

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Brewster, Chairman
Leslie Totten, Norman Ashworth,
Thomas Mays, Frank Wiechec

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Keeney, Public Works Director
Randy Brodersen, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Gary Disher, Canal Maintenance Consultant

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Roll Call

1. Election of Officers

- Rick Keeney opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.
- Mr. Ashworth NOMINATED Gary Brewster for Chairman.
As there were no other nominations, Mr. Brewster was appointed Chairman by acclamation.
- Mr. Brewster opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.
- Mr. Ashworth NOMINATED Mr. Totten for Vice Chairman.
As there were no other nominations, Mr. Totten was appointed Vice Chairman by acclamation.

B. Next Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, March 8, 2011

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – January 11, 2010

- Mr. Totten MOVED, Mr. Ashworth SECONDED approval of the January 11, 2010 Minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CANAL MAINTENANCE MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Permits Authorized by City Staff – Installation of Docks, Lifts, Outpiling, etc.
- Mr. Randy Brodersen, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, advised one permit had been issued in January 2011.
- B. Budget Utilization Report – January 2011
- Mr. Brodersen displayed the January Budget Utilization Report, as delineated within the agenda material. He explained the reason no work was reported for seawall replacement in January 2011 was that numerous low tides made it difficult to get the barge into the perimeter canals, assuring work had resumed.
 - Mr. Brewster asked if the marine contractor contract had been awarded.
 - Mr. Brodersen replied the bid opening was tentatively scheduled for the end of February, advising five contractors took place in the pre-bid meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Preparation – FY 2011/12

- Mr. Rick Keeney, Public Works Director, advised preparation of the upcoming budget would be on-going for the next few months, he offered to take suggestions for new projects for consideration and relay updates as available. He stated staff would be happy to meet with Board members and answer questions regarding same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Inclusion into Canal Maintenance Assessment District – Proposed Ordinance

- Mr. Keeney referred to the proposed Ordinance, as delineated in the agenda material, pointing out changes made by City Council since last reviewed by the Board.
- Mr. Ashworth requested an example of a property requesting entrance into the Canal Maintenance Assessment District (CMAD).
- Mr. Keeney responded Champaign Estates located on Marion Avenue, abutting Charlotte Harbor, was requesting inclusion and was currently in negotiations with staff on conditions that would be both fair and equitable.
- Mr. Brewster questioned if a property not in the CMAD was required to use the City's marine contractor or if they could hire their own contractor for work on seawalls.
- Mr. Keeney answered they could hire any licensed marine contractor; however, work needed to meet City code requirements. He added an example of same was Vivante, built in an area referred to as the Dead Lakes at the end of Marion Avenue near Colony Point Drive.
- Mr. Keeney confirmed consensus of support for the draft Ordinance as revised.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Brodersen displayed the BSI 2010 Seawall Assessment report of cap and wall conditions, as delineated within the agenda material, reviewing same.
- Mr. Gary Disher added work had been completed on the 4.1 miles of cap in need of repair delineated in the report.
- Mr. Brewster questioned the amount of damage needed to qualify a cap for replacement rather than repair.
- Mr. Brodersen responded typically replacement was scheduled when 12 feet or greater of cap was damaged.
- Mr. Totten stated there appeared to be funds available for approximately 1/3 of the wall replacement needed. He recalled work on vacant lots being less costly than work on occupied lots, questioning the methodology regarding scheduling.
- Mr. Brodersen advised repairs were scheduled based on severity rather than location.
- Mr. Gary Disher displayed aerial photographs taken from 1952 through 1981 depicting the development of Burnt Store Isles including digging of the canals and timing of the first new home construction. He stated same could offer a timeline to the longevity

of the original walls, adding staff was making efforts to contact individuals who worked on same for a better understanding of the methodology used.

- Mr. Brodersen advised diminishing availability of vacant lots for staging could affect costs dramatically in the future, suggesting neighborhood associations take into consideration the purchase of vacant property for same.
- Mr. Keeney recalled conversations regarding same dating back to the mid 1990's, cautioning purchase of lots for permanent staging areas could cause conflict with residents.
- Consensus of the Board was to make a presentation to the Homeowners and Boating Associations' regarding same to raise awareness.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Totten requested an update of the Geographical Information System (GIS).
- Mr. Disher displayed the GIS maps pointing out minimal additions of seawall cap repairs and areas with minimal damage being monitored.
- Mr. Totten observed work completed behind his property was not yet depicted on the GIS map displayed.
- Mr. Disher advised the map displayed was a snapshot from July 2010.
- Mr. Totten suggested a new color overlay for seawalls previously replaced to track the time frame of deterioration.
- Mr. Disher advised data fields were available for same but were not yet populated, offering to add new colorization for same.
- Mr. Totten opined data from the GIS was a good tool for future budgets and rate changes regarding same.
- Mr. Brodersen requested members relay the importance of a barge being located close construction sites in their presentation to Associations.
- Mr. Brewster requested dredging activity be addressed in the near future, advising complaints had lessened since inception of dredging the perimeter canals twice a year began.

ADJORNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:23 p.m.

Gary Brewster, Chairman

Perri Turner, Recording Secretary