

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David McBride, Chairman
Fredric Cort, Jake Dye, Fred Hannon,
Robert Knabe, Paul Raffa, Colleen Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk Mary Kelly
Sharon Knippenberg, Controller
Gary Disher, Public Works Analyst
Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Bob Nikula, Project Manager
Edward Frank, Anne Holmes

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
 - 1. Election of Officers – Chairman and Vice Chairman
 - Deputy City Clerk Kelly opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.
 - Mr. Dye NOMINATED Mr. David McBride for Chairman.
 - Deputy City Clerk Kelly called for any other nominations.
 - As there were no other nominations, Mr. McBride was appointed Chairman by acclamation.
 - Deputy City Clerk Kelly opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.
 - Mr. Knabe NOMINATED Mr. Cort for Vice Chairman.
 - Deputy City Clerk Kelly called for any other nominations.
 - As there were no other nominations, Mr. Cort was appointed Vice Chairman by acclamation.
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
 - 1. March 19, 2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2018
 - Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Hannon SECONDED approval of the January 16, 2018 minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

REPORTS

- A. Patrol Update – January 2018

- Mr. McBride briefly reviewed the January 2018 Marine Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) Report, as delineated in the agenda material, stating VIPs had patrolled 332 nautical miles, noting one incident resulted in the involvement of regular officers.
- B. Finance – Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP) FY2018–FY2022
 - Ms. Sharon Knippenberg, Controller, drew members’ attention to the LRFP, as delineated in the agenda material, reviewing the 5 Year Proforma for the Punta Gorda Isles (PGI) Canal Maintenance Assessment District. She announced the LRFP had been established prior to Hurricane Irma, therefore it would be updated as more results came in regarding the Hurricane Irma–related seawall repairs.
 - Mr. Cort confirmed the projected Capital Expenditure of \$250,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2021 was to address the increased costs of staging.
 - Mr. Disher noted a \$40,000 Capital Expenditure was included in FY 2020 for the engineering costs for same.
 - Ms. Knippenberg noted total seawall damages were still being negotiated with FEMA. She estimated total repair costs of \$30–\$40 million dollars, with the district responsible for \$4–\$5 million. She stated this resulted in an estimated increase to assessments for property owners in PGI, adding the rate was still subject to change leading up to July 2018. She then provided a detailed review of possible funding sources.
 - Mr. Cort questioned if a third–party revenue anticipation bond had been considered.
 - Ms. Knippenberg briefly discussed the loan types available to the City. She concluded FEMA and the City were in agreement on hurricane–related damages other than seawalls scheduled for regular maintenance in 2018.
 - Mr. McBride recalled the earlier comment on options to reduce the annual assessment fee, expressing concern a reduction would negatively impact future seawall repairs/replacements.
- C. Finance Reports – January 2018
 - Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, drew members’ attention to the January 2018 financials, as delineated in the agenda material, offering to answer questions.
 - Mr. McBride confirmed the Federal Disaster Relief line item in the report was required in order to present a balanced budget to City Council.
 - Mr. Cort confirmed the Private Loan Line item was intended to cover the City’s twelve and a half percent for the hurricane damages.
- D. Budget Utilization Report – January 2018

- Ms. Miller drew members' attention to the January 2018 Budget Utilization Report, as delineated in the agenda material, noting she added the Hurricane Irma Damage line item to assist in tracking how funds have been used. She noted the Seawall Replacement line item referred to prior work which was invoiced in FY 2017-2018, adding the Inlet Dredging line item's work had been completed but was not yet invoiced. She concluded the Canal Maintenance Division continued to implement their usual program.
 - Mr. McBride asked if the City had finished their survey of the recent dredging work.
 - Ms. Miller confirmed same, adding dredging could only be implemented up to the permitted depth.
 - Mr. McBride proposed uploading the sonar survey data to Navionics.
 - Mr. Raffa confirmed the Marine Contracting Group was completing their seawall installation ahead of schedule while Shoreline was still "gearing up" and Duncan was on schedule, further confirming seawall panel manufacture continued.
- E. Seawall Replacement Status Reports – January 2018
- Mr. McBride drew attention to the new Seawall Replacement Status Reports, requesting clarification of same.
 - Discussion ensued with regard to the compilation of the seawall status reports.
 - Mr. Dye confirmed no properties had required a change in their replacement priority.
 - Ms. Miller noted the use of Sox at properties experiencing erosion which had a later date for repair.
- F. Permits Authorized by City Staff – January 2018
- Ms. Miller announced 10 permits had been issued in January 2018, noting the details of same were provided in the agenda material.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Deputy City Clerk Kelly swore in all participants.
- A. CCSP-03-18 – A Petition for Special Permit under the provisions of Section 6-6(j) of the Punta Gorda Code to install a boat lift, three (3) boat lift pilings and a portion of an attached fourteen point five (14.5) inch wide aluminum walkway outside the 45 degree angle as prohibited by Section 6-6c(4) of the Punta Gorda Code at Lot 20 Block 221, Section 14, aka 1441 Kittiwake Drive, Punta Gorda, Florida, 33950.
- Owner/Petitioner: Joseph D. Parr
Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412224259006
- Mr. Bob Nikula, Project Manager, displayed an aerial view of the subject property and proposed construction drawings, both delineated in the agenda material, stating the applicant was seeking approval to install a four-piling boat lift with an aluminum

walkway extension with portions outside the 45 degree angle. He noted the existing dock and boat lift would be removed, adding Staff recommended approval. He then called for questions from the Board.

- Mr. Mike Parr noted the design of the boat lift and dock was similar to that of many corner lots.
- Mr. Edward Frank asked what the new angle for construction of docks was.
- Mr. McBride clarified there would be no change to the City Ordinance; an exception would be granted in this specific situation by the Canal Construction Special Permit (CCSP).
- Mr. Nikula explained how the 45 degree angles were determined and their significance in the permitting process.
- Mr. Frank opined the neighbor next door would be negatively impacted.
- Mr. McBride explained the role of the Board in relation to the approval or denial of CCSPs. He stated approved CCSPs would not impinge on the rights of neighboring property owners.
- Ms. Anne Holmes displayed two photos of her dock, stating her opposition to the approval of CCSP-03-18.
- Mr. McBride called three times for anyone to speak on CCSP-03-18.
- Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Cort SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Ms. Wright inquired as to how large a boat could fit on the lift.
- Mr. Nikula explained City Code allowed a boat of up to 39 feet to be stored at the dock in this situation, though he did not believe that was the intention of the property owner.
- Mr. Parr explained the position of the lift in relation to the seawall allowed a boat of 24 feet in length on this lift in practice.
- Mr. Cort stated the current configuration could be used in place of the proposed configuration, asking if the current dock was still serviceable.
- Mr. Parr stated the current dock was in significant disrepair which necessitated replacement. He outlined the benefits of the proposed configuration with regard to safety and convenience.
- Mr. Knabe stated he felt the proposed configuration encroached more toward the left of the property.
- Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Hannon SECONDED approval of CCSP-03-18 based upon the evidence and testimony presented.
- **VOTING AYE:** Hannon, Cort, Dye, Raffa, Wright, McBride

- **VOTING NAY:** Knabe: navigation.
- MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Hurricane IRMA Seawall Failures Update
- Mr. Gary Disher, Public Works Analyst, reviewed the types of seawall failure and the construction of the failed seawalls in depth.
 - Mr. Cort inquired of the use of riprap at the toe of seawalls.
 - Mr. Disher agreed same could help prevent failure at the toe, noting the increased length of newer panels also helped.
 - Mr. McBride confirmed the necessity of epoxy-coated rebar for tie backs.
 - Discussion ensued with regard to the applications of MMFX and epoxy coated rebar.
 - Mr. Cort confirmed Public Works would analyze the causes of failure in top-leaning seawalls as more data was collected.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Mark Gehring, Public Works, believed top failure was due to some seawall which had been installed with no tieback whereas other seawall had been installed with tiebacks just below grade. He explained dates for erosion Sox installation would be relayed in sequence, with properties prioritized based on their degree of erosion.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:40 p.m.

David McBride, Chairman

Sara Welch, Recording Secretary