

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
JULY 15, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David McBride, Chairman
Fred Hannon, Robert Knabe,
Paul Raffa, Colleen Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fredric Cort, Jake Dye

OTHERS PRESENT: Macalle Finkle, Paralegal
Rick Keeney, Public Works Director
Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Bob Nikula, Project Manager
Mike Parr

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. August 19, 2019 Meeting Cancelled Next Scheduled Meeting - September 16, 2019

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. June 17, 2019
- Mr. Raffa MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED approval of the June 17, 2019 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

REPORTS

- A. Finance Reports - June 2019
 - Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, offered to answer any questions regarding the June 2019 reports, as delineated in the agenda material.
 - Mr. McBride questioned if there were any concerns regarding year-to-date expenses.
 - Ms. Miller replied not that she was aware of, noting the Finance Department would provide more details on the reports at the September 16, 2019 meeting.
- B. Budget Utilization Report - June 2019
 - Ms. Miller confirmed there were no questions regarding the June 2019 report.
- C. Seawall Replacement Status Report - June 2019
 - Mr. McBride confirmed installation of seawall panels was still required for two projects within the Northeast-1 and Northwest-2 zones.
 - Mr. Raffa inquired as to the availability of a list of vacant lots.
 - Ms. Miller replied she would request same from Mr. Gary Disher.

- D. Permits Authorized by City Staff - June 2019
 - Ms. Miller announced staff had authorized 24 permits in June 2019.
- E. Irma 17 – Production Levels 2019
 - Ms. Miller reported Duncan and Marine Contracting Group (MCG) were still completing work. She added MCG was awarded a contract for seawall replacements required over the summer, noting the upcoming work program would be advertised in August 2019.
 - Members spoke favorably of the progress made on the Hurricane Irma-related seawall repair projects.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Special Permit – CCSP-07-2019 – Petition for Special Permit under the provisions of Section 6-6 (j) of the Punta Gorda Code to install a second boat lift, as prohibited by Section 6-6(c)3, Punta Gorda Code, at Lot 22, Block 28, Section 5, aka 2039 El Cerito Court, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.
Owner/Petitioner: Colleen Wright
Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412214231010
 - Recording Secretary Pues swore in all participants.
 - Mr. Bob Nikula, Project Manager, displayed photographs of the subject property and proposed construction drawings from the agenda material, briefly reviewing the request. He concluded safe navigation of the waterway would not be impeded, and staff recommended approval of this request.
 - Mr. McBride called three times for public comment.
 - Mr. Mike Parr, applicant’s agent, stated the proposed construction would not have any adverse impacts.
 - Mr. Knabe MOVED, Mr. Raffa SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - Ms. Wright abstained from voting as she was property owner in this matter, confirming she would submit a Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict to the City Clerk.
 - Mr. Raffa MOVED, Mr. Hannon SECONDED to approve CCSP-07-19. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rewrite of Chapter 6, “Boats, Docks and Waterways”, Article II, “Construction in Waterways”
 - Ms. Macalle Finkle, Paralegal, drew attention to Article II, Section 6-15(c), Punta Gorda Code, briefly reviewing staff’s revisions. She inquired if members had additional input.

- Discussion ensued regarding floating lifts and docks, particularly as to differences between their definitions and usage, with members speaking in favor of further clarifying such structures in Punta Gorda Code.
- Mr. Hannon inquired as to speed limits within the canal system.
- Ms. Miller responded the City adhered to the Florida Statutes' definitions of slow speed and idle speed, expressing uncertainty as to how speed limits could be enforced. She stated staff could document canal system's signage related to speed during the January 2020 seawall assessment.
- Ms. Finkle concluded Article III, "Seawalls & Canal Maintenance", would be discussed at the September 16, 2019 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Hurricane Irma Seawall Failure Updates
- No Discussion.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Ms. Miller updated members on the status of the Buckley's Pass Dredging Project.
- Ms. Finkle noted more than 70% of residents had prepaid for the project.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Ms. Wright questioned whether street signs could be posted within the canal.
- Ms. Miller explained the City had discontinued doing so, expressing hesitance to install signage on private property.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:14 p.m.

David McBride, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary