

## BSI Canal Committee

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If you've read my last report published several weeks ago, you know there were a number of issues needing attention. These were reviewed in great detail at our last canal committee meeting and I for one was pleased with the outcome of these very frank and long overdue decisions.

Not only were recommendations made (to the city council, which has ultimately responsibility), but maybe more importantly was setting a path forward. This includes both funding and timeline considerations.

So, getting right to the heart of the matter:

- Recommending overall assessment be raised by \$300/year
  - \$200 earmarked for seawall maintenance
  - \$100 earmarked for lock widening

This allows us and the city to move in step with actual requirements (based upon the latest wall inspections) and the need to complete lock widening prior to loss of open lot staging areas within BSI.

There are 2 remaining items that are still on the table (and eventually need resolution) but will not be funded this coming year.

- Corner widening
- City owned permanent staging lot

The corner widening is pretty well defined, and is needed if we are to service the seawalls throughout BSI. We do have some time since permitting is required, while lock widening should be completed prior to tackling corner widening (since corner widening is not needed if the lock is not widened).

The permanent staging lot is a bigger issue, still in discussions, with options (good, bad and ugly). Although all agree the need for this permanent staging lot, there is still no clear path forward. I will try and have a report on just this issue in the coming weeks. This one is sure to generate a lot of conversation (controversial, to say the least) since most of the options have both positive and negative connotations.

If you take life too seriously, it is no longer entertaining---- just saying

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