

## BSI Canal Committee 12/15/2024

### Notes from this month's BSI Canal Advisory Committee Meeting:

- All IAN repair work on sea walls, retaining, etc. has been completed.
- Repairs, cleanup, etc. from this year's 2 hurricanes are ongoing and will take months to complete. City Canal Maintenance is spread thin right now, with focus on the worst of the problems across the City.
- Every two years, the city opens bidding process, for contractors to bid on standard maintenance work, such as seawall replacement. This process will commence in April 2025.
- Staging Lot: This request has been sent to Purchasing/Acquisitions-- and as such, there is no comment. Suffice it to say, we (BSI) continue to push this forward with all possible effort.
- Corner Widening: Feasibility studies progressing, in 2025, expectations are to get engineering done, including costs estimates, etc. ---- no timeline has yet established
- Of course, the big news continues to be the Lock Widening:
  - Contractor mobilization is 1/17/25—don't expect too much to happen just then, if we are luck, we might start to see some materials, equipment, etc. placed on site but not much more.
  - Actual construction activity is scheduled to start by the first of February.
  - According to their (Canal Maintenance) understanding, Kelly Brothers has right to access (block) the lock from 7am-12pm and 1pm to 5pm, Monday through Friday during the construction phase. The lock would be open outside of those hours, except on certain specific circumstances. (few days during the week, but not on weekends).
  - During the above time frame, it is not expected they would need the lock closed the entire time allotted. This is where we (BSI) have asked for a well-defined schedule as to their actual needs and want to work closely with the Kelly Brothers and City Maintenance for the benefit of all. (For your information, your BSI Canal Advisory Committee will focus efforts to get and stay on top of their work schedule and to make sure they understand the importance of keeping BSI well informed on their actual work schedule and requirements.

As previously mentioned, I am asking for your help and understanding during construction, I honestly believe the job will go quicker and better with our total and full support.

And—as always---calm seas, warm breezes, and plenty two-handed fish--

Rick Daugherty, Chairman, BSI Canal Committee