

**MINUTES  
DEEP CREEK STREET & DRAINAGE  
MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT (MSBU)**

**ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025**

**10:03 a.m. – 11:08 a.m.  
Harold Avenue Recreation Center  
Harold Avenue**

**Members Present:** Art Seymour, Chair  
Drew Rossi, Vice Chair  
Diane Dupont  
Stephen Rabinowitz  
**Members Absent:** Richard Beierle, Apologies Received  
**County Staff:** Erica Hayes, Community Liaison  
**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

**Changes to the Agenda / Motion to Approve Changes:**

None

**Citizen Input on Agenda Items (3 Minute Limit):**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Future Sidewalk Projects: The board discussed the sidewalk master plan and ongoing community outreach efforts, noting that future projects should focus on adding connector sidewalks to link with those already established. The next programmed project is the Deep Creek sidewalk from Rio to Seasons. It was clarified that the Sandhill Boulevard sidewalk project is being handled by Road & Bridge rather than through MSBU funding, with updates expected from Projects Manager Ray Slade at the next meeting. Questions remain regarding whether Capricorn Boulevard falls under MSBU or County jurisdiction. Given the available reserves, the board agreed that the next sidewalk engineering phase should be initiated. While concerns were raised about balancing sidewalk projects with traffic calming priorities, the consensus was that both initiatives could move forward simultaneously.
- b. Curbing, striping, and signage improvements: The board identified priority corridors for improvements, including Deep Creek, Rio De Janeiro, Capricorn, Nuremberg, and San Cristobal, while noting that roads such as Rampart Blvd. and Sandhill Blvd. are not eligible for MSBU funding. The County has already approved several measures, including edge striping on Aysen, larger stop signs, a possible road diet on Rio De Janeiro, and the initiative from the state for installation of speed enforcement cameras in school zone areas. Potential countermeasures discussed included raised medians, crosswalks with pedestrian refugees, curbing, chicanes, lane shifts, pinch points, on-

street parking near Studio 7 and Constantine in the commercial area, raised intersections with a six-inch elevation, additional pedestrian crossings with markings, signage, or flashing beacons, and interrupting curb medians or islands on Deep Creek Blvd. and Rio De Janeiro.

**Advisory Board Open Discussion:**

- Public feedback at outreach meetings was generally supportive, particularly regarding safety improvements.
- Residents expressed concerns about intersections: Nuremberg intersections, Rio/Rampart, and Deep Creek/Seasons (noted skewed design).
- Many residents requested four-way stops; Board clarified these require formal traffic studies and warrants and requested an update on the current data for these intersections.
- Suggested reframing “traffic calming” as “curbing, striping, and signage improvements” to avoid legal funding restrictions for MSBUs.
- Legal review needed to confirm whether MSBU funds can cover proposed measures.
- Alternative option discussed: converting to an MSTU in the future for greater flexibility.
- Concern raised that vague County guidance complicates planning; Board agreed to present concepts first and await County’s determination.
- Sidewalk maintenance discussed: County only addresses safety hazards (e.g., slippery algae, cracks, tripping hazards), not general aesthetics.
- Residents encouraged to report hazardous sidewalk conditions to Public Works for cleaning or herbicide treatment.

**Schedule Meetings / Items for Next Agenda:**

Future meetings are scheduled at 10:00 a.m., as follows:

- Thursday, September 4, 2025
- Thursday, November 20, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Submitted by Erica Hayes  
Public Works Department

  
Chair Signature

11-20-2025

Date

**AGENDA**  
**DEEP CREEK NON-URBAN STREET & DRAINAGE**  
**MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT (MSBU)**

**ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. Harold Avenue Regional Park Recreation Center**  
**23400 Harold Ave, Port Charlotte, Florida**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Art Seymour, Chair  
Drew Rossi, Vice-Chair  
Richard Beierle  
Diane Dupont  
Stephen Rabinowitz

**COUNTY STAFF:** Erica Hayes, Community Liaison

**PURPOSE:** Special Meeting

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call
2. Changes to the Agenda / Motion to Approve Changes
3. Citizen Input on Agenda Items (3-Minute Limit)
4. Unfinished Business
  - a. Future Sidewalk Projects
  - b. Road Striping and Signage
5. Citizen Input on MSBU Items (3-Minute Limit)
6. Advisory Board Open Discussion
7. Meeting Schedule / Items for Next Agenda
8. Motion to Adjourn

