

Dunedin Causeway and Coastal Waterway Committee
August 11, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:05AM

Members Present: John Hoopes, Anita Apley, Kathleen Sands Martin, Jim Runyun, Glenn Steinke, Frank Vanore, Jill Gunn, Dennis Alspaugh
City Staff: Lanie Sheets, Natalie Gass

Minutes from March meeting approved.

New Business

Due to Covid-19 we have not had the opportunity to interview candidates for open committee positions.

A request has been made to the County and the City to limit traffic direction on the North Causeway access road to one way only (West bound). After an in-depth discussion, it was agreed upon that we do not support the 1 way traffic. As a committee, we believe that through increased enforcement (PCSO) of existing regulations (speed, skipping traffic back-ups, etc.), and increased education that we can address the voiced concerns. One suggestion was to temporarily add a PCSO lighted sign to inform Causeway guests of regulations/fines.

Area Reports

Causeway Report: Lanie mentioned that the beach on Honeymoons Island is almost gone. A dredge of the pass to replenish the HI beach has been approved and is being scheduled. When they dredge the pass, it would be worthwhile to dredge in as much as possible to the Causeway channel.

Concession Report: Business is doing well. Glenn has had 3 records days after the state reopened from the lock down. Glenn also mentioned that there had been some vandalizing at the bathrooms. Not sure if there was enough information caught on his security cameras to assist police.

Boating Report: Still searching for member. Glenn reported that although all the County channel markings are in good position, the depth of the channel has become a great concern. A dredge of the Causeway channel needs to be discussed.

Storm Water Sub Committee Report – Jill reported that the Stormwater Committee had been working on increased code enforcement and a new fine structure.

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

Ad-hoc Bridge Report: The County Project Manager reported that the Dunedin Causeway Bridges PD&E Study has been approved and the project has received Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA). Notice of the LDCA will be advertised in accordance with NEPA requirements after which the project may proceed to the next phase of development - currently programmed for FY23.

Old Business:

2020 Committee Initiatives: Have been put on hold due to Covid-19.

Open Floor

Natalie Gass informed us that a new Dunedin Environmental Master Plan was being drafted and should be ready sometime in the Spring of 2021. All environmental ideas should be sent to Natalie. They are also forming a committee and are looking for representatives from our committee. Jill Gunn expressed an interest in being the representative from our committee.

Adjournment 9:00AM