

Ward 5 Meeting
March 9, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Donal Snyder Recreation Center, Biloxi

AGENDA

Ward 5 meetings are always open to the public.

- ▶ **Welcome & introductions.....** **Paul Tisdale** *About 45 constituents in attendance
- ▶ **Comments** **Paul Tisdale** (for Mike Leonard, Chief Administrative Officer)

- West Biloxi Master Plan, overview

Area in master plan is south of Back Bay, west of White Avenue to Debuys Road

Online at www.tisdaleforbiloxi.com, right column, near the bottom.

You'll need to download to your desktop to view the 425 page documents;

Costs for replace/repair, calculated last October, are broken down on a street-by-street basis

- Popp's Ferry Bridge toll, update

Toll no longer being considered

Rough estimate to replace electronics/motors on the draw span estimated at \$12M or so

- ▶ **Community Development** **Mr. Jerry Creel, Community Development**

- Flood insurance rates... latest info available

Nothing really new to report

Government is rolling out Re-Set 2.0

A few bills to delay implementation are now before Congress

- Status of residential project on old Breakers property

39 lot subdivision will be coming before the Planning Commission in the near future

Will proceed as a Planned Development-Residential (PD-R) project

- Eula Cove & College Cove Townhouses Mr. Kenneth Jones, Developer

Clearing land for Eula Cove subdivision will likely begin next week

Infrastructure (water, sewer, drainage) will follow

38 townhomes in Eula Cove (Eula St); 12 townhomes at College Cove (Debuys Road)

Price point for townhomes is \$220,000 to \$250,000

- MGCCC road construction

Dr. Cedric A. Bradley, Vice President, MGCCC

Project talked about for many years

Mr. Damon Torricelli, Engineer, Neel-Schaffer Inc.

Traffic study done... Edgewater Estates residents still concerned about ingress/egress issue

Resident concerns that this will be a third traffic signal between Debuys Rd & Eisenhower Dr

The feeling of residents present was that this proposed is not necessary; little traffic demand for it

No projected timeline for this project was mentioned

Process to be followed: 1) MGCCC makes application to construct the road (not been done yet)

2) Project goes before city Development Review Committee

3) Project goes before the city Planning Commission (public hearing)

4) Project goes to City Council for approval, denial, or public hearing

► Parks & Recreation

Paul Tisdale (for Sherry Bell, Parks & Recreation)

- **Pennzoil Park**

Playground equipment bids on the March 15th Council agenda for action

Both sets of playground equipment are to be replaced

Swing set will remain as is

Anticipate 12 weeks for delivery

Remove the old equipment and install the new... completion, hopefully, in August

- I'm also pushing for fitness equipment/station, a water fountain and a spigot to water pets

► Katrina Infrastructure, BEA1, BEA2, BEA3

Mr. Walt Rode

Water, sewer & storm drain lines will be replaced: \$32M, completion projected to be January, 2025

BEA1 will run from Debuys Road to Edgewater mall, along the north west-bound lane of Hwy 90

BEA2 will run from Edgewater mall to Brady Drive along the north west-bound lane of Hwy 90

BEA3 will run from Brady Drive to Veterans Avenue, along the north west-bound lane of Hwy 90

Contractor (Necaise Bros. Construction) has limited space to work in so expect lane closures

► Biloxi Police Department

Chief John Miller

- Traffic Plan for Black Beach Weekend/Spring Break, April 8-10, remains the same

No Black Beach Weekend events have been booked at the Coliseum this year, which is unusual

Neighborhood Passes for residents in Edgewater Park, Grande View, Maison d'Orleans, Briarfield

and Oakmont will receive Neighborhood Passes, as has been done in past years... it's anticipated (but not yet confirmed) that the Coliseum short cut will be open

Heaviest crowds will be Friday and Saturday and perhaps Sunday

- Speed limit, speed bumps in Bay Vista and Briarfield subdivisions particularly

Traffic speed is a concern in many neighborhoods/subdivisions

Residents feel more speed bumps are needed & speeding tickets issued

Chief Miller noted that BPD's challenge is hiring more officers for their Traffic Division; the budget/\$ is there but there aren't as many qualified applicants as in past years

The city assumes some liability when speed bumps are installed

Speed bump & speed limit requests are reviewed by a traffic engineer

Based on the traffic engineer's opinion, the city's Traffic Committee determines the locations

Process to be followed: 1) Petition for speed bump/speed limits from neighborhood sent to Tisdale (It may be that few residents in the neighborhood want speed bumps...)

2) Tisdale delivers petition to city Traffic Committee

3) Police Department conducts traffic study

4) Traffic Committee and traffic engineer determine approval, or not

5) If approved, Public Works department/contractor installs speed bumps

Other...

► Spratley Drive (Bay Vista)... appears that a drainage line in the city's easement collapsed years ago

► Pennzoil-McManus Park & Westview Park... tree stumps from last hurricane still haven't been removed

► Enclave resident asked about an entry gate... Mr. Creel, city Community Development, noted that if installed, it would be a "gated community" and residents would be responsible for maintenance of the roads inside, and possibly other services that the city would otherwise provide.

REMINDERS

- ✓ Citizen Representative, Craig Ross, 228.435.6271 or cross@biloxi.ms.us
Your concern/complaint will be sent to the correct department for action/review.
- ✓ Ward 5 eblast is sent every Sunday... to receive it, send me your email address... it's free!
- ✓ Next Ward meeting... September, 2022