

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski
Thom Bach
J. Andrew Bevilacqua
Meghan Sloan
John Casey

Also Present

S. Johnson. Interim Asst. Public
Works Director

II. Public Participation

Marie Diven Stelluti - 22 Deerfield Court – stated she is the President of the Deerfield Avenue Improvement Association (DAIA), Flood Committee and Concerned Residents representing the residents of Deerfield Avenue. Read from a prepared statement she thanked Mayor Blake and Public Works Director Chris Saley and the Flood and Erosion Control Board for all they have done to keep the end in sight. Ms. Diven-Stelluti continued reading from a prepared letter (attached).

Chairman Zabinski stated he would forward the letter to the Public Works Director.

Mr. Johnson stated he was at the recent meeting and that he would speak with Director Saley and would respond to DAIA.

III. Correspondence – none.

IV. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Bach made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

A) Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects. Mr. Johnson provided the Board with various reports as follows:

Bayview/Field Court project. Mr. Johnson stated he received a letter from the project manager, Fuss and O'Neil last Friday following a meeting with the Association. He read the highlights of the letter. A brief discussion ensued.

Gulf Beach Resiliency – Mr. Johnson provided the Board with a report from COWIE, Mike Ludwick (sic) and reviewed the report with the Board.

Welches Point Road (RACE) - reviewed the handout with the Board. Mr. Johnson referred the Board to p. 16, regarding he recommended alternatives. Mr. Johnson stated he would check with Director Saley and RACE regarding the modeling. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach asked what action was required from this Board and what input was needed.

Mr. Johnson stated suggestions/recommendations from the Board on the alternatives would be helpful.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Bach both asked about the timeframe.

Mr. Johnson stated he would get that information and get back to the Board.

Morningside Reventment – Mr. Johnson referred to the handout and spoke regarding the south bluff area and exposure at the western end. He continued regarding the various options. He referred the Board to p. 15 regarding the bulkhead and sea wall. He reported Mr. Gaucher has stated repairs to the reventment could be authorized given that the stone was less than 10%. He continued with an overview of the report.

Mr. Casey asked about the adjacent property.

Mr. Johnson stated that had been addressed in the report.

Mr. Bevilacqua asked if there was something the Board could make a recommendation.

Mr. Johnson replied yes.

Chairman Zabinski referred to p. 19 of the report and asked if there was additional scope of the work added. He also stated it would be helpful if the Board could receive a

list of the requested recommendations and questions from the Director prior to the monthly meeting so that the Board could provide proper input during the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Casey asked if there was a permit in place.

Mr. Johnson stated he did not know, but would find out. He spoke of the bluff/slope along the seawall concerning the revegetation, which is not part of the scope of the work. He stated those plantings are invasive in nature and that he is in the process of working with a company to get the work done. He added there is also vegetation growing in the mortar, as well as graffiti on some of the walls. Discussion resumed.

Ms. Sloan asked about an additional task report and if there would there be a final summary provided to the Board.

Mr. Johnson stated did not have that information.

Pelham Street beach access – Mr. Johnson stated this project is led by COWIE. He stated the surveys have begun. As to the other projects (Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue, Crescent Beach and Wildemere/Walnut Beach), Mr. Johnson stated he was still waiting for updates from the project engineers.

Mr. Bach commented this Board still has not received any information since the two public presentations took place.

Mr. Johnson stated he would get the Board questions and also feedback for the alternatives for the final design.

B) Resilency Plan

Mr. Johnson stated he did not have information regarding the Resilency Plan, but that there is an ongoing Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

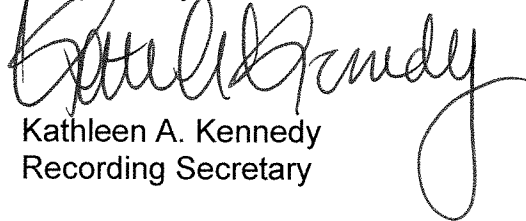
Mr. Casey commented the city has a plan in place and that it was important the two, the Resilency Plan and Hazardous Mitigation Plan, are aligned with one another.

VI. New Business

Mr. Johnson mentioned potential damage at the end of Walnut Beach.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bach and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Kennedy', written over the printed name.

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary

September 12, 2017

Dear Flood Erosion and Control Board Members:

We of the Deerfield Avenue Improvement Association (DAIA), its Flood Committee and concerned area residents are thankful to the mayor, the department of public works headed by Chris Saley and your Board for all that you've done to keep this end goal in site: to abate major street flooding at and around the juncture of Field Court and Deerfield Avenue in Milford. As you recall, flooding can gain depths during non storm and non full moon occurrences at this juncture of up to several feet of water, making in and egress from homes impossible for hours at a time and raising potentially serious health issues. We have lived with such circumstances and been in dialogue with the city over them for years, stemming back to before Storm Irene.

An actual approved design for the project, finally planned for our neighborhood, has been in the works the past year and a half, during which time our understanding had been that 1.6 million dollars had been reserved already specifically for our project. Public Works came to a recent meeting of the DAIA's Flood Committee to let us know that since the actual bid work for the project came in at some one million dollars higher, that our project would need to be amended, as in scaled back, some details of which were provided to us and others which we requested be shared when available. These include some type of rendering(s) to show the positioning and height at the shoreline of the new outflow pipe; the height and composition of its support, be it piers or other; the size and placement of a now to be situated on site below beach pump system, adjacent to Field Court, as well as a rendering of the extent and height of the all important street raising aspect of the design. However, it also became clear to us at that recent meeting that the funds we previously thought reserved for our streets' project alone is actually to be used beyond our specific project. We hope the board can help shed light on this discrepancy or its understanding of it, in writing to us at the below address.

Beyond aid in expediting the project to completion and soon, we ask the board's help in assuring that the city's efforts include the repair of the groin at the end of Deerfield Beach. If the city cannot afford to repair the jetty as part of the project, even after a tremendous scale back of parameters and all considered, we request at minimum your, and the city's, guidance to and support of any available grants opportunities aiding any parties who may need carry the burden of the groin's repair, be it our association or other interested parties with the city, or other. The estimated repair cost of a slightly longer sister groin at Lawrence avenue is approximately \$10,000. There exists already a DEEP permit to repair the three groins in our Bayview Beach area, including Deerfield's and Lawrence Avenue's, and we ask for whatever help you can afford to make this happen. It is our strong and considered opinion that anything less will severely undermine our existing beachfront and all our adjacent waterfront properties (and tax revenues). The amelioration of flooding is paramount, but cannot and needn't be made at the expense of our homes or beaches.

We'd like to continue to work with all parties toward the success of the entirety of this project. We ask that you do all in your power to expedite its actual fruition.

Sincerely,
DIVEN-
MARIE STELLUTI

President, on behalf of the Deerfield Avenue Improvement Association,

Flood Committee and Concerned Residents

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