

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Jeanie Dominek, Gail Frazier, Bill Verrin, Tom Fish

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. October 15, 2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 20, 2018
- Mr. Cort MOVED, Mr. Knabe SECONDED approval of the August 20, 2018 minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Ms. Jeanie Dominek asserted properties on Via Tunis had been damaged by Duncan Seawall, stating she hoped the City would rectify the situation.
- Ms. Gail Frazier agreed, opining the City had not been accommodating. She suggested residents should be allowed to store boats and jet skis in driveways. She further recommended waiver of the annual canal maintenance assessment fee this year.
- Mr. Bill Verrin contended contractors were not abiding by their contracts and would cost the City extra due to the poor quality of their work.

REPORTS

- A. Patrol Update – August 2018
- Mr. McBride reviewed the August 2018 Marine Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) Report, as delineated in the agenda material, announcing over 450 nautical miles were patrolled. He noted removal of navigational hazards and an increase in the number of warnings issued for speeding.
- B. Finance Reports – August 2018
- Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, confirmed there were no questions regarding the August 2018 finance reports, as delineated in the agenda material.

C. Budget Utilization Report – August 2018

- Ms. Miller drew attention to the August 2018 Budget Utilization Report (BUR), as delineated in the agenda material, explaining while mangrove trimming had started, the work would not be invoiced in Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

- Mr. McBride confirmed the seawall repair numbers in the BUR pre-dated Hurricane Irma.

D. Irma 17 – Production Levels 20180910

- Mr. McBride questioned if production rates were increasing.

- Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, replied in the affirmative, stating 3,900 feet were completed the previous month compared to 3,300 feet for each of the prior two months. He summarized all work should be completed per the terms of the contract. He noted Shoreline had become accustomed with Punta Gorda's seawall construction methods, pointing out all contractors were trending toward 100% completion by their contract's end date.

- Mr. Cort recalled sod had delayed completion of some projects, questioning if installation of same accounted for the increase in production.

- Mr. Disher replied in the negative, explaining the numbers reported were based on linear feet of seawall panels installed.

E. Seawall Replacement Status Reports – August 2018

- Ms. Miller drew attention to the Seawall Replacement Status Reports, as delineated in the agenda material, confirming there were no questions.

F. Permits Authorized by City Staff – August 2018

- Ms. Miller announced staff had authorized 29 permits in August 2018.

- Mr. McBride inquired as to the impact of Hurricane Irma on the increase in permits.

- Ms. Miller voiced uncertainty regarding same, commenting docks which had been pinned to failed seawall likely accounted for some of the increase in permits.

- Mr. Dye remarked contractors had held work until the completion of Hurricane Irma-related seawall repairs.

- Mr. Cort requested clarification of the City's response to residents' complaints.

- Ms. Miller explained she or Ms. Irene Ploskina, Community Outreach Coordinator, contacted the appropriate contractor directly to request the complaints be resolved.

- Mr. Cort inquired if contractors were responsive.

- Ms. Miller replied in the affirmative, stating contractors had to be given an opportunity to rectify complaints.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Hurricane Irma Seawall Failure Updates
- Mr. Disher announced production of seawall panels by Canal Maintenance Division crews had resumed.
 - Mr. McBride questioned if contractors had brought in the previously proposed additional crews.
 - Mr. Disher replied in the affirmative, noting Shoreline added a land-based crew which worked from vacant lots.
 - Ms. Wright inquired as to any updates regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding.
 - Mr. Disher replied there were none.
 - Mr. McBride confirmed no problems had arisen in securing FEMA's funding.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Tom Fish stated contractors were not adhering to their contracts, asserting the City had not been responsive in addressing resident's concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 1:57 p.m.

David McBride, Chairman

Sara Welch, Recording Secretary