

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hughes, Chairman
John Forr, Sean Harrigan,
Mike McIntosh, Jack Pryor

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Macalle Finkle, Paralegal
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Irene Ploskina, Community Outreach Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. December 12, 2018

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 9, 2018
- Mr. Harrigan MOVED, Mr. Pryor SECONDED approval of the October 9, 2018, minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

- A. Marine Patrol Update - October 2018
- Mr. Hughes briefly reviewed the September 2018 Marine Volunteers in Policing Report, as delineated in the agenda material.
- B. Finance Reports - October 2018
- Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, drew attention to the finance reports for October 2018, as delineated in the agenda material, offering to answer any questions.
- Discussion ensued with regard to the following topics: line items related to seawall panel construction and installation; dredging maintenance; expenditures related to capital improvement projects; mangrove trimming expenditures and service; the number of pilings at "Mayor's Cut."
- C. Budget Utilization Report - October 2018
- Ms. Miller announced no funds had been expended as of this date.

- D. Seawall Replacement Status Reports - October 2018
 - There was no discussion.
- E. Permits Authorized by City Staff - October 2018
 - Ms. Miller announced 1 permit had been issued.
 - Mr. Hughes inquired as to the status of Hurricane Irma-related seawall repairs.
 - Ms. Miller replied certain jobs had been completed as of this date.
 - Mr. Hughes confirmed Ms. Miller would be present to answer questions regarding Hurricane Irma-related seawall replacements at the annual Burnt Store Isles Association (BSIA) meeting on November 19, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Hughes questioned if the Committee had been named in a lawsuit related to the canal maintenance assessment.
- Ms. Macalle Finkle, Paralegal, replied the City was served with a lawsuit against the Punta Gorda Isles (PGI) Canal Maintenance Assessment District (CMAD) and the Burnt Store Isles (BSI) CMAD the previous week, explaining the City Attorney would respond to same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Hurricane Irma Seawall Failure Updates
 - Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, stated all Hurricane Irma-related seawall repairs were expected to be complete by the contract's end date.
 - Mr. Hughes requested the contract end date be shared at the annual BSIA meeting.
- B. Rewrite of Chapter 6 "Boats, Docks and Waterways," Article I "In General," Sections 1-7
 - Ms. Finkle presented Sections 1 through 7 of Punta Gorda Code, Chapter 6, Article I, for members' consideration, noting the comments from both the PGI Canal Advisory Committee (CAC) and BSI CAC were denoted in the agenda material. She reviewed the following topics with members: the definitions of idle speed no wake, navigable channel, non-conforming structure, floating lift and structure; references to riparian rights; outdated language; live-aboard boats; oyster box permitting and specifications; the City's ownership of the seawalls; commercial fishing; power boating at boat ramps; use of the day docks; the term "shellfish."
 - Discussion ensued with the following suggestions from members: (1) references to the State permit be added to the definition of navigable channel; (2) denote specific depths in the definition of navigable channel; (3) require existing non-conforming docks with any degree of damage to be rebuilt in conformance to Punta Gorda Code; (4) clarify commercial fishing as it related to private charter boat businesses; (5) allow longer kayaks and canoes at the day docks.

- Ms. Finkle requested members provide comments on Sections 6-8 through 6-14 of Chapter 6, Article I, Punta Gorda Code, prior to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. McIntosh requested a monthly update on the lawsuit against the CMADs be included on future agendas.
- 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 would soon be posted to the City's website.
- Mr. Hughes requested the videos on seawall replacement be presented at the annual BSIA meeting.
- Mr. Pryor stated he believed staff and the mangrove trimmers were performing well.
- Mr. Hughes requested staff provide a presentation at the annual BSIA meeting regarding the Hurricane Irma-related seawall repair schedule and contract.
- Mr. McIntosh inquired as to the construction of seawall panels.
- Ms. Miller replied Neubert Construction was contracted for same.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

Bill Hughes, Chairman

Sara Welch, Recording Secretary