

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 30, 2007
1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Nigel Morris, Michael Szuba, Ruth Cudzillo, William Faris, Robert Schaffer

Absent: James Howarth

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

- Mr. Schaffer advised that, during the last meeting on June 28, the Committee did not approve the May 31, 2007, meeting minutes. Mr. Szuba moved to approve them with the previously-requested changes. Mr. Faris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Mr. Schaffer stated that the June 28, 2007, minutes should reflect Mr. Szuba's motion to adjourn. Mr. Szuba moved to approve the amended minutes. Mr. Faris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

South County Stormwater Ditch Wash-Outs:

- The Committee discussed the South County Stormwater MSBU's responsibility for ditches in the Ranchettes. Mr. Morris advised that this MSBU does not have an advisory committee. Mr. Faris stated that all East-West ditches in the Ranchettes are, to his understanding, the responsibility of the Stormwater MSBU. Mr. Morris agreed and will take his photographs of the ditch at Strasse Boulevard to Dawn Harrison for review and clarification of responsibility for cleaning and repair.
- Mr. Faris advised that there is a collapsed drain pipe at Pelican and Alan Boulevard, and Mr. Schaffer said there is a hole in the roadway on Grove at the East-West drain pipe. The Committee discussed the need for repair, in light of the current lack of MSBU funds. Mr. Morris stated that, at the Committee's first meeting, members requested that they be advised about any work prior to commencement. There was discussion about work being done and the need to reiterate the Committee's request for notification.

Discussion:

- Blocked Drainage on Commercial Tract 4, Section 1: The Committee discussed the drainage at this location. Mr. Szuba stated that, at the Gewant Boulevard entrance from CR 74, the road rises, and the County has created a ditch on private property. The Committee discussed the need to bring this to the County's attention.

- Work-Related Issues:
 - Mr. Faris noted the collapse of a drainage pipe between Alan Boulevard and Acorn Boulevard (on the CR 74 side of the Ranchettes) and efforts to remedy the situation.
 - Mr. Szuba questioned the effect of the Punta Gorda force main on the Ranchettes ditch easements. The Committee discussed the need to determine what Punta Gorda intends to do about ditches the main will intersect.
 - Mr. Faris raised the possibility of asking the City of Punta Gorda to provide fire hydrants on CR 74 as a condition of granting its easement request. The Committee determined that further information is needed from the Project Manager.
- Work Plans for Fiscal Year 2008: Mr. Morris requested that each Committee member complete a review of the condition of ditches and drainage pipes in his/her area of responsibility by the end of August 2007. He reiterated the need to do so in order to plan for the 2008 budget. Mr. Morris displayed a map of his area, along with notations about the condition of the drainage structures. He requested that members prepare similar maps.

Public Comments: Mary Crouch and her realtor, Phyllis Stanzione, inquired about the roads in the Ranchettes and easement/drainage issues discussed by the Committee. Members addressed their questions and provided the requested information.

Member Comments: None.

The next meeting will be held on August 22, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the office of Mr. Morris, 204 East McKenzie Street, Suite F, in Punta Gorda.

Mr. Faris moved to adjourn. Upon unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Schaffer

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