

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
MARCH 10, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike McIntosh, Chairman
Norman Ashworth, Rick Daugherty,
Charles Longenbarger

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Lisa Hannon, Zoning Official
Macalle Finkle, Paralegal

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
 - 1. Roll Call
 - 2. Election of Officers - Chairman & Vice Chairman
 - Mr. McIntosh announced elections were needed for Chairman and Vice Chairman.
 - Mr. Ashworth NOMINATED Mr. McIntosh for Chairman.
 - As there were no other nominations, Mr. McIntosh was appointed Chairman by acclamation.
 - Recording Secretary Pues opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.
 - Mr. McIntosh NOMINATED Mr. Ashworth for Vice Chairman.
 - As there were no other nominations, Mr. Ashworth was appointed Vice Chairman by acclamation.
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
 - 1. April 14, 2020

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February 11, 2020
 - Mr. Longenbarger pointed out the minutes should state "six-foot-draft vessel" instead of "six-foot vessel" on page 3.
 - Mr. Ashworth MOVED, Mr. Longenbarger SECONDED approval of the February 11, 2020, minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

- A. Finance Reports - February 2020
 - Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, confirmed there were no questions regarding the February 2020 reports from the agenda material.

- B. Budget Utilization Report - February 2020
 - Ms. Miller offered to answer any questions regarding the February 2020 reports.
 - Mr. McIntosh verified mangrove trimming had not yet commenced.
- C. Seawall Replacement Status Reports - February 2020
 - Ms. Miller drew members' attention to the February 2020 report, noting three projects were currently under construction.
 - Mr. Ashworth verified a total of six projects were scheduled for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.
- D. Permits Authorized by City Staff - February 2020
 - Ms. Miller announced 7 permits were authorized in February 2020.
- E. BSI Capital Improvement Stats - Update
 - Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, announced staff was reviewing the revised draft study from the Seawall Alternative Material Project consultants, noting same would be presented once finalized. He then stated the Master Permit Agreement was still in progress, indicating he would inform members once same was approved.
- F. Buckley's Pass Additional Harbor Access Project - Update
 - Mr. Disher reported dredging was occurring in Alligator Creek, noting the first phase was almost complete. He stated a ribbon cutting event was planned for mid-April 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Structural Boat Covers
 - Ms. Macalle Finkle, Paralegal, stated several requests were made for allowance of structural boat covers, noting City Council had expressed preference for covers which were fixed to boats. She drew attention to regulations from Marco Island, expressing preference for mooring covers. She explained definitions were needed for "boat lift cover", which would be prohibited in all City waterways; "mooring cover", which would be permitted and regulated; and "mooring cover assist system". She requested member's feedback regarding such covers.
 - Mr. McIntosh spoke in favor of the proposed boat cover, opining the structure should rest on the cradle of the lift.
 - Mr. Daugherty suggested graphic examples should be included with the definitions.
 - Mr. Longenbarger stated Burnt Store Isles was a deed restricted community, questioning whether residents would need to approve the proposal to amend their deed restrictions.
 - Ms. Finkle replied in the negative, explaining the proposal would amend Punta Gorda Code.

- Mr. Longenbarger stated his neighbors objected to the proposal due to concerns related to hurricanes and aesthetics. He spoke in favor of requesting feedback from a large percentage of property owners prior to making a decision.
- Discussion ensued regarding potential issues related to structural boat covers, such as obstruction of views and lack of maintenance.
- Mr. Bill Drummond explained mooring covers were already allowed, opining automatic boat covers would not be much different, particularly during storms. He stated he desired an automatic boat cover as he was experiencing difficulty using his manual mooring cover.
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the mechanics of automatic structural boat covers, the potential for surveying members of the community and issues which could be presented by hurricanes, with consensus of members to table the discussion until further clarification was provided at the April 14, 2020, meeting.
- Mr. Longenbarger requested the relationship between BSI's deed restrictions and the Code be investigated.
- Mr. Ashworth questioned if Punta Gorda Code specified boat covers must be employed manually.
- Ms. Finkle replied in the negative, explaining any structure not specifically permitted in the Punta Gorda Code was prohibited.
- Mr. McIntosh concluded the discussion was tabled until the next meeting, verifying a mass-mailing would require City Council's approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No discussion.

STAFF COMMENTS

- None

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:14 p.m.

Mike McIntosh, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary