

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2018**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Bob Nikula, Project Manager
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Irene Ploskina, Communications Outreach Coordinator
Mike Parr

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
 - 1. November 19, 2018
 - Mr. Raffa noted he might be unable to attend the November 19, 2018, meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 18, 2018
 - Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Raffa SECONDED approval of the September 18, 2018 minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

REPORTS

Note: Item A was heard following Item F.

- A. Marine Patrol Update – September 2018
 - Mr. McBride reviewed the September 2018 Marine Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) Report, as delineated in the agenda material, stating 496 nautical miles were patrolled. He reported the number of speeding complaints had reduced following directed patrols; however, regular patrols had seen an increase in speeding.
- B. Finance Reports – September 2018
 - Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, offered to answer any questions regarding the September 2018 finance reports, as delineated in the agenda material.
 - Mr. Cort questioned if staff had any concerns regarding the ability of the State and FEMA to pay their portions of the Hurricane Irma-related seawall repair costs.
 - Ms. Miller replied in the negative.

- Discussion ensued with regard to the timeline for reimbursement of disaster-related repair costs.
- C. Budget Utilization Report – September 2018
- Ms. Miller presented the September 2018 Budget Utilization Report, as delineated in the agenda material, announcing no funds were budgeted for cap replacement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/2019.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the quality and inspection of mangrove trimming, work scheduled for FY 2018–2019, prioritization and scheduling of Hurricane Irma-related and non-Hurricane Irma-related seawall repairs, to be reported separately.
 - Ms. Miller confirmed members desired to carry over data from the Hurricane Irma – Seawall Replacement line to FY 2018/2019.
- D. Irma 17 – Production Levels 20180928
- Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, displayed the production level report for September 2018, as delineated in the agenda material, noting work was progressing.
 - Discussion ensued with regard to progress in Northwest-1 and Northwest-2, work on vacant lots by Shoreline Foundation’s land-based crew and Marine Contracting Group’s production rate.
- E. Seawall Replacement Status Reports – September 2018
- Ms. Miller drew members’ attention to the Seawall Replacement Status Reports, as delineated in the agenda material, confirming there were no questions.
- F. Permits Authorized by City Staff – September 2018
- Ms. Miller announced staff had authorized 25 permits in September 2018.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. CCSP-06-18 – Petition for Special Permit under the provisions of Section 6-6(j) of the Punta Gorda Code to install a portion of a boat lift, three (3) boat lift pilings and a portion of a two (2) foot wide aluminum walkway outside the 45 degree angle which is prohibited by Section 6-6(c)4, Punta Gorda Code, at Lot 24, Block 169, Section 14, aka 1575 San Marino Court, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.
 Owner/Petitioner: Mischelle Howard
 Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412213156001
- Recording Secretary Welch swore in all participants.
 - Mr. Bob Nikula, Project Manager, disclosed the applicant worked in the City’s Finance Department, and her husband worked in the City’s Public Works Department. He then displayed an aerial view of the subject property, proposed construction drawings and photographs of the canal, as delineated in the agenda material, stating the request would

- allow a portion of the boat lift, three pilings and a portion of the two-foot wide aluminum walkway outside the forty-five degree angle. He concluded staff recommended approval.
- Mr. Cort commented favorably on the proposed design, expressing concern regarding the configuration of docks at Lot 22 and Lot 23.
 - Discussion ensued with regard to the potential for interference between the lifts at Lot 22 and Lot 23.
 - Mr. Mike Parr, Parr Marine Construction, suggested Punta Gorda Code be revised to address docks and boat lifts at the end of canals. He then displayed a photograph of the conditions at the lot and described the proposed configuration.
 - Mr. McBride called three times for anyone to speak on CCSP-06-18.
 - Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Hannon SECONDED to approve CCSP-06-18. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Hurricane Irma Seawall Failure Updates
 - No discussion.
- B. Via Tunis/Medici Court Report – Update
 - Ms. Miller announced she and the contractor had met with concerned residents, explaining the latter had been given incorrect information by a member of the community. She stated Duncan had hired a landscaper to address resident’s properties.
 - Mr. McBride confirmed residents were now satisfied. He asked if inspectors could be easily distinguished.
 - Ms. Miller replied inspectors could be identified by their badges, hats and City trucks.
- C. Rewrite of Chapter 6 “Boats, Docks and Waterways,” Article I “In General”
 - Mr. McBride stated the rewrite of Chapter 6, Punta Gorda Code, would be reviewed one article at a time, with feedback provided at each meeting and a consolidated review toward the end of the process.
 - Ms. Miller suggested the Committee begin with the first Sections 6-1 through 6-7, requesting members email comments directly to her.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Ms. Miller stated sonar reading of Ponce de Leon Inlet would be performed October 18, 2018, explaining dredging would then be performed per those readings.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Knabe commended staff's effort to address Via Tunis and Medici Court residents' complaints.
- Mr. Hannon commented favorably on the Marine VIPs.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:29 p.m.

David McBride, Chairman

Sara Welch, Recording Secretary