

# Minutes for the Emergency Management Committee for August 21, 2018

Present: Walt Platt, Louise Purdin, Al Franklin, Allen Gifford, John Williams, John Purdin (guest), and Kirby Smith (guest).

1. The Emergency Cache Shed is still in need a getting the lock improved. The plan is to get some of the nails replaced by long screws, and replace the lock by a more secure lock. Al Franklin and Allen Gifford will look into this, and they hope to have this issue addressed by the September Emergency Management Committee meeting. The Lands & Buildings Department has finished the fence and gate for the Emergency Cache Shed.
2. The 2019 budget was submitted to the Surfside Budget Committee, which has begun its deliberation process.
3. We began addressing the issue of the outfalls as a serious flooding hazard. The outfalls represent a continuing commitment from the County for dredging, particularly in wintertime. Currently, this dredging reportedly incurs a cost of \$30000 a year to the County. The County would like to either extend the two outfalls by using tubes to move the water to the ocean, or by building a new outfall at the 315<sup>th</sup> Street access to the ocean. While the County's preference is apparently o extend the two outfalls, property owners for both outfalls currently have not agreed to allow the County to use their property to accomplish extending the outfalls. The 315<sup>th</sup> Street location does not include any homeowners, though some property owner cooperation might be necessary to connect the two canals.

At issue is the loss of view of the affected property owners, over time, This is because the sand that previously been dredged would no longer need to be dredged to keep the then abandoned outfalls in working condition. In the long term, the dune growth would likely reduce significantly the view for the affected property owners. On the other hand, with time, the dune growth would presumably provide more protection from flooding to all Surfside property owners.

While this issue is a concern within the Surfside Homeowners Association, the issue of extending the outfalls falls to the County and to the County Committee on Flooding, when the issue of property owner's cooperation regarding cooperation.

To this committee, the larger issue is safety of persons within Surfside. The growth of the dunes may provide a significant protection to those living or visiting Surfside. Continuing studies will likely inform us (Surfside members) on future learning about the land and ocean that addresses our safety. It can be recalled that those of us who purchased property prior to 2005 would have not known of the 1700 tsunami that affected the Western shores of what is now the United States.

4. In late September, and early October, two amateur radio training events are scheduled. On September 29, an EOC event is scheduled, and on October 6 another exercise is planned. Prior to the September 29 event, we will plan an afternoon review session to address contacting other communication centers, sending emails via amateur radio, and go over the use of communication programs.
5. The September Emergency Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 at 1 PM.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M.