

BOCA GRANDE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 27, 2014- Regular Meeting

2:00 p.m. in the Boca Grande Board Room

Attendees: Patrick Bell, Richard Morrison, Neal Rietz, and Harold Wells

Absent: Edward Siegel (excused)

County: Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

A roll call of members was taken that established a quorum was present.

Membership status – Dr. Morrison stated that he will be relocating in the fall and will not be able to be a part of this committee any longer.

Election of Officers

1. Mr. Bell nominated Mr. Reitz as chair, there were no other nominations; Mr. Reitz accepted the nomination.
2. Dr. Morrison nominated Mr. Bell as vice, there were no other nominations, Mr. Bell accepted the nomination.

The meeting minutes from the October 24, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- USDA Iguana Control Agreement FY 2013/2014 – Ms. Spurfeld from the USDA stated that she has accepted a position as a Wildlife Biologist and will be relocating out of the area. She is cross training Bill Fletcher, a USDA employee, to temporarily fill her position for approximately 20 hours per week until a new person can be hired. Recruitment will begin as soon as possible. Her starting date in the new location is May 5, 2014. The iguana mating season started at the end of February. They have become more active and visible. Dr. Morrison stated that this board has recommended that they need a full time person in this position. The current contract is a 12 month contract. The MSBU is only billed for the actual amount of time the USDA Wildlife Specialist is on Boca Grande. Mr. Bell made a motion to continue the 12 month Iguana Control Contract with USDA for FY2015; motion was seconded by Mr. Wells and passed unanimously. The Committee agreed that the iguanas cannot be eliminated but they are under control at this time and want them to stay that way.
- Gasparilla Road (Ownership beyond ROW) – Gasparilla Island Bridge Authority (GIBA) owns the referenced property. Maps were distributed with the area shown on the map that is owned by GIBA. There was discussion regarding the iguanas on that strip of land. Mr. Bell will give a presentation to GIBA to see if they are interested in contracting with USDA for iguana control. He will report back to the Committee.
- 9891 NE Gasparilla Pass Blvd (Depression in road) – Ms. Nothdurft passed the information to Maintenance & Operation (M&O) to determine whose responsibility it would be to fix the problem. It may be the water department's problem since it initially came from a water leak that was repaired by them; now the road is starting to cave in.
- Bike Path Flail Mowing – It was mowed in the fall and was recently done again. The Committee agreed that the area looks good.
- Flooding by Uncle Henry's – At the last meeting, it was conveyed that GIBA owned this property and was responsible for it. Mr. Reitz stated that the bike path was taken up along that road and Gasparilla Island

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Conservation & Improvement Association had an easement with GIBA to put the bike path in. GIBA will be taking care of this area.

New Business:

- Financial Reports – The Financial History for Year End FY2012/2013, Financial History/3 Month Actual FY2013/2014, and the Activity Report (10/1/13) – 2/28/14) were distributed for review for discussion. Mr. Wells stated that the ending fund balance from last year seems high. It was explained that Fiscal Services provides the guidelines for this and they are responsible for the amount that is kept in the reserves. Any funds not used during the year are carried over to the next year.
- There is a drop off at the edge of the road 6-8 inches deep about 100 yards north of the Lee County line on the left side of the road. Ms. Nothdurft will report to M&O.
- There is danger at the south end of Gulf Shores Drive. Mr. Reitz made a motion to install a cross walk coming out of Gulf Shores Drive going across Gasparilla Road; the motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.
- There is a line of sight issue at the north end of Gulf Shores Drive at the north corner of Gulf Shores Dr. and Gasparilla Road. The Committee would like the brush cut in this area. Ms. Nothdurft will report to M&O.
- Mr. Reitz made a motion to install a center line on the north end of Gulf Shores Drive when you turn onto Gulf Shores Dr. from Gasparilla Road; motion was seconded by Dr. Morrison and passed unanimously.

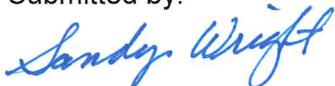
Public Input:

No public present.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boca Grande Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright

Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
BOCA GRANDE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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