Meeting called to order at 8:05AM

Members Present: John Hoopes, Anita Apley, Kathleen Sands Martin, Jim Runyun, Glenn Steinke, Dennis Alspaugh, Frank Vanore
Members Absent: Jill Gunn
City Staff: Lori Ferguson
Guests: Ron Matuska, Kim Begay, Brandon Begay

Minutes from November meeting approved.

**Parks & Recreation Report** (Lori Ferguson): The new maintenance staff has started on the Causeway. He removed 6 truckloads of leaves in one day of cleanup. Lori mentioned that she had looked under pier at marina and did not see any excess line. She mentioned that “no casting” signage on Bon Appetit pier belongs to Bon Appetit and could use refreshing. John will reach out to Bon Appetit owners.

**Concession Report:** Potholes that were fixed are holding up well so far. Police presence has improved at sunset. On 11/21/19 there was a Ski Doo event on the East end of the Causeway. This was a very large event that seemed to be sponsored by Florida Ski Riders and Cycle Springs. There was no police presence and they used City prohibited banners/signage. Glen reached out to Greg Rice and Vince Gizzi to see if a permit or approval had been given for the event. Anita will draft letter from Committee to the City for review.

**Boating Report:** N/A...Still searching for member

**Storm Water Sub Committee Report** – N/A

**CEQ Sub-Committee Rep** – N/A...Still searching for member

**Ad-hoc Bridge Report** – Nothing to report

**Old Business:** Water runoff from the roadway was discussed. The City/County need to scrape the berms along the roadway that direct all excess water down the turnoffs and increase erosion. These berms prohibit water from running off along the entire length of the roadway.

**2020 Committee Initiatives:** John asked the committee to consider what major initiative it could undertake for the 2020 year. Topics discussed: 1. The need for Causeway channel dredging channel with the sand being placed back upon the South side of the Causeway. 2. How to control/manage increased use of the Causeway. More discussion planned for January meeting.

**Open Floor:** Kim Begay reported that powerboats are launching at the West end of the Causeway in the non-motorized area. She stated that she has reported this to FWC. John requested photos of incident so he could review the issue. Sonotubes to collect fishing line on the tide relief bridge have been moved which may impact how much they are utilized. West Marine recycles fishing line. While Kim is recovering from back surgery she asked that any bird rescue requests be sent to Shelly Vickery (Birds & Helping Hands) @ 727-365-4592. Glen suggested adding oyster beds to the NE area of the Causeway to help with water clarity and also deter motorists.

**Hampton Inn Report:** Kathy Shue, the manager from the Hampton Inn gave us a report on this location. The hotel opened on June 22nd, has 88 rooms and has been very busy. Recently they have hosted several corporate events. While there is no restaurant at this, or any Hampton, location, they do offer the traditional Hampton breakfast. If you need to reach Kathy, her email is Kathy.Shue@hilton.com. Thank you again to the Hampton staff for hosting us!

Adjournment