



City of Naples

City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

Moorings Bay Special Taxing District Advisory Committee June 17, 2003 – 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Pennington called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL ITEM 1

Present:

Ron Pennington, Chairman
Doug Finlay
James Rozzi (left at 9:51 a.m.)
Michael Williams

Absent:

Dan Spina (excused)

Also Present:

Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager
Brenda Blair, Recording Specialist
Carol Pulliam, Video Production Specialist
Karen Kateley, Administrative Specialist

ANNOUNCEMENTS ITEM 2

Natural Resources Manager Jon Staiger noted for the record that he received correspondence from Chairman Pennington requesting additional items for the agenda after it had already been distributed.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED ITEM 3

The following items were added to the agenda: Discuss procedure to correct navigational aids deficiencies (Item 5-a) and funding of pass dredging (Item 5-b).

***MOTION** by Rozzi to SET THE AGENDA; seconded by Williams and carried 4-0 (Finlay-yes, Rozzi-yes, Spina-absent, Williams-yes, Pennington-yes).*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ITEM 4

***MOTION** by Williams to APPROVE the April 15, 2003 meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Finlay and carried 4-0 (Finlay-yes, Rozzi-yes, Spina-absent, Williams-yes, Pennington-yes).*

..... ITEM 5

DISCUSSION OF THE SEAGATE DRIVE CULVERTS, WATER QUALITY ISSUES, AND CLAM PASS

Natural Resources Manager Jon Staiger noted that he had learned in a recent conversation with Tim Hall of Turrell & Associates, that the monitoring of water flow in Seagate culverts had initially been done incorrectly, however, subsequent monitoring had been completed and Humiston & Moore Engineers are currently analyzing the data, the results of which are expected the end of July. Mr. Hall also indicated that Clam Pass remains open and the channel is relatively

stable with a width of approximately 30 feet; it will be the end of summer before it is known whether seagrasses in outer Clam Bay have stabilized, he added.

Dr. Staiger then noted that Naples Cay residents expressed the desire to convert a portion of the mitigated area into usable green space for a passive park, and asked for suggestions to meet mitigation requirements. He also noted that he had suggested they meet with John Pulling, owner of the property along the entire north shoreline of the main canal into Seagate, to ask permission to remove the exotics and plant mangroves. The State appears to be amenable to the removal of exotics and planting mangroves, he said, and noted that Mr. Pulling is also amenable to granting permission to remove the exotics and plant mangroves, but will retain ownership of the property.

Dr. Staiger then reported that the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is seeking additional mitigation areas and that he had suggested the northwest corner of Venetian Bay between Gulf Shore Boulevard North and Seagate Drive. Judicious placement of riprap could also provide habitat for mangroves and the like and eliminate some of the stagnation in that corner. The ACOE is intending to pursue this, he noted.

**(added item).....ITEM 5-a
DISCUSS PROCEDURE TO CORRECT NAVIGATIONAL AIDS DEFICIENCIES**

Chairman Pennington expressed concern that many requests have been made over time to replace, relocate, or repair aids to navigation, however, no action had been taken. He acknowledged that Dr. Staiger had provided memos to engineering concerning these deficiencies, such as replacing Marker 1. He also noted that there had been procedures in previous years to inspect aids to navigation, and suggested that he, along with Dr. Staiger and Development Services Director Ron Wallace schedule a meeting to rectify this problem. Members concurred. Dr. Staiger noted the availability of a vessel at the City Dock for their use in this regard.

DISCUSS FUNDING OF PASS DREDGING (added item)..... ITEM 5-b

Chairman Pennington noted that as a member of the Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) he had done much research in this regard, and that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will pay for 50% of construction and related costs for initial restoration, or other related mitigation of critically eroded shorelines downdrift of improved, altered, or modified inlets, including capital improvements relating to bypassing of sand, regardless of access limitations, where the erosion was caused by public improvement, modification, or alteration of an inlet. He said he believed that Doctors Pass is the only improved inlet in the County that affects the normal literal drift of the sand along the beach, and suggested that Dr. Staiger pursue this with the State. Dr. Staiger added that one-half of the cost to sand tighten the jetty is funded by a grant from the State as part of the inlet management master plan.

It was noted for the record that Member Rozzi left at 9:51 a.m.

Dr. Staiger further noted that new 10-year maintenance permits will be pursued with both the ACOE and DEP, and suggested that the proposed funding source be included in the permit requests.

Chairman Pennington noted previous storm damage to the north jetty and asked whether there were plans for restoration. Dr. Staiger explained that there were no such plans, but that City Council would be contracting with two engineering firms in the near future, one of which would perform this task. In response to Member Williams, Dr. Staiger explained that the contract could include the requirement that the engineering firm periodically inspect aids to navigation.

Chairman Pennington asked Dr. Staiger to report on the status of the permits and engineering tasking at the next meeting.

In response to Member Finlay, Dr. Staiger agreed to contact Development Services Director Wallace concerning the concrete collars on old piling. ?

It was noted for the record that Member Williams would be absent in September.

ADJOURN.....**ITEM 6**
10:00 a.m.

Ron Pennington, Chairman

Jon C. Staiger, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Manager

Minutes prepared by:

Brenda A. Blair, Recording Specialist

Minutes Approved: _____