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HALDEMAN CREEK DREDGING MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2018 MEETING

The meeting of the Haldeman Creek Dredge MSTU Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Roy Wilson at 4:00 p.m. at the CRA/MSTU Office at 3570 Bayshore Drive Unit 102.

I. Roll Call

Present: Advisory Committee Members: Roy Wilson, Kate Riley, Jack Bonzelaar, Jim King and Joe Adams present.

Call to Order: At 4:00 per quorum by Committee Chairman Roy Wilson.

<u>MSTU Staff Present</u>: Shirley Garcia, Operations Coordinator; Tami Scott, Senior Project Mgr.; Debrah Forester, CRA Director; and Naomi Hutcheson Administrative Assistant.

- II. <u>Pledge of Allegiance:</u> Led by Chairman Roy Wilson
- III. <u>Adoption of Agenda</u>: Item 6C, Debris Clean Up, was moved to 6A. Motion to Adopt Agenda as amended by Joe Adams. Second by Kate Riley. Passed Unanimously
- **IV.** <u>Approval of Minutes:</u>. Motion to approve Minutes as is by Joe Adams. Second by Kate Riley. Passed Unanimously.
- V. <u>Community/Business--Presentations:</u> There were no Community/Business Presentations.

VI. Old Business:

A. Debris Clean Up: Gino and Amy Patterson with Stormwater Management (SWM) brought in statistics on funding submissions and updates on Irma Debris Clean Up. Points of interest: County changing debris removal contractor from Ashbritt to Crowder Gulf. SWM is waiting on Reimbursement Funds from FEMA before continuing Irma Debris Clean Up. Depending on reimbursement, local funds may need to be utilized. Applications and Approvals are in process. The Commitment CO goes to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in June to discuss expenditure of local funds in conjunction with FEMA reimbursement to finish clean-up of affected waterways. The flow impact is important in FEMA decisions. Rookery Bay was awarded a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant, and is interested in partnering with Collier County in debris removal efforts outside the reach of typical debris removal zones. This may be the solution for Styrofoam in the mangroves. Immediately following the hurricane, emergency response and volunteers are aplenty, however many issues take significant time to resolve and the available resources deplete substantially as time passes. Disaster



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Consultants will be asked to differentiate mitigation issues. All weirs in Collier County were affected by not only Irma, but one of the heaviest rainy seasons in years. The Haldeman Creek weir is the most advanced weir available. A Stormwater Utility Fee is applied to Collier County citizens, and makes debris removal in drainage canals their responsibility. Haldeman Creek is considered a drainage canal, but its location in the Bayshore/Gateway Triangle CRA requires a leveraging of funds between the CRA, Bayshore Beautification MSTU, Haldeman Creek MSTU (HCMSTU), SWM, and Collier County. Committee members inquired about mangrove trimming or removal that is closing up creek on the north end, making it impossible for a kayak to pass. They also inquired about water coming from the Glades since the hurricane, and the possibility of funding from that area in clean-up/water flow efforts. SWM and CRA staff will look into these issues. SWM will forward updates to CRA staff since HCMSTU does not meet again until October.

- **B. Keep Collier Beautiful (KCB) Recap:** 2018 KCB had a great turnout. Two and a half dumpsters were filled by volunteer's efforts. Most volunteers were in various water vessels clearing debris from the creek. Chairman Roy Wilson would like the record to reflect his and the Committee's gratitude to Code Enforcement and CRA staff for their help in coordinating the event and the equipment provided.
- C. Redevelopment Plan—Workshop Update: The Redevelopment Plan meetings were very successful. Any additional comments or input should be sent to Evan at Tindall Oliver. Tindall Oliver will report back to CRA staff in June. More information to come.

VII. New Business, Budget:

Millage Rate: HCMSTU's fund is 164 in the Budget Report. The Committee was asked to review and make a suggestion for 2019 millage rates. It is currently set at .7348. The maximum is 3. The Committee discussed the issue at length. Key points: after 10 years, less than a third of the amount needed to do a dredge has been collected. At the current rate they will be unable to complete a dredge when the time arrives. By raising the millage rate, the probability and amount of a loan to assist in the dredge will decrease. Three years ago, the Committee suggested raising the millage which was denied by the BCC due to a lack of empirical data. By continuing to request a raise they will build up a track record. The Glades, Lake Kelly, and several others benefit from Haldeman Creek and should be taxed as well. SWM is implementing a Stormwater tax, and SWM may utilize taxes from those areas in their endeavors. An increase is equivalent to less than 3 Starbucks drinks a year. The area is seeing a rise in the cost of living and home prices; if HCMSTU does not raise the millage than they are losing money. In 2007 the cost of a dredge was \$1.5 million. It stands to reason that in 25 years the rates will have risen. Staff will acquire the numbers from the Pelican Bay dredge with newer, less expensive services. Staff will prepare information for residents, with

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appropriate numbers, in an effort to make the raise in millage rate go smoothly. The Committee would like to increase to 1, but if it is not accepted by BCC they are looking for an acceptable increase between the current millage and 1. Jim King made a motion to raise the millage and recommend a 1.0 millage rate for the HCMSTU area for FY2019. Second by Joe Adams. Passed Unanimously.

B. FY2019: Staff is working on the Budgets for fiscal year (FY) 2019. The bulk of HCMSTU's funds are in Reserves. Any monies not in Reserves do not accrue interest. It is more economical to do a Budget Amendment. Haldeman Creek kept \$20k in their Operating Budget in FY2018. It was requested that staff get quotes for a depth analysis and then budget accordingly. Jim King made a motion to move \$20k into Other Contracted Services for FY2019. Second by Jack Bonzelaar. Passed Unanimously.

VIII. Staff Report:

- A. Project List Update: Tami highlighted a few points from the monthly project list update: Mini-Triangle goes to BCC on May 8th, 2018. Thomasson Drive project has gone to Procurement for a contract. Construction is projected to begin in September 2018. The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Brewery will be on May 7th, 2018. Sabal Bay's PUD indicates they will have 340 units for rent. Cirrus Point has a new buyer. There was a general discussion of the location of each project.
- **B. Financials:** Due to the Redevelopment meeting and other technical difficulties, staff did not have Financials to distribute to the Committee.

IX. Communication and Correspondence

- A. Walking Audit Report—The Blue Zone "Walking Audit Report" was included in the Agenda Packet for Committee members to review and get back to staff with any questions or comments.
- X. <u>Sherriff's Department:</u> Office Mike Nelson brought in statistics for the Bayshore District garnered from the General Crimes Bureau Criminal Investigations Division, District 3. While he could not distribute copies of the report, the numbers indicated a significant decrease in criminal activity for the Bayshore District in the last 2 years. Permission was granted to publish the statistics in the Minutes. No open calls were included.

	CALLS	HOME BURGLARIES	CAR BREAK-IN	TRAFFIC
2016	331	11	5	90
2017	116	12	5	17
2018	10	4	0	

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- Public Comments: Community member Lisa Blacklidge asked several questions about time lines and what is or is not being done with drainage canals. The canal servicing her personal property is unnavigable due to fallen trees and erosion blocking water flow. (Jim King left at 5:25). She can trim bushes and trees, but the excessive mud, silt, etc., will not allow her to put a vessel behind her home. Her home was flooded during Irma and she wanted to know what the plans were. The Committee is waiting to hear from SWM.
- XII. Staff Comments: Debrah informed the Committee that the property discussed at the April 5th, 2018 meeting that is valued at \$200 has been sent to the Property Appraiser for evaluation.
- Advisory Committee General Communications: None. XIII.
- XIV. Next Meeting Date: October 4, 2018. If the new millage rate is not approved by the BCC, an emergency meeting will be called sooner.

XV. Adjournment: 5:38pm

Approved and forwarded by Roy Wilson, MSTU Advisory Committee Chairman. - DAT Jack Bonzelana.