

March 29, 2010

The Grove City Advisory Board was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairperson, Audrey Shinske. All Board members were present. Guests were Andy Amendola of Public Works and John Jordan. Roxanne Reed, our County Liaison was absent.

The minutes of our January 25th meeting were read. Motion by Carolyn Spradlin, seconded by Audrey Shinske to approve minutes as read. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

➤ **Carolyn Spradlin gave us some inside information regarding applying for a 501C3. She told us it is a complicated, lengthy and expensive process. It would possibly take a minimum of \$3000. Our interest in this process was to help applying for grants for projects included in our Plan. Carolyn asked if there was still a County Grant Department and we will ask Roxanne. However, since our Board doesn't have funds or a budget this process seems unlikely for us to pursue. We get our funds for "beautification" projects like our walking park, from our MSBU, however, we will try to get information on "How, Who" would write these grants.**

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Jordan, Grove City resident, told us of the damage being caused at his address and the 3 end houses on Moss Dr. Since the new sewers were put in and with all the recent rains, their driveways are falling in and asked what we could do to help. Audrey

told him that this was an MSBU concern and will get in touch with Barry DeMellow regarding this problem. She will also get in touch with our MSBU rep, Tara. She gave Mr. Jordan this same information as well. She will follow up on this.

- We need to contact Roxanne to find out “WHO” or “WHAT” department we should go to for information with all the changes being made at the County.
- > Discussion on what to do about a person who is trying to put in a boat launch on a residential property. That is a commercial use in a residential area and is not allowed.
- > Andy Amendola began our discussion regarding lighting. He told us that the County has broken down lighting through out the County to 2-3 types/sizes along with fixtures as it becomes a nightmare to try to stock all the different types of lights etc. that are being used in the different communities. However, we might be able to hire an independent contractor to maintain these lights. Either way our MSBU is charged. We need to check their website for their stock lights/ fixtures.

Public Works is responsible for replacing, repairing Traffic lights, school lights etc. but “NOT: replacing Decorative lighting. If there is damage from vandals or bulbs get kicked out, the County is self insured but do investigate for a police report etc. but cost still comes from our MSBU.

WE explained that our goal is to light the sidewalk side of San Casa due to the increased pedestrian traffic and for safety.

Tim Krebs explained that we want to use the same lighting used in our walking park as a form of Continuity in Grove City.

Mike Metcalf suggested including these lights at the entrances of Grove City on both sides of the bridges. The board all agreed this would be the best course of action and we will need to vote on this after all the information is gathered.

Audrey will get in touch with Tara to find out procedure for getting an independent contractor for our lighting project to get this started.

questioned whether or not widening San Casa would interfere with our lighting project such as moving utilities etc. Andy told us that the contractor would take all that into consideration before final plans are accepted

- > Nancy stated that she cannot find copies of the lighting we used in our walking park, but Andy said he would check the file and email us copies.**
- > Audrey explained our MSBU taxes were lowered to \$50 per ERU and that we paid off our roads 2 years early. If the proposed idea of making 1 or 2 MSBU's in the entire County goes through, the only money we will have goes to beautification so we would need to increase**

- taxes to pay for this lighting project.
- > **Audrey asked that we meet with the Public Works Dept in Punta Gorda when we get to the final phase of this lighting project.**
 - > **Audrey said that she's going to try to get the Placida widening plans one of our members received from Brian Barnes to show Mr. Halfhill at our next meeting that Shows the medians landscaped etc. and possibly find out "WHY" this still hasn't been done.**
 - > **Nancy asked "WHAT" is going on with the Jones Nursery property and Cheap Charlies.**

We have not received anything from Roxanne on either of These as we're supposed to. Audrey will contact Roxanne Regarding the lack of information regarding new Business/construction coming into the area instead of us Asking her to explain "WHAT" we're "seeing" in the Community.

**Carolyn moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Tim
By unanimous vote meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm. Our next
meeting will be April 26th at 3:00 PM**

Nancy Christensen