

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex.

J. Bevilacqua and D. Berndlmaier made and seconded a motion to elect J. Casey as Chairman Pro Tempore. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Chairman Casey called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Drew Berndlmaier
J. Andrew Bevilacqua
John Casey

Also Present

Greg Pidluski, City Engineer
Chris Saley, Public Works Director

Excused: Michael Zabinski, Thom Bach

II. Public Participation.

Dick Jagoe, 1 Morningside Drive – Mr. Jagoe commented on the proposed work for the Morningside seawall. He stated he wanted to make certain the Board was aware of the damage to the entire seawall. If necessary, he stated he would like to get on the Board's agenda to come back and discuss this issue. Mr. Jagoe shared photos showing the various problems with the seawall. He stated he believed the work could easily be addressed with some grouting.

Acting Chairman Casey stated he would defer to staff for additional information.

Director Saley stated he has walked the property and is in the process of finalizing a grant for that area as well as other area. He explained the initial grant did not include this portion of the seawall but it may be possible to amend the scope of work and seek additional funds. Director Saley reported on the status of the current approved grant.

Richard Openshaw - President, Deerfield Beach Improvement Association, 17 Deerfield Avenue. He asked the Board to address the flooding issues at Field Court and Deerfield Avenue. He also pointed out the street level is sinking and that flooding is a problem for emergency vehicles. He asked that Field Court and Deerfield Beach be raised to the level of Lawrence Avenue. Mr. Openshaw read a letter from the Deerfield Beach Improvement Association. He also commented flooding often occurs even without storms or wind. He offered to work in conjunction with the Board to come to the right resolution.

Marie Diven-Stelluti, 22 Field Court – stated she agreed with everything stated in the letter. The Association represents 55 properties adjacent to Bayview Beach. She stated ninety percent of the residents impacted are handicapped and cannot get out of their houses when flooding occur, which is sometimes several times a week. She expressed her hope this area could become a priority and fixed within the year.

Patricia Warren, 18 Field Court – stated when the sirens do not sound, there is no warning to the residents so they do not have adequate time to move their cars to higher ground. She stated when the area floods the residents are stuck and services are suspended.

Emily Carpino, 33 Deerfield Avenue – stated she lives 5 houses from beach and the water level is at her house before the sirens go off. She stated residents have had their cars totaled because of damage from the flooding. She stated this area needs help. Ms. Carpino also stated there are times when there are no sirens. She stated with added winds, the water comes right up to the houses. She also stated she wanted the Board to be aware of a sink hole at the end of Field Court and that it could be a safety hazard.

Ed Carpino, 33 Deerfield Avenue –during a storm the real flooding occurs after it breaches. He also stated flooding is now coming from new areas because of homes being raised in the area and that the water is now coming from underneath.

III. Correspondence

None.

IV. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Berndlmaier and Mr. Bevilacqua made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Berndlmaier and Mr. Bevilacqua made and seconded a motion to reorder the agenda bring new business forward for the presentation by Fuss & O’Neil. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

A) Presentation by Fuss & O’Neil Re: Bayview Beach preliminary design. Dean Audet and Eric Mas from Fuss & O’Neill provided a presentation concerning design to reduce flooding risks in the Bayview Beach and surrounding areas. Messrs. Audet and Mas discussed raising the levels of the outfall pipes and placement of an in ground pumping station. Discussion ensued.

V. Unfinished Business

A) Update Re: Drainage Projects

Mr. Pidluski presented a spreadsheet detailing drainage projects.

Acting Chairman Casey stated he would like to discuss Point Beach.

Director Saley stated Point Beach did not receive a CDBG grant and explained the work is being done in-house. He stated there is a 36 inch pipe that is being repaired. He believes once fixed it will eliminate most of those flooding issues. Mr. Casey asked Mr. Pidluski to put a presentation together for the next meeting.

Director Saley reported regarding the Calf Pen project which is being handled by Fuss & O'Neil. With regard to the Milford Point Road project, Director Saley reported he is working with Milone & MacBroom to finalize plans.

B) Update Re: Milford Harbor Dredging Project

Director Saley stated Bob Post is in charge of the dredging project. There commented on issues relating to the shellfish, flounder and where the sediment should be disposed.

C) Update Re: Meeting with Mayor Blake with Chairman and Mr. Casey

Acting Chairman Casey reported he met with the Mayor to get interaction and input.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Berndlmaier made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary