

MANCHESTER WATERWAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



2008 DUES RENEWAL TIME!

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George Musco, MWCA Treasurer
19188 Waterbury Court, PC, FL 33948

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From the Charlotte County WEBSITE

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Manchester Lock Removal

CIP Project C419806

Dan Quick, County Engineer

This project provides for removal of the Manchester Lock, due to total dilapidation of the lock and its operating system. Future dates and durations associated with this project are approximations and are dependent on funding, permitting, weather, and contractor availability. Permitting for some projects, depending on their complexity, can take years to obtain.

	START	FINISH	COMPLETE
Design of Project	8/4/05	9/15/07	100%
Bid documents	8/4/05	8/4/05	100%
100% Review	8/5/05	9/15/07	100%
Permitting	1/1/99	1/1/08	93%
Florida D E P	1/1/99	9/15/07	100%
US Army Corps of Eng	1/1/99	1/1/08	86%
Construction	10/31/07	7/15/08	1%

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QTRLY MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday at 7:30

January 8, 2008

March 11, 2008

May 13, 2008

PORT CHARLOTTE YACHT CLUB

22445 Glass Lane
Charlotte Harbor, FL
(Go east on Edgewater,
right on Bayshore,
left on Glass, to building
on right at end of street).

Bring a snack to share!

DECEMBER 27, 2007

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5083 CRAWFORDSVILLE DRIVE
PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33948

<http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/publicworks/projects/manchesterlock.html>

10/9/07 MEETING MINUTES

Pres. Patrick Randall called meeting to order at 7:30 PM. 29 member present, representing 26 memberships, including 6 Board members. Tara Musselman from Public Works, County Commissioner Dick Loftus, and Dan Quick from Public Works were present to address the membership. After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Randall welcomed everyone and presented the meeting agenda. The Current Board members were then re-introduced.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer George Musco reported a current balance of \$3296.17, with 168 paid memberships paid for 2007, 36 paid through 2006, and 14 paid through 2005. A motion was made & passed to accept the Treasurer's report. The check register and expense log are available at all meetings for viewing. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter that was mailed to all members. A motion was made & passed to accept the minutes as printed. **Lewis Creek & S-bend dredging:** June soundings by several MWCA members showed levels too shallow after dredge completion, with only 4.5 foot clearance at Marker 8. Dan Quick, PW stated Coastal Engineering states 4.9 depth is actual & enough, and PW can be fined if dredge is too deep. PW can ask the contractor to recheck this area, or ask new contractor to dredge again after lock removal is complete. Members requested Coastal be held to task to avoid add'l mobilization cost. **Lock Removal Update: Per Dan Q from PW** – PW Purchasing has bid specs and plans for rock revetments & improvements. Request for bids will be advertises next week, and run for one month. One contractor is required to do entire job, and hire own subcontractors. The contractor will set the time frame. Do not expect work to be started until Jan/Feb '08. PW will check contractor references and vet the firm. a 5% bond will be required on contractor. PW Purchasing will give the recommendation to approve, then BCC must vote approval. There is no "not to exceed" time limit in the specs. Contractor will hold a public meeting to inform residents of lock use restrictions during project. The permit requires a bathymetric study and all holes over 10' depth be filled in. FDEP has tied all the projects to one time frame.

Patrick Randall informed us that FDEP signed off on the project 9/07, ACE verbally agreed some time ago, but Project Mgr has retired in the interim, and AcoE must be re-educated to the specifics so they can sign off. Current Engineering estimate is now \$95K. **O'Hara/Midway Park:** There is no County line item in the 2008 budget for the park. We must be vigilant to future budget. Members q'd establishing an ongoing budget for shoaling dredges on a regular basis. Patrick R. assures there is \$70K in maintenance budget. Tara M. says PW can increase ad-valorem tax to \$200 annually per ERU due to earlier vote by BCC, but bid process is still necessary for each small dredge. Patrick R. confirmed \$282K that was taken by County from our account in error has been reinstated, and he will monitor payouts closely. Tara M. reported \$100 per ERU is listed for '08 budget, leaving a reserve in our account for future dredging at this time. Commissioner Loftus enumerated the layers involved in the review, process and how the County budget is a laborious procedure due to the multiple regulatory agencies involved.

The meeting adjourned for coffee and desserts provided by the membership at 8:35.

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