Minutes from the
Daughtry Bayou Shoreline Project Stakeholder Meeting

May 31, 2019

Cedar Key Public Library, 4 - 6:30 PM

Meeting Objectives

1. Share information about:
   a. Draft permit documents
   b. Changes to project designs to address landowner comments
   c. Grants, permitting, and landowner documents
2. Gather feedback on draft plans, etc.
3. Discuss next steps for project planning and construction
4:00 Welcome, Introductions

There were several new attendees at the workshop. After introducing Savanna Barry, Mark Clark, and Wendy-Lin Bartels, all attendees introduced themselves and said one thing they are looking forward to this summer. Several people mentioned going on trips or having family visit – sounds like everyone is in for a great summer 😊.

4:15 Looking Back

Savanna lead the group in a discussion about where we started and how far we have come. The project team reiterated gratitude to property owners for hanging in with the process and getting us to this point. We covered the timeline handout (see below) to remind people of past meetings and our goals at those meetings. The meeting on 5/31/2019 was the 6th meeting in the series.
Savanna gave a status update about where the two projects are, in general. These can be summarized as follows:

- The Airport Rd. project appears to be moving ahead mostly as planned, with a few minor modification requests from property owners. Several signatures are still pending but the majority of signatures have been submitted already. There are a few items that will need to be discussed/confirmed with owners in the later part of the discussion (see below).

- G Street – plan to moving ahead with modifications, assuming agreement of property owners in the remaining segment of the project (those properties NW of the dock).
  - The main reason for the major modification to the G Street project was that the joint owners of the dock decided that the uncertainties related to the project were too great to continue to consider being involved. There was a discussion about messages between Savanna and the dock owners and how the process played out. In the end, the project team could not come up with a plan that sufficiently addressed the dock owners’ concerns. There was a request to hear the email exchange but the facilitator did not think that would be a productive use of time and moved us past that discussion.
  - Therefore, the best option is to move ahead with the portion of the project that does not include the dock owners’ parcel, nor the City parcel.
- Savanna also noted that there will be some media coverage/press releases about the grant-related work – she wanted to make sure all know that these will be occurring. Please contact Savanna directly if you have any questions or concerns related to media coverage.
4:30 Stakeholder comments and debrief of process to date

Everyone went around the circle and asked a question or made a comment about the process and/or project. The list of questions and comments made during this portion was recorded on a flip chart to be answered later.

5:00 Looking Forward

Mark Clark went over the updated project diagrams and next steps for the project, allowing Q&A throughout. We covered:
Engineer drawings of Airport Rd – fill, plantings, reef balls, turbidity control – full pdf can be viewed at: [http://bit.ly/2w5GB7f](http://bit.ly/2w5GB7f) (drafts as of May 31, 2019 – revisions in progress based on comments from workshop and other homeowner meetings).

Modified conceptual drawing of G Street (below) – help attendees understand how we can adjust the project even with loss of two southern properties.

- There was a relatively extended discussion about how the southern portion of the project could still move forward but this discussion could not result in that outcome because it would require either agreement from all (not possible) or a continued conflict that could lead to more discomfort for all involved. UF stressed that their role is to facilitate and organize this process and that the intent is to help solve a problem, not start a conflict. Therefore, UF did not see the value in further pursuing something that was not agreeable to landowners and would like to continue to work with the interested/willing parties.
- But it was evident that many were disappointed to see the extent to which the G Street project was modified. There were several questions about how robust the new design would be, and the project team conceded that the project would indeed be less robust, although we have bolstered the marsh area to the extent possible with the funding and other constraints we have.

Permitting timeline

- Finalize signatures – Crystal Sharp was present to help as a notary, can still get her to notarize documents at City Hall any time
- June 21 – submit permits
- Public comment and response period
- Further information requests and eventual approval (hopefuly by the fall)
Next Steps for Permitting

May-Jun - Finalize landowner agreement, consent

Jun 21 - Deadline to submit initial permit applications

Jul-Aug - DEP and Army Corps initial review, requests for further info, public comment period

Sept (?) - Permits granted - or - requests for further information continue for another round (or two, or four...?)
- Mangrove Management Plan – importance of continual maintenance – outline the draft plan with verbal approval from DEP.
  o Key points of the mangrove management plan are that mangroves that recruit into the project area can be removed up until they reach 4 ft tall. Once they are taller than that, they can only be trimmed under the existing law. It is estimated that mangroves in Cedar Key would take approximately 2 years to reach a height of 4 ft. Therefore, annual removals will be the best strategy for property owners (or more frequently, if possible). Mangroves 0-2ft tall can be removed by pulling up from the ground, whereas mangroves 2-4ft should be removed by cutting off the trunk at the sediment level. Another key point is that removal is the responsibility of the landowners. These can be through the formation of a group, or on an individual basis, as property owners wish.
5:45 Stakeholder Feedback

The Q&A portion continued with Mark and Savanna responding to questions that had been raised earlier as well as going through project specifics with landowners that were present.

Questions/discussion included:

- Talking about the height of the breakwaters along Airport Rd. – they will be 3’ tall and will be visible about 85-90% of the time (high tide will cover them but really only at peak high). There was a discussion about shortening them but there would be a significant loss of protection value with them being shorter. The Airport Rd. owners in attendance agreed that protection was more important than having them be only visible more like 50-60% of the time, especially since they will be mostly covered with oysters given time and that it would be safer for navigation if they were visible more of the time. Decided to keep the original height of 3’.
- Breakwater placement on Airport Rd. – wider gaps requested in a few spots for boat and/or kayak access. Will be addressed in the next revision to the plans.
- Kayak launch on Airport Rd. will only be installed if County agrees to maintain a trash can and the launch, as well as allow parking by the air strip. If not, then the kayak launch will not go in but we are going to permit it since it will be easier to modify the permit to take it out later if needed. Savanna will follow up with the County about the kayak launch, etc.
- Discussion about other landowners joining the Airport Rd. project
- Several items for Mark and Savanna to follow up on (see list below).

6:15 Next steps

Briefly wrap-up the meeting with next steps for the grant funding timeline and how the group would like to stay in touch. The group said they were fine with email updates and perhaps a construction kick-off meeting when the projects get ready to actually begin.

6:30 Adjourn
GRANT TIMELINE

May-Jul 2019 - Paperwork

Jul-Dec 2019 - Pre-Project Monitoring
  - Fish, vegetation, nutrient, sediment surveys
    - ~monthly sampling visits

Jan-May 2020 - Initial construction
  - Oysters/breakwaters -> sand fill
  - Turbidity barrier + plantings

May 2020 - Apr 2024 - Post Project Monitoring
  - Supplemental plantings if needed
  - Mangrove management

~May 2020 - Educational/demonstration “tours” and site visits
  - Apr 2024
Next Steps of Permitting

- Can group be kept informed of the negative (corpositive) public comments / process going fwd.
- Email updates from Savanna.

- Perhaps kick-off meeting
Follow Up

- Joe asked Wendy to send the letter to group 1.

- Recessions to engineers:
  - Mr. Miller
  - Land Owners.

- Airport Rd parking?
  - Can any rip rap be removed? FDOT

- Can we negotiate the 10 feet between - 20 feet (right)
  - What about lowering the balls? (25)

- Is rip rap going to force storm tide to Phi?...
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