

Oct. 31, 2019- Docks and Rebuilding

Docks:

- 4 Public docks identified
 - Lower dock
 - Post office dock
 - Sunshine park (next to Harbour Lodge dock)
 - White Sound dock

- Currently the only operational public dock is at Sunshine park
 - Boats are able to pull in and tie off alongside the concrete bulkhead
 - This location is being used for supply offloads and ferry drop offs

- The sailing club dock is also damaged but usable and has been utilized by community boats and small supply drop offs

- We are in the process of securing a floating dinghy dock that would be placed potentially be attached to the concrete bulkhead in front of the library, next to the Post office dock.
 - This floating dock would be used as a community dock as well as service cruisers that will most likely be arriving in the near future as our first form of tourism income since the storm

- Need to put together a contact list of local dock building companies.
- Currently Identified Local Dock Building companies:
 - LBT Marine Ltd.- Brandon Thompson
 - Drill Rig Marine Repairs- Kyle Pearce (Says they will be up and running within the next three weeks)
 - Abaco Tug & Transport- Johnny Higgs

- Proposals have been sent to government and United Way of Palm Beach to fund the rebuild of public docks however, no funding has been secured as of yet.

- Question was raised on how to rebuild our docks to be more resilient in the future.
 - Concrete pilings to replace wood as seen on some public docks already in Marsh Harbour (i.e. Crossing Dock next to Albury's Ferry)
 - "Snap-Jacket" sleeves that can be placed around wooden pilings then be poured with concrete could allow for docks to be built more quickly with wood then be reinforced later on.

- Potential for bulk buying of materials in coordination with dock building companies

- Clarification is needed from Town Council on the permitting process for rebuilding docks

- Do you need to renew a permit if rebuilding a dock under the same plans and footprint as before?
- Repairs can be made to existing docks without a permit. What qualifies as an existing dock?
- Does a change in materials (i.e Wood to concrete) require additional permitting?

Public Buildings:

- Building materials have been donated for the repairs of the Library
 - This space will be temporarily repurposed and act as a community gathering and information center
 - Samaritan's Purse is looking to hire some local staff members to work in this community center once it is up and running
- Funding and plans to restore the public bathrooms are still needed
- Discussions are ongoing with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to formulate plans and secure funding for the long term rebuild of Clinic and School
- Salvage of contents and original building materials from the burial society are taking place
- Community Gardens have started to be cleared out and restored