

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2019**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Raffa

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting, and Compliance Manager
Deputy City Clerk Mary Kelly
Bob Nikula, Project Manager
John Byrne, Peter Aratari

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
 - 1. February TBD
 - Discussion ensued with regard to a conflict between the Committee's next scheduled meeting date and the Presidents' Day holiday with consensus to reschedule the next meeting to Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. December 17, 2018
 - Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED approval of the December 17, 2018 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

REPORTS

- A. Marine Patrol Update – December 2018
 - Mr. McBride reviewed the December 2018 Marine Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) report, as delineated in the agenda material, noting the Marine 2 boat was relocated to Laishley Marina to be more generally available to the Police and Fire Departments as well as marine VIPs. He stated patrols would focus on the waterfront, inlets and high volume areas. He expressed uncertainty regarding the future of the marine patrol reports as there was no longer a Marine Coordinator to produce same.

- B. Finance Reports – December 2018
 - Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, offered to answer any questions regarding the December 2018 financial reports, as delineated in the agenda material.
 - Members’ discussion confirmed the following: (1) mangrove trimming funds were not fully expended; (2) carry-over of funds likely accounted for the difference between the original and amended budget; (3) Ms. Miller would clarify the amended budget with the Finance Department and report her findings to members; (4) unpaid taxes accounted for the balance of the “Special Assessments – Canal Assessment” line item.
- C. Budget Utilization Report – December 2018
 - Ms. Miller presented the December 2018 Budget Utilization Report, as delineated in the agenda material, noting the mangrove trimming contract with ETI was in default; thus, same would be cancelled and a new contractor sought. She estimated retaining a new contractor would take two months.
 - Mr. McBride asked if qualified contractors were available in the area.
 - Ms. Miller replied affirmatively.
- D. Irma 17 – Production Levels 2018
 - Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting & Compliance Manager drew members’ attention to the production level report for December 2018, as delineated in the agenda material, noting Duncan Seawall had added another land-based crew. He estimated repairs would be complete by the July 2019 deadline.
 - Members’ discussion confirmed there were no new significant complaints and docks were being replaced within a narrow margin of their original locations.
- E. Seawall Replacement Status Reports – December 2018
 - Ms. Miller confirmed there were no questions or concerns.
- F. Permits Authorized by City Staff – December 2018
 - Ms. Miller announced 31 permits had been issued in December 2018. She then stated a new sonar reading would be conducted on January 31, 2019, in Ponce de Leon Inlet. She noted staff was discussing the Chapter 6 rewrite weekly, adding same would reappear as an ongoing agenda item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Deputy City Clerk Mary Kelly swore in all participants.
- A. CCSP-09-18 – Petition for Special Permit under the provisions of Section 6-6(j) of the Punta Gorda Code to install a boat lift with 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 1, Block 50, Section 6, aka 1089 Coronado Drive, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

Owner/Petitioner: Michael King

Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412214327011

- 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-09-18.

Note: Mr. Dye left the dais at 1:55 p.m.

- Member discussion confirmed the following: (1) a boat would use a straight approach to dock; (2) the neighboring property owner at 2510 Rio Grande Drive had no objections; (3) the neighboring property owner at 1081 Coronado Drive did not speak English and had not provided any comments; (4) a dock was not proposed due to limited space at the location; (5) a nearby storm water discharge likely would be reinforced with riprap in the future; (6) a boat of approximately 28 feet could be docked within the boat limitation lines; (7) the proposed boat lift configuration would not negatively impact the neighboring properties.
- Mr. John Byrne expressed concern for the neighboring property owner at 1081 Coronado Drive, suggesting the boat lift be placed closer to the seawall.
- Mr. Dye explained moving the lift closer to the seawall would limit the size of the boat which could be docked, asserting the proposed configuration would not negatively impact the neighboring properties.
- Discussion ensued with regard to the current and potential configuration of docks along Pinfish Inlet.
- Mr. McBride called three times for anyone to speak on CCSP-09-18.
- Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Cort spoke in favor of the proposed configuration.
- Mr. Knabe commented negatively on the proposed configuration, opining same differed significantly from the Punta Gorda Code's intent.
- Mr. Cort questioned how the walkway would be supported on land.
- Mr. Dye replied the walkway was not supported on land but rather by pilings beyond the seawall.
- Ms. Wright expressed concern the neighboring property owners might experience difficulty docking their vessels.
- Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED to approve CCSP-09-18
- VOTING AYE: Cort, Hannon, Wright, McBride.
- VOTING NAY: Knabe.
- MOTION CARRIED.

Note: Mr. Dye returned to the dais at 2:15 p.m.

B. CCSP-01-19 – 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 with one (1) boat lift piling and a portion of a three (3) foot wide aluminum walkway outside the 45 degree angle which is prohibited by Section 6-6(c)4, Punta Gorda Code, at Lot 2, Block 358, Section 17, aka 324 Colony Point Drive, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

Owner/Petitioner: John T. Mayers

Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412214152002

- 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-01-19.
- Mr. Peter Aratari, applicant’s representative, concurred with Mr. Nikula’s summary of the request.
- Mr. McBride called three times for anyone to speak on CCSP-01-19.
- Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Dye SECONDED to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Hannon MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED to approve CCSP-01-19. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hurricane Irma Seawall Failure Updates

- No discussion.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Ms. Miller announced proposals were being reviewed for the Alternative Seawall Materials project.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Hannon inquired as to any updates regarding the riprap mediation project.
- Ms. Miller replied the City had not yet pursued permitting for riprap.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:21 p.m.

David McBride, Chairman

Sara Welch, Recording Secretary