

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
JUNE 20, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Dixon, Chairman
James Hoffman, Thomas McAlear, David McBride,
Charles Thomas, James Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Dauster

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

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. July 18, 2011

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting – May 16, 2011
 - Mr. McBride MOVED, Mr. McAlear SECONDED approval of the May 16, 2011 minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

- A. Budget Utilization Report – May 2011
 - Mr. Randy Brodersen, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, drew members' attention to the subject report, as delineated in the agenda material, offering to answer any questions regarding same.
 - Mr. Hoffman asked if the City was responsible for damage done to docks during seawall work.
 - Mr. Brodersen replied the homeowner was responsible, noting crews were careful to avoid any such damage.
- B. Patrol Update – Bill Dixon
 - Mr. Dixon announced the Police Department reported 125 hours on the water in May 2011, adding 23 warnings and 0 citations were issued. He continued the Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) reported 173 total man hours, with 157 miles of canal having been patrolled.
 - Mr. McAlear noted the 157 miles included coverage of inlets as well as Laishley Park Marina.

- C. Permits Authorized by City Staff for Installation of Docks, Lifts, Outpilings, etc.
 - Mr. Brodersen reported 12 permits were issued in May 2011, noting same were detailed in the Committee's agenda material.
- D. Seawall and Cap Replacement Status Reports – May 2011
 - Mr. Brodersen drew members' attention to the subject reports, offering to answer any questions regarding same.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Brodersen announced the GIS seawall assessment was available on Charlotte County's website (www.ccgis.com), providing detailed instructions regarding the use of same. He then stated he had not been able to make the aerials available on the website as yet; however, he could provide same on a disk if desired.
- Mr. Dixon mentioned Councilmember Larry Friedman had commended staff on the recent GIS presentation.
- Mr. Brodersen stated another aspect of the assessment was the amount of seawalls which would be monitored for future repair needs.
- Mr. Thompson confirmed there had been no challenges to the recommended canal assessment submitted by property owners.
- Mr. McAlear mentioned he had attended the City Council meeting at which the presentation was made.
- Mr. Thompson recalled a large seawall failure several years ago due to heavy rains in conjunction to high tide, asking if staff felt the condition of the seawalls was better than they had been at that time.
- Mr. Brodersen responded he hoped that was the case, adding staff was focusing on those in the worst condition so as to improve the reliability of same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Mangrove Trimming
 - Mr. Dixon announced this discussion was being postponed until the Committee's next meeting as the contractor was not available this date. He then requested clarification of the term "windowing" as same applied to mangrove trimming.
 - Mr. Brodersen explained mangroves could not be trimmed at the top but rather trimming to allow for increased visibility through the mangroves was permitted.
 - Mr. Thompson asked if plans were in place to trim the mangroves along the new Harborwalk.
 - Mr. Brodersen replied the Canal Maintenance Division was not responsible for same. He then announced all mooring balls were installed in the East Mooring Field. He

advised he was awaiting the certified copies of test results to ensure the anchors were secure.

- Discussion ensued with regard to the appearance of same.
- Mr. Thompson questioned the total number of balls.
- Mr. Brodersen replied 42.
- Mr. Dennis Murphy, Growth Management Director, advised the four corner anchors were lighted with white lights.
- Mr. McAlear asked if boats utilizing the mooring field must be lit.
- Mr. Brodersen replied in the negative as same was not required in a lighted mooring field.
- Discussion ensued with regard to the various boating regulations.
- Mr. Hoffman asked if the City had received any applications.
- Mr. Murphy replied in the negative, stating the mooring field would not open until July 1, 2011.
- Mr. Rick Keeney, Public Works Director, then announced the City had applied for a \$340,000 grant for the West Mooring Field from the Boating Improvement Fund.

STAFF COMMENTS

A. Appreciation Letter

- Mr. Dixon commended staff on a letter of appreciation, as delineated in the agenda material, received from Mr. John Murdock and Ms. Carol Murdock relative to seawall work at their property.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 1:53 p.m.

Bill Dixon, Chairman

Mary Kelly, Recording Secretary