

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES  
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
MAY 20, 2019**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David McBride, Chairman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kristin Simeone, Finance Director  
Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor  
Bob Nikula, Public Works Project Manager  
Mike Parr

**CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. June 17, 2019

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. April 15, 2019
  - Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED approval of the April 15, 2019 minutes.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

- There were none.

**REPORTS**

- A. Presentation & Discussion of FY 2020 Operating Budget/ CIP FY2020-2024
  - Ms. Kristin Simeone, Finance Director, presented a detailed overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Operating Budget denoted in the agenda material, stating the current canal maintenance assessment would remain unchanged for FY 2019/2020. She reviewed the Proforma's assumptions related to revenues and expenditures, noting rip-rap mitigation costs were estimated. She confirmed members had no questions, requesting consensus of members to present the budget to City Council on June 19, 2019.
  - Consensus of members was to do so.
- B. Finance Reports – April 2019
  - Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, offered to answer any questions regarding the April 2019 financial reports included in the agenda material, confirming there were none.

- C. Budget Utilization Report – April 2019
  - Ms. Miller drew members’ attention to the report for April 2019 delineated in the agenda material, confirming there were no questions.
- D. Seawall Replacement Status Report – April 2019
  - No discussion.
- E. Permits authorized by City Staff – April 2019
  - Ms. Miller reported 17 permits were authorized in April 2019.
- F. PGI Capital Improvement Status 201904
  - Ms. Miller stated the City was in the process of awarding the contract for the Seawall Alternative Materials project to Taylor Engineering.
  - Discussion ensued regarding the rationale for proceeding with the project, with members confirming a report regarding seawall replacement methodologies would be produced.
- G. IRMA 17 – Production Levels
  - Ms. Miller announced the City had received another reimbursement distribution from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). She then stated two zones remained open, noting one project was on hold due to birds nesting in the area.
  - Mr. Dye inquired as to the seawall cap replacement program.
  - Ms. Miller replied same had been discontinued; instead, the entire seawall would be replaced as broken caps indicated a serious structural issue.
  - Discussion ensued regarding the regular seawall replacement program and outdated information regarding the condition of seawalls available on data on Charlotte County’s website.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Recording Secretary Pues swore in all participants.
- A. CCSP-03-19 – Petition for Special Permit under the provisions of Section 6-6(j) of the Punta Gorda Code to install a second boat lift, as prohibited by Section 6-6(c)3, Punta Gorda Code, at Lot 14, Block 137, Section 12, aka 3818 St. Kitts Court, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.  
 Owner/Petitioner: Donald Schedlbauer  
 Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412223177001
  - Mr. Bob Nikula, Project Manager, displayed photographs of the subject property and proposed construction drawings, as delineated in the agenda material, explaining Mr. Donald Shedlbauer desired to install a second boat lift on a lot with 84 feet of seawall instead of 85 feet as required by City Code. He reviewed the six criteria which must be

met in order for a Canal Construction Special Permit (CCSP) to be approved as well as staff's findings, concluding staff recommended approval.

- Mr. Mike Parr concurred with Mr. Nikula's statements. He then reviewed how a vessel would approach the dock and boat lift.
- Discussion ensued regarding the provisions of Chapter 6, Punta Gorda Code, related to construction of second docks/lifts, with members expressing a desire to revise same.
- Mr. Cort called three times for anyone to speak on CCSP-03-19.
- Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Raffa SECONDED to close Public Hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Mr. Knabe MOVED, Mr. Dye SECONDED to approve CCSP-03-19. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CCSP-05-19 - 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 24, Section 5, aka 1900 Aqui Esta Drive, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

Owner/Petitioner: Abrielle Tayler-Levine

Charlotte County Parcel ID: 412214279020

- Mr. Bob Nikula, Project Manager, displayed photographs of the subject property and proposed construction drawings from the agenda material, providing a brief overview of the request. He explained the subject property was at a bend in the canal; therefore, the end of canal provisions of Chapter 6, Punta Gorda Code, did not apply. He noted the existing dock on the northern adjacent property had been removed. He reviewed the six criteria which must be met in order for a Canal Construction Special Permit (CCSP) to be approved as well as staff's findings, concluding staff recommended approval.
- Mr. Raffa confirmed there were no complaints from neighboring property owners.
- Mr. Parr noted the proposed configuration was standard for corner lots, opining approval of CCSP-05-19 would not result in competition for space. He added the proposed lift could hold a 24-foot vessel up to 10,000 pounds.
- Mr. Cort called three times for anyone to speak on CCSP-05-19.
- Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED to close Public Hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Mr. Dye MOVED, Mr. Raffa SECONDED to approve CCSP-05-19. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. Dye inquired if provisions related to construction of lifts and docks could still be addressed during the rewrite of Chapter 6, Punta Gorda Code.
- Ms. Miller replied affirmatively.
- Discussion ensued regarding the provisions related to construction of boat lifts and docks, particularly at corner lots.
- Ms. Miller reminded members Mr. Randy Cole, Chief Building Official, would attend the June 17, 2019 meeting to answer members' questions regarding construction in the canals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:20 PM

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Fredric Cort, Acting Chairman

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