Permit – CCSP-10-19 - Continued
- Mr. Bob Nikula, Project Manager, announced the request heard at the October 8, 2019 meeting was revised so that the degree to which the dock extended waterward and the length of the dock were reduced. He reviewed the impact of the revised request on the navigable channel, concluding same met the six criteria for approving a Canal Construction Special Permit and staff recommended approval of the request as presented.
- Mr. Peter Aratari, applicant's agent, agreed with staff's findings, opining the changes were the best solution for the location.
- Mr. Harrigan called three times for public comment.
- Mr. McIntosh MOVED, Mr. Ashworth SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. McIntosh MOVED, Mr. Ashworth SECONDED to approve CCSP-10-19. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Ms. Miller announced crews were scheduled to complete a sonar scan of the BSI Perimeter Canal to obtain updated information on the dredging project, noting she anticipated reports on those findings would be available at the December 12, 2019 meeting.
- Mr. McIntosh questioned why the canal water was a brown color.
- Ms. Miller replied temperature changes could be the cause, adding staff would look into the matter.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Bob Fritz questioned when the mangrove trimming schedule would be available.
- Ms. Miller replied the schedule should be available before the end of November 2019, noting two mangrove trimmings might be scheduled for FY 2019/2020.
- Mr. Charles Longenbarger expressed safety concerns regarding the widening of the lock, opining larger vessels would present a hazard to smaller vessels. He requested clarification of the project as he had heard conflicting information regarding same.

- Ms. Miller replied barges needed adequate space to navigate through the former lock while performing maintenance on the canal system, agreeing other large vessels should not navigate the BSI canal system.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:04 p.m.

Sean Harrigan, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary