

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike McIntosh, Acting Chairman
John Forr, Sean Harrigan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Hughes, Jack Pryor

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Trufan, Marine Patrol Officer
Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Irene Ploskina, Community Outreach Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. October 9, 2018

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. June 12, 2018
- Mr. Harrigan MOVED, Mr. Forr SECONDED approval of the June 12, 2018 minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

- A. Patrol Update - June, July, August 2018
- Mr. McIntosh briefly reviewed the June 2018, July 2018 and August 2018 Marine Volunteers in Policing Reports, as delineated in the agenda material.
- B. Punta Gorda Police Department - Marine Patrol Update - Officer Joe Trufan
- Mr. Joe Trufan, Marine Patrol Officer, provided a brief review of his service with the Police Department, stating he was not currently assigned full time to the water but rather was splitting his time between marine and road patrols.
- B. Finance Reports - June, July, August 2018
- Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, drew members' attention to the finance reports for June 2018, July 2018 and August 2018, as delineated in the agenda material, offering to answer any questions.
- Mr. Harrigan clarified the "Collection Commission" line item would be reconciled at the end of the year.

- Mr. Forr pointed out funds had not been expended for seawall replacement, mangrove trimming or inlet dredging, questioning if unexpended funds would carry over to Fiscal Year 2018/2019's budget.
 - Ms. Miller replied same would be used to cover the Burnt Store Isles (BSI) Canal Maintenance Assessment District's 12.5% share of Hurricane Irma-related seawall repair costs. She then noted scheduled mangrove trimming had been delayed due to damage to the contractor's boat.
- C. Budget Utilization Report - June, July & August 2018
- Ms. Miller drew members' attention to the June 2018, July 2018 and August 2018 Budget Utilization Reports, as delineated in the agenda material, confirming there were no questions or comments.
- D. Seawall Replacement Status Reports - July, August 2018
- Ms. Miller stated Marine Contracting Group (MCG) was scheduled to begin repairs in BSI during the first week of October 2018, noting the first 3 scheduled projects were at San Pietro Court, Maltese Court and Macedonia Drive.
- E. Permits Authorized by City Staff - June 2018
- Ms. Miller announced 1, 3 and 4 permits had been issued in June 2018, July 2018 and August 2018, respectively.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Signage - BSI Lock "Navigation Lights"
- Ms. Miller reported the lights had been fixed, announcing installation of signage requesting the Public Works Department be notified if the lights failed.
- B. Ocean Habitat Reef Box
- Ms. Miller explained Punta Gorda Code Chapter 6 required a permit for anything installed in the water; however, reef boxes were not specifically addressed.
 - Mr. McIntosh raised the possibility of waiving the permit fee for installation of a reef box as they were beneficial to the environment.
 - Ms. Miller expressed uncertainty regarding same, offering to research the permit fee. She stated this information was being provided to members for informational purposes.
 - Mr. Harrigan commented 314 reef boxes could filter the tidal exchange each day, noting reef boxes would help alleviate the impact of septic systems on Alligator Creek.
 - Mr. Forr expressed concern with regard to the potential for massive build-up of oysters, particularly after some time had passed.
 - Ms. Miller then updated members on the Capital Improvement Program as follows: the Procurement Division was working on hiring a consultant for the Seawall Alternative

Materials project as well as removal of the southern side of the BSI Lock, the project regarding pinch points in the perimeter canal would not be sent out for bid until 2020 and the lock's drainage booms had been replaced on August 7, 2018. She noted the next drainage boom change-out would occur in March 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hurricane Irma Seawall Failure Updates

- Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, stated the City was working with FEMA to finalize funding.
- Mr. Harrigan confirmed there had been no subsequent failures in BSI.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Ms. Irene Ploskina, Community Outreach Coordinator, announced the letters regarding homeowners' insurance liability were issued. She then stated a workshop regarding failed seawalls in BSI was held on August 27, 2018.
- Mr. Harrigan questioned the attendance.
- Ms. Ploskina replied 39 residents attended. [1:53:05 PM](#)
- Mr. McIntosh inquired as to residents' understanding of the situation surrounding repairs.
- Ms. Ploskina replied the Finance Department had been available to answer questions at the workshop. She then announced three Canal Maintenance Division seawall videos were available on the City's web site, noting a fourth video was in development. She concluded by announcing 7,589 10-foot seawall panels had been produced, and 2,731 remained to be manufactured.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 1:54 p.m.

Mike McIntosh, Acting Chairman

Mary Kelly, Recording Secretary