

TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN CONFERENCE ROOM
April 9, 2008 5:00 p.m.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Members in attendance: Ed Booth, Ken Harbin, P.L. Mabry, Dan Sine, Ty Taylor. Absent: Bill Blankenship and Jerry Strange.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – lead by Dan Sine.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was amended by Ed Booth to include discussion & site visitation of Dogwood Retaining Wall Project. Ken made a motion to accept agenda as amended. P.L. seconded. **All members voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.** Ed Booth introduced Ty Taylor, Public Works Director, and asked that Ty be made a voting member of the committee and that he, Mr. Booth, be removed as a voting member. P.L. Mabry made a motion to add Ty and remove Mr. Booth. Ken Harbin seconded the motion. **All members voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.**

MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes of the March 5th meeting were approved as submitted.

BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

Members of the Stormwater Committee congratulated Bob Childs on his recent election to the Town Council. Ty Taylor introduced himself to the committee and shared background information regarding his previous experience with storm water, water quality, and drainage issues. Jonathan Tressler from the Sun News introduced himself to the committee and explained that he would be reporting on the work of the committee.

Dogwood Retaining Wall – Mr. Booth explained the problems occurring at this location. He then advised the committee would be taking a “field trip” to that location to see the problems first hand.

Lakes – Mr. Booth asked for a priority list of lakes. Ken Harbin asked about the time frame for the completion of dredging of Floral Lake. Mr. Booth stated that Cooper Sand & Gravel would probably be spending about 6-8 weeks at this first location. Cooper Sand & Gravel has to fabricate a screen for the dewatering as well as resolve a few other issues before beginning work. We will have a definite start date once the contract has been signed. Mr. Booth informed the committee that the Public Works crew had finished cleaning the north end of Floral Lake and that access needed to do the entire lake from one spot had been obtained. Mr. Harbin then suggested that we stay out of the R-3 district during the busy tourist season. Per Ed, Cooper Sand & Gravel will “slow go it” to insure that the job is done correctly. Ken made a motion that the priority list be as follows: Floral, Cherry, Magnolia, Palmetto, Holly and other potential future lakes. Chairman Sine asked for discussion. P.L. Mabry asked if the contractor was agreeable with this time frame and Ed responded “yes”. P.L. then asked if property owners had

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been informed of what is going to be done at each lake. Mr. Booth's response was "probably not, but that we are not going to disrupt their lives." Mr. Booth then stated that there would be an article in the upcoming Town Newsletter containing all necessary information. Ken Harbin then asked if a notice could be distributed to property owners as we get to each lake so that citizens are informed of what is happening. Mr. Booth said that could be done. Cooper Sand & Gravel has 180 days from when the contract is signed to complete the project. Contract has not yet been signed.

Dogwood Lake – Mr. Booth explained that there are three homes affected by water flow from Lake Elizabeth. Ed and the County went and looked at the situation. The County agreed that the problem stems from the changes they made in the water flow to Lake Elizabeth. Therefore the work that needs to be done at Dogwood would be considered a Capital project in which the County will pay 70% since the County caused the damage done. Per Mr. Booth we, the Town, will do the contract and then get reimbursed by the County.

At 5:20 pm the meeting was suspended so that the committee could travel to Dogwood Lake. Committee members, Et. Al. arrived at the effected homes at 620,622, & 626 on Cedar Drive North. Ed explained that these homeowners have lost approximately 15 to 20 feet of embankment and that this erosion is now getting too close to the foundations of these homes. . We need to re-establish backyards. The cost to construct a bulkhead like the one at Lake Elizabeth would be approximately \$50K. Ken Harbin asked that if we cure this are we creating another problem on the other side of the lake? Ed explained that Earthworks would look at the situation and make recommendations a.s.a.p. Bids would then be solicited. Dan Sine stated that to his knowledge, all of these problems are due to the drainage changes/improvements the County made by Dagwood's on the Frontage Road. Ed said that was correct. Our engineers would review the entire project. The plan is to build a retaining wall and then pump sediment into it. P.L. Mabry said that it was imperative not to undermine trees etc. when this is done or when we dredge so that we don't create other similar situations with other property owners. Dan Sine asked if we are aware of any problems in any other lakes. Per Ed, "No". P.L. also said that the County installed a 72" pipe to ease drainage problems in Deerfield and never followed through with their promise to build additional retention ponds. Ken Harbin asked Ed to find out from Earthworks that if we disturb the coquina shelf is that going to cause additional problems. Mr. Booth said that shelf was not done by design; it was merely the result of the shovels used only being able to reach out so far to dig.

Committee Et. Al returned to Town Hall Conference Room at 5:45pm. Chairman Sine resumed the meeting. Ed asked for a motion to initiate the Dogwood Lake Retention Wall project. Ty Taylor made a motion to go forward with the project. Chairman Sine asked if there was any discussion. Ken said we would like a definite statement from Earthworks stating that the water source caused the erosion problem and that the wall will fix the problem. P.L. said that with so many variables that is hard to guarantee. Mr. Booth said that the County engineers are in agreement that the erosion needs to be stopped and the wall is the best solution. The County has admitted that they caused the problem. Ken Harbin seconded the motion made by Ty Taylor. **All members voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.**

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The committee discussed the date for the next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Ken Harbin made a motion to adjourn. Ty Taylor seconded the motion. **All members voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town of Surfside Beach