

BOCA GRANDE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 18, 2014 - Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Patrick Bell, Neal Rietz, and Edward Siegel

County: Lynette Auger, Mike Dallenbach, Judith Nothdurft, Venkat Vattikuti, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

The meeting minutes from the March 27, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- Mr. Robbins, Dock Master for Uncle Henry's Marina, commented on Uncle Henry's Road. He stated that Uncle Henry's Marina had filled the potholes in the road in the past, but it was difficult to keep up with in the rainy season. He said the road needs to be repaved.

Unfinished Business:

- USDA Iguana Control Agreement FY 2014/2015 – A copy of the 2014/2015 Agreement was distributed for review and discussion. The Agreement is the same as last year and the cost remained the same. This new contract was previously approved by the Boca Grande Advisory Committee at the March 27, 2014 MSBU meeting. The Committee commented on the excellent job that the new USDA person, Lauren Tharp was doing.
- 9891 NE Gasparilla Pass Blvd. (Depression in road) – Completed on April 3, 2014.
- Gasparilla Rd. – drop off north of Lee County Line – Completed July 29, 2014.
- Gulf Shores Dr. & Gasparilla Rd. – Brush Cutting Request – Completed May 29, 2014.
- Gulf Shores Dr. & Gasparilla Rd. – Cross Walk Request – Mr. Vattikuti the Transportation Engineer stated that a study would need to be done. A camera monitoring system will be installed to do a count for one week during peak resident season in February or March 2015. He asked the members to identify the busiest time of day.
- Gulf Shores Dr. & Gasparilla Rd. – Center Line Request – Mr. Vattikuti will check to see if there will be paving in the area soon; if not he will submit a request to get a center line on the road.

New Business:

- Uncle Henry's Road – Ms. Nothdurft distributed maps of the area and photos of the road. A citizen, Brenda Lee, could not attend the Boca Grande MSBU meeting, but provided photos with concerns about the condition of Uncle Henry's Road and pier to the right of the boat launch at Uncle Henry's Marina. Mr. Robbins stated the pier is private property and the repairs are being made. The citizen stated that the road is so bumpy that it caused her daughter to fall out of a golf cart. This road was deeded to the County in 1945 and dedicated to the public; however the road was never accepted by the County for maintenance. Roads that are dedicated to the public must be brought up to County standards before the County will except them for maintenance. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with the County Attorney's Office on who is responsible for maintaining Uncle Henry's Road.
- Boca Grande Club – Cross Walk Extension Request – Boca Grande Club has requested a crosswalk extension to cover both their entrance and exit at 5000 Gasparilla Rd. Mr. Vattikuti will follow up with monitoring the area during peak resident season and report back.
- Future County Sidewalk Plan – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that the Public Works Director, Dan Quick is asking all MSBU members to review their areas and create a list of streets where they would like to see sidewalks installed. This would be a 6ft wide sidewalk for pedestrians. The Committee agreed that there are no sidewalks needed at this time.

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- Financial Reports – Financial History, 9 Month Actual, and Activity Reports were distributed for review and discussion.
- Draft FY2014/2015 Budget – This was pre-approved by the committee last year and will be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at a Public Hearing next week.

Open Discussion:

- Mr. Siegel discussed the area just below the south bridge where people are parking just before the turn off to Gulf Shores. People park on the grass between the private land and the road while fishing and snorkeling by the bridge. The Sheriff's Department stated that they are parked legally and could not be ticketed. There was extensive discussion and review of the County GIS maps. It was determined that the area in question is owned by Gasparilla Island Bridge Authority (GIBA). Mr. Bell will speak with GIBA regarding the situation.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit)

- Ms. Nichols commented on the trash that is on the County owned park land. Mr. Dallenbach will report it to Community Services.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Submitted by:

Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

