

# **Coastal Hernando Initiative Project (CHIP) Meeting Minutes**

**July 19, 2010**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Coastal Hernando Initiative Project (CHIP) was held at the Linda Pedersen Park Community Building on Monday, July 19, 2010, and it was called to order by Commissioner Rocco.

## **ATTENDEES**

Fran Baird; Commissioner Rose Rocco, Patricia McNeese, Joe Stapf, Mike Nickerson, Chuck Morton, David Hamilton, Kent Weissinger, Ms. Stelnicki, Don Bowers, Lynn Smith, Carlene Riecsc; and Mary Ann St. Arnaud.

## **JUNE 28TH ISSUE RANKING RESULTS: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – PATRICIA MCNEESE**

Ms. McNeese provided an update of the April 28<sup>th</sup> Visioning Workshop, she compiled the meeting results advising that there were 251 comments, 94 concerns, 26 operational concerns, and 68 emerging planning issues. Ms. McNeese also provided a breakdown of each category. Ms. McNeese stated that she was very happy with the results of the workshop and the input from the citizens from the Hernando Beach community.

Mr. Bowers, President of Boat Lift Association stated concerns with the boat lift project. The contractor in charge of the project had identified structure issues. Mr. Bowers felt the structure had originally been built that way. He also noted that the columns are not positioned correctly, which indicates it was built that way and the workmanship was poor. The contractor will have a structural engineer look at the project before proceeding with any work. These issues will delay the project an additional two months. The contractor will contact Craig Becker regarding the matter. Mr. Bowers requested some assistance and would like to meet on site to resolve these issues. Commissioner Rocco noted that Interim Public Works Director Susan Goebel will be notified of the issues and request that a meeting is scheduled with Craig Becker.

Commissioner Rocco advised of issues with the cell tower, and as soon as she obtained more information, she would provide it at next Port Authority meeting. Ms. Stelnicki inquired if the cell tower is going to help in the Pine Island area. Commissioner Rocco indicated that the cell tower should help the entire area in Hernando Beach.

Commissioner Rocco advised the group that there is no further news related to the Hernando Beach Dredge. Any new information will be presented at the next Port Authority meeting. Mr. Hamilton advised of the permit process once received from FDEP. Mr. Hamilton will also meet with Mr. Bower's after the

CHIP meeting and will drive out to the boat lift area to discuss the issues with the project and its needed repairs.

### **ASSIGNMENTS AND TIMELINES**

Mr. Hamilton provided an overview of Ms. McNeese's power point presentation relating to the April 28<sup>th</sup> CHIP Visioning Workshop. Mr. Hamilton stated that a game plan needs to be prepared to address the noted concerns. Commissioner Rocco added that a lot of the noted issues can be achieved. In the mean time, the county will continue the search for funding in an effort to achieve those goals.

Ms. Stelnicki noted issues with fire hydrants in her area. Mr. Stapf indicated that he is aware of the problem; this issue would probably be added to a conceptual list of projects that may be eligible for ARRA grant funding.

Commissioner Rocco advised the group to allow some time for staff to address all of the issues discussed. Mr. Hamilton stated that the small CHIP group should meet one more time prior to the next CHIP Visioning Workshop. It was determined that the small CHIP group would meet on August 30, 2010, and the next CHIP Visioning Workshop was scheduled for October 18, 2010. In the mean time, staff would have the opportunity to research on preliminary issues relating to the widening of Shoal Line Blvd., bike path, sidewalks, trails, and other issues. Mr. Hamilton agreed with Ms. Baird regarding pursuing different types of available grants and reiterated to SWFWMD staff comments on what we are not able to do due to environmental issues relating to the boardwalk. However, Mr. Hamilton sees those things as obstacles that need to be worked out. Commissioner Rocco indicated that Ms. Barnwell from SWFWMD should be invited to our next CHIP meeting and Mr. Hamilton agreed. Upon creating a draft proposal of achievable projects, then that proposal would be brought before the community through the next visioning workshop. Additionally, staff would have updates to the Hernando Beach Dredge project, possible solutions of wastewater treatment plant odors, construction of cell tower, and a pedestrian and public transportation plan. The noted items would be presented in a draft format demonstrating the public how the community would look with all proposed items implemented and advising them of the constraints that we would have to go through to achieve them. Mr. Hamilton indicated that if staff would pull all of this information together to bring back to the regular CHIP meeting for review, thereafter, provide the final information to the large group at the next CHIP Visioning Workshop. Mr. Hamilton felt that the large group is interested in seeing a product of what has been previously discussed at the visioning workshops.

The Group discussed next visioning workshop dates, location, and time. Commissioner Rocco indicated that she would provide the details of the next CHIP Visioning Workshop at the next Port Authority meeting.

Ms. St. Arnaud stated that she had not been present at other visioning workshops or CHIP meetings and inquired as to the goals and objectives of the CHIP group.

Commissioner Rocco provided her with an overview of the groups efforts and realistic goals. Ms. St. Arnaud noted issues on Calienta Street, and indicated that she would like to see more of seaside look for the Hernando Beach Community and also noted other areas of concern. She would like the community to portray more of a seaside atmosphere to co-inside with Pine Island Beach Park, which at times can be misleading because it is not a beach. Fran Baird provided an update of a program to collect funding for the planting of palm trees.

Rose explained the purpose of the visioning workshop, goals, accomplishments, and safety issues.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting date was scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2010, at the Linda Pedersen Park Community Building at 9:00 am.