

# City of Marco Island Florida

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, October 21, 2021

9:00 AM

Community Meeting Room

## Waterways Advisory Committee

*Chair: David Crain*

*Vice-Chair: William Trotter*

*Committee Members: Steve Sokol,  
Philip Thompson, Michael Welty,  
Martin Winter, Eugene Wordehoff*

*City Staff: Jason Tomassetti, P.E., Tracey Barnett*

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Crain called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.*

**(2) ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Member Sokol, Vice-Chair Trotter, Member Welty, Member Winter, Member Wordehof and Chair Crain

**Absent:** 1 - Member Thompson

***Also Present***

*City Councilor Richard Blonna*

*Dr. Harvey H. Harper, President of Environmental Research & Design, Inc. (Via Phone)*

*City Staff:*

*Michael McNees, City Manager*

*Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager*

*Jason Tomassetti, Storm Water Engineer*

*Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician*

*Tracey Barnett, Administrative Assistant Public Works Department*

**(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Led by Chair Crain.*

**(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Chair Crain changed the order of the Agenda Moving item 10a. right after item 6 (Staff Communications). Then, after Dr. Harper's question and answer section (10a.), the meeting will return to Old Business and 10b. to follow.*

**MOTION by Member Sokol, seconded by Vice Chair Trotter, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

**Yes:** 6 - Member Sokol, Vice-Chair Trotter, Member Welty, Member Winter, Member Wordehof and Chair Crain

**(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

[ID 21-1818](#) Approval of the Minutes from WAC Meeting on 9/16/21

*The approval of the Minutes for the prior meeting held on 9/16/21, was not discussed or voted on. This will be added to the next meeting's agenda on November 18, 2021.*

**(6) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

*Ms. Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager, thanked the Committee as part of "Florida City Government Week" for the work that it does helping the City.*

*City Councilor Richard Blonna echoed Ms. Lucius's comments by thanking the Members of the Committee for their volunteering services. He also asked the Committee to prioritize Dr. Harper's recommendations and to work with the City staff to implement those recommendations.*

a. *Ordinance/ Code Revisions- Single Family Home*

*Items 6a. and 6b. were not discussed at this time. Instead a spreadsheet of the recommendations from Dr. Harper's Executive Summary report was presented by the City Manager, listing the action, progress and who is responsible for each recommendation.*

b. *Ordinance/ Code Revisions- Seawall*

*Not discussed as mentioned in the action note for item 6a.*

c. *FDEP Restoration Plan*

*This was not discussed.*

d. *RFP- Water Quality Sampling*

*Mr. Jason Tomassetti reported that there will be an RFP (request for proposal) to identify a new provider to conduct water quality testing monthly for the City. The new consultant or lab would be contracted for three years with an annual option to renew. He also indicated that he has sought the County's assistance on what needs to be tested. The County utilizes the same parameters that are currently being measured, but suggestions for improving the water quality sampling process will be considered.*

## **(7) PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Mr. David Rasmussen, Caxambas Ct., representing Clean Marco Water LLC, expressed his belief that having the City's stormwater engineering function reporting through the City's Public Works Department is not the best organizational alignment for pursuing cleaner water in the City's waterways. He believes that an independent staff function or an outside resource reporting directly to the City Manager would be more appropriate alignment and provide the City with more opportunity to qualify for grants. Mr. Rasmussen also offered his thoughts on reuse water, fertilizer applications and the watering of plants in public areas.*

*Mr. Jack Williams, Colonial Ave, thanked the Committee and urged the City to take action on Dr. Harper's recommendations.*

*Mr. Rick Granneman, Seminole Ct, questioned several recommendations and asked to have access to the raw data from Dr. Harper's report. Chair Crain responded that the Committee will get back with Dr. Harper to find out how a person can get that information.*

## **(8) PRESENTATIONS**

*None.*

## **(9) OLD BUSINESS**

a. *Residential Stormwater Discharges- Community info & Education Update (Chair Crain)*

[ID 21-1853](#) Residential Stormwater Discharges- Community info & Education Update

*To be discussed at the next meeting.*

b. *Water Quality Update (Member Wordehoff)*

[ID 21-1854](#) Water Quality Update

*To be discussed at the next meeting.*

c. *Public Education/ Social Media- Update (Member Sokol)*

[ID 21-1855](#) Public Education/ Social Media- Update

*To be discussed at the next meeting.*

## **(10) NEW BUSINESS**

a. *Harper Report Review/ Q & A*

[ID 21-1856](#) Harper Report Review/ Q & A

*Chair Crain led the discussion with Dr. Harper on the phone. One by one all Members asked Dr. Harper questions regarding his report on water quality. A list of questions submitted by Clean Marco Waters LLC, were also answered by Dr. Harper. Some of the topics discussed were reuse water, seepage, dredging, the use of fertilizers. and how these elements affect the overall quality of Marco Island's waterways.*

*City Manager McNees highlighted the recommendations that are already being addressed by the City as well as other recommendations that will require additional approvals and support from various Advisory Boards.*

b. *Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) -(Member Wordehoff)*

[ID 21-1857](#) Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT)

*Member Wordehoff referenced the documents attached to the Agenda for the Committee, and noted that they were provided to help the Members better understand the treatment of reuse water. However, with the lack of time left, there was no further discussion of this topic. This will be discussed at the next meeting.*

## **(11) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

a. *Member Availability for Next Meeting November 18, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.*

*Vice Chair Trotter stated that he would not be able to attend the next meeting, all others Members indicated their intention to be present.*

b. *Sharing of Thoughts on Topics of Committee Interest (All)*

*Chair Crain reminded the Committee that individual studies by Members submitted to the newspaper need to be labeled as individual opinion and not the opinion of the Waterways Advisory Committee.*

## **(12) ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Crain adjourned the meeting at 10:59 A.M.*

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*Tracey Barnett, Administrative Assistant Public Works Department*