

Venice Canals Subcommittee – Flood and Erosion Prevention Committee

July 19, 2011 ó 6p-9p - Report prepared for FEP Committeeø July 20, 2011 Meeting

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Meeting Goal: **Develop a fact based position on WHY THE VENICE CANALS SHOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FLOOD AND EROSION PROTECTION COMMITTEE agenda.**

Discussion: We feel that the Venice Canals are an integral component and vital to the flood/erosion protection system because:

- history validates that prior floods on the south side of LP involved the canals
- the canals play a vital role in storm water drainage
- a flood from the lake side of LP could be partially controlled / drained via the canals
- finally, and from more of an economic position, revitalized canals could provide the city with a tax infusion should they provide more desirable lake access

Proposed Sub-Committee øSuggestedö Charter:

- 1) Add several members from the Luna Pier / Venice Canal community to the team
- 2) Articulate how the canals are (can become) an asset to the community and construct a Project Plan with the features and benefits
- 3) Determine the ownership of the ten foot strip of land between the deeded lots and the edge of the canals (this is a long-time open issue which has created confusion)
- 4) Study and document ÷whyøthe canals have digressed to the point where they have; learn from the past and come up with recommendations on how to sustain healthy canals
- 5) Develop a marketing campaign aimed at City Counsel, residents, and home-owners on the Venice Canals which highlights recognized success stories and motivates all constituents to see the value of this to the city ÷master planø
- 6) Construct a list of ÷canal improvementørecommendations with cost estimates and benefits
- 7) Work with City management to justify, select, and prioritize the recommendations
- 8) Work with City management to determine funding requirements, options, and acquisition methods
- 9) Assure constant, clear, and honest communication during the process
- 10) Help the city to include the Venice Canal plan, process, and successes in City advertising / promotion.