

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 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
Macalle Finkle, Paralegal
Irene Ploskina, Community Outreach Coordinator
Mike Parr, Susan Kohlback

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. December 17, 2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2018
- Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Dye SECONDED approval of the October 15, 2018 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

REPORTS

- A. Marine Patrol Update – October 2018
- Mr. McBride reviewed the October 2018 Marine Volunteers in Policing Report, as delineated in the agenda material, stating 494 nautical miles were patrolled. He reported removal of navigational hazards, call-outs related to a drifting boat and a search for a missing person and two Code violations.
- B. Finance Reports – October 2018
- Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, offered to answer any questions regarding the October 2018 financial reports, as delineated in the agenda material.
- Mr. Raffa questioned why the Federal Disaster Relief line item denoted \$20,000,000 when same had not been received.
- Mr. McBride recalled Ms. Sharon Knippenberg, former Controller, had advised same was the City's accounting practice.

- C. Amended Budget Utilization Report – October 2018
 - Ms. Miller presented the October 2018 Budget Utilization Report, as delineated in the agenda material, confirming there were no questions.
- D. Irma 17 – Production Levels 20181113
 - Ms. Miller drew members’ attention to the production level report for October 2018, as delineated in the agenda material, offering to answer any questions.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the addition of another barge and land crew in the Northwest-2 zone, a barge which had been tipped over by a speeding boat and the use of safe harbor.
- E. Amended Seawall Replacement Status Reports – October 2018
 - There was no discussion.
- F. Permits Authorized by City Staff – October 2018
 - Ms. Miller announced staff had authorized 24 permits in October 2018.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Recording Secretary Welch swore in all participants.
- A. CCSP-07-18 – 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 29, Block 147, Section 12, aka 1623 Casey Key Drive, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.
 - Owner/Petitioner: Gary Berg
 - Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412224304001
 - Mr. Bob Nikula, Project Manager, displayed photographs of the subject property and proposed construction drawings, as delineated in the agenda material, providing a brief review of the request. He concluded staff recommended approval of CCSP-07-18.
 - Mr. Mike Parr, applicant’s representative, explained the proposed configuration had become standard for properties at canal corners.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the following: proximity of the lift to the dock; degree to which a boat would extend into the canal; compatibility of the proposed design with adjacent docks.
 - Mr. McBride called three times for anyone to speak on CCSP-07-18.
 - Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Raffa SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Raffa SECONDED to approve CCSP-07-18. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. CCSP-08-18 – 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 53, Block 30, Section 5, aka 200 Capri Isles Court, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

Owner/Petitioner: Lee Gilbertson

Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412211463002

- Mr. Nikula displayed photographs of the subject property and proposed construction drawings, as delineated in the agenda material, providing a brief review of the request. He concluded staff recommended approval of CCSP-08-18.
- Discussion ensued regarding the location and shape of the dock.
- Mr. McBride called three times for anyone to speak on CCSP-08-18.
- Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Cort SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Raffa SECONDED to approve CCSP-08-18. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Hurricane Irma Seawall Failure Updates

- Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, expressed optimism all work would be completed by the contract deadlines as repairs were progressing well.
- Board member comments confirmed the following: the inspections completed during seawall repair; inspectors were assigned to specific zones; tie-backs were sprayed with an epoxy coating; Hurricane Irma-related repairs would be completed under liquidated damage provisions if work was not completed by the contract end date.

- B. Rewrite of Chapter 6, “Boats, Docks and Waterways”, Article I, “In General”, Sections 1-7

- Ms. Macalle Finkle, Paralegal, presented Sections 6-1 through 6-7, Punta Gorda Code, for members’ consideration, noting comments from both this Committee and the Burnt Store Isles Canal Advisory Committee were denoted in the agenda material. She reviewed the following topics: definitions of floating lift, navigable channel, non-conforming structure, structure, slow speed, slow speed/minimum wake, wake and commercial fishing; code enforcement in canals; kayak storage racks; removal of outdated language; provisions regulating live-aboards; regulation of marine sanitation devices; release of effluvia into canals; commercial fishing in public waterways.
- Discussion ensued with the following suggestions from the Committee: (1) require non-conforming structures damaged more than 50% of replacement value to be reconstructed according to Punta Gorda Code; (2) determine whether wake requirements

could be enforced on a bow wave; (3) remove reference to 25 feet from the definition of wake; (4) clarify live-aboards were prohibited except as allowed by Punta Gorda Code; (5) establish prohibitions against fishing within a certain distance of constricted canal locations such as “Crash Corner” and Buckley’s Pass.

- Ms. Finkle requested members provide comments to her on Sections 6–8 through 6–14 of Chapter 6, Article I, Punta Gorda Code, by November 30, 2018.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Disher stated he had no updates regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency, then reviewing the Collection Commission budget line item.
- Ms. Irene Ploskina, Community Outreach Coordinator, presented the final installment of a four-part video series on seawall production, stating same was posted to YouTube and the City’s website.
- Discussion ensued with regard to current and historical seawall construction and installation methods.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Hannon stated he would like to attend the Procurement Division’s meetings with consultants regarding the alternative seawall materials project.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Ms. Susan Kohlback questioned how to seek redress for damages to her property on Via Tunis caused by Duncan Seawall.
- Ms. Miller replied Ms. Kohlback could call or email the Public Works Department.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:47 p.m.

David McBride, Chairman

Sara Welch, Recording Secretary