

Casey Key Association  
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting  
July 29, 2022, 10:00am, ZOOM

Chairperson in Attendance: Lisa Napolitano

Board Members in Attendance: Maryanne Andrews  
 Don Casto III  
 Dawn Doughty  
 Caroline Edwards  
 Mary Dee Hicks  
 Janet Schwartz

Board Members Absent: Dan Deems  
 Leslie O'Connor  
 Jean Parm

Casey Key Shoreline Resiliency Project Working Group Members in Attendance:  
 Michael France  
 Mike Turillo

**Meeting Called to Order**

*Lisa Napolitano*  
 10:00am

**President's Introduction**

*Lisa Napolitano*

**Casey Key Shoreline Resiliency Project (SRP)**

1. The working group would like to provide an update following the most recent Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting.
2. Lisa would like the CK Board to come back afterwards to vote or do so via email.

**Michael France**

1. The County Staff is planning an outreach to residents.
2. We need to determine how and what should we communicate to CK residents before the County outreach to residents.
3. December 2021, the BCC added to the 2022 Strategic Plan: the Casey Key Resiliency Plan.
4. The County Staff has not collaborated with CK SRP.
5. The County Staff 3/29/22 report said the program is not likely to get funding or permitting.
6. H&M Engineering has been actively working with FL DEP. FL DEP understands.
7. State and federal level have said: County needs to provide a formal request in order for them to provide appropriations (time and money), such as a Capital Improvements Program (CIP).
8. The County Staff is bringing a second report to BCC: no public funding would be available, and residents would have to pay 100%. They suggested an outreach to residents to determine support regarding three areas:
  - (1) Drawing of Erosion Control Line (ECL): where existing mean high-water line is (seaward becomes state property, and update continues to be private property);

- (2) Support for construction easements required for project;
- (3) Special benefit taxing unit to pay for the project 100% by the residents.
- 9. No one knows where ECL would be until the work is done.
- 10. No one knows where the easements would be.
- 11. County Staff wants to survey residents for those three areas. We expect a low response and negative response.
- 12. Working Group sent an objection letter to the BCC.
- 13. The Working Group would like to communicate to residents now. We are asking them to indicate that they want the Staff to work with the Working Group.

### **Mike Turillo**

- 1. The County Staff reports were negative about H&M's work. The state DEP said the H&M work was to their standards and was high quality.
- 2. Mike spoke with Jonathan. Jonathan felt that since the project was on the county strategic plan priority list that should be enough for the state and federal governments to move forward. He has a staffing resource problem. The feedback Jonathan is hearing is that there is no public money and the work by H&M was not acceptable.
- 3. Bill Merrill spoke with Commissioner Maio. When Manasota was done, 25 residents opted out of the project. They were 25 continuous pieces of property. The staff is insistent on resident support over those three items above because that's how the Manasota residents were able to opt out.
- 4. The Working Group would like a petition that explains here's where we are and what we expect for funding over an extended period of time. We could get a much higher response. The plan is to bring that to the BCC before the survey goes out. We need a resident zoom call and canvassing to encourage petition support.
- 5. The feedback from Maio and representatives has been positive.
- 6. Lisa, Michael, and Mike discussed what percentage of resident positive responses might be needed.
- 7. Michael France provided more background on Manasota project.
- 8. Lisa asked if the County would send the survey to surrounding communities. Mike and Michael said no.
- 9. Don asked when they anticipate sending out the questionnaire. Mike Turillo said he expects it to come out in August or September. Michael France said they want to bring the results to the BCC in September or October.
- 10. Mike Turillo suggested a strong resident sounding that we want the project to go forward. We understand residents will have to pay some funding.
- 11. Michael France said Bill Merrill is trying to arrange a meeting with Commissioner Maio and the staff.
- 12. The public relations firm did not meet our expectations.
- 13. Mary Dee Hicks said we have an administrative hurdle that the staff has put in front of us. How do we intervene? How do we communicate with the residents? We're going to get a low response.
- 14. Mike Turillo said we need something positive coming back from the county outreach.
- 15. Mike Turillo said we match the mission statement and objectives of the County.
- 16. Caroline complimented the success of the working group in connecting with the federal, state, and county elected officials. Caroline asked what we can do to connect with the staff.
- 17. Michael France said he has tried to work with the staff.
- 18. Mike Turillo said there are some staff members we have not spoken with.
- 19. Lisa suggested someone from the Board speak with the staff.
- 20. Mary Dee Hicks said we should find a way for the staff to look good. Mary Dee Hicks asked who has the power.

21. Michael France repeated the saying: commissioners come and go, but the staff is here forever.
22. Mike Turillo heard that our timing is wrong, because elected officials before an election don't want to be perceived as arguing for more money for an affluent community.
23. Lisa suggested Caroline and Lisa go and have a conversation with a softer approach. Caroline agreed and supported to idea to try everything.
24. Curtiss controls Capital Improvement Projects. He enumerated reasons why this project cannot move forward.
25. Mike Turillo suggests a resident zoom call to inform donors and residents.
26. Lisa said the board will need to come back with a decision about the petition.
27. Mary Dee said the petition needs to be simple. Mike Turillo agreed and said the residents need to be motivated to show support for the program to the county, such as 250 signatures.
28. Janet Schwartz suggested we go to the donors, and she asked how many there were. Michael France said there were about 180. Janet said we start with them.
29. Janet also raised the issue of the turtle nests.
30. Mike Turillo suggested we get someone on the Sarasota County Board of Tourism to confirm that tourists come to the restaurants and the public beach.
31. Michael France asked for feedback and said he cannot get his document to one page.

**Meeting Adjourned**

*Lisa Napolitano*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Caroline Edwards  
CKA Secretary