

**Dunedin Causeway and Coastal Waterway Committee**  
**January 14, 2020**  
**High & Dry Café – 61 Causeway Blvd, Dunedin, FL**

Meeting called to order at 8:04AM

Members Present: John Hoopes, Anita Apley, Kathleen Sands Martin, Jim Runyun, Glenn Steinke, Frank Vanore

Members Absent: Dennis Alspaugh (excused)

City Staff: N/A

Guests: Ron Matuska

Minutes from December meeting approved.

**Prospective Members:** Heidi Jetton was contacted about an open committee seat but John never heard back from her. John will follow-up with the city.

**Election of 2020 officers:** John Hoopes – Chair; Dennis Alspaugh – Vice Chair; Kathleen Sands Martin – Secretary

**Parks & Recreation Report** (no representative in attendance). Discussed ongoing pothole issue. Only one area seems to be holding up well. Questioned if they are using a different material. The potholes should be checked every three months per inter-local agreement. John to reach out to County to invite to a meeting to educate us on what they are doing and when.

**Concession Report:** Glenn Steinke

Life is good at the café. The Café has been open for 3.5 years and this past weekend beat all records. The sand bar directly off the Causeway is hurting/impacting rentals. 10 new paddle boards arrived recently.

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

**Storm Water Sub Committee Report** – Jill Gunn

Storm Water Master Plan meeting will be held at the Hale Center at 5:30 on 2/4/20 to finalize plans by May 5, 2020. The City is planning to renovate the executive golf course and turn it into a park with a storm water component. A subterranean water treatment system is being installed at Pioneer Park. Artificial turf turned down and natural grass will be planted in Pioneer Park. Violations of Storm Water Code enforcement have been temporarily put on hold. Next Storm Water Meeting – April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**Old Business:**

Missing and damaged buoys along the Causeway have been refreshed and replaced.

The committee will begin research to make the case for dredging the channel along the causeway and placing the dredged sand on the causeway to replace eroded sand. Glenn will research what has been done in previous dredging projects. Glenn will also compile historical aerial photos of the causeway to compare with current data. Jill will research the history of the causeway and work with the Historical Society. Jill and/or John will reach out to Vinnie from the Museum to attend one of our meetings. Frank suggested we view the YouTube video on the LVT built nearby and tested along the causeway. Agencies to reach out for research/data are as follows: Army Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, Tampa Bay Watch, City, FWC, Pinellas County, Historical Society, USF Marine Biology, Public Library

**Open Floor:**

Berms along roadway need to be scraped to help with water runoff issue. Anita to contact Heather Gracy.

Frenchy's Outpost has purchased the location of the pool store for a retail seafood store.

The Dunedin Youth Sailing Foundation was discussed. The originally proposed site has now been sold to a developer who plans to build condos on the property. The Foundation is still looking for a site and is researching locales in Clearwater, Oldsmar, and Safety Harbor. having the sailing camp located across from the High & Dry Grill. Everyone agreed it is an ideal location; water is deep enough.

Adjournment