

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 14, 2008**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Nigel Morris, Michael Szuba, William Faris, Robert Schaffer  
County – Thomas O’Kane, Mike Dallenbach, Christopher Andersch, Dawn Harrison, Kim Raymond

**Absent:** Ruth Cudzillo, James Howarth

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** No minutes were submitted for approval.

**Business:**

- Mr. Morris reviewed the focus of members since the first meeting of this Committee. Committee members started by inventorying the drainage features then focused on the Phase I work plan which was submitted to Public Works in October, 2007. He had requested to be informed when work would be done so that individual committee members could ensure it was being done according to the plan. The work on Strasse Boulevard was supposed to be done up to the last house north of Ameropa Drive, but work was done past that point, all the way to Clara Drive; in excess of an additional  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. In addition, Mr. Morris stated that Public Works regarded part of Strasse Boulevard that was done last year and money could have been used elsewhere. He stated there needs to be more open communication with Public Works.
- Mr. Szuba stated that Public Works has spent a lot of time on Swiss Boulevard. He said that there were two full dump trucks sitting there after two days. Mr. Dallenbach requested that he be called right away when residents see situations like that.
- Mr. Faris noted that costs on the Activity Reports reflect a lot more money spent than originally estimated. He understands that the estimates were not the bottom line, but the cost difference is extreme.
- The work done on Clara Drive is reflected on the November Activity Report.
- Mr. Andersch gave an update on road grading. Mr. Faris suggested leaving material on the road and putting rock over the top of it to save money. Mr. O’Kane stated that vegetation and organic material cannot be left on the roadway.
- Mr. O’Kane said the consensus of the residents is to keep the roads marl. Mr. Faris stated the plan needs to be followed to make sure that enough money is available to benefit all the residents.
- The Committee unanimously agreed to leave Mr. Nigel Morris as Chairman and Mr. Michael Szuba as Vice-Chairman for the year 2008/09.

**Phase II Work Plan for 2008:**

- Mr. Morris stated that a house is going in on Strasse Boulevard, north of Poplar Drive, and the road will not hold up in the oncoming rains. He noted that this road was not included in the work plan.
- Mr. Szuba advised that there are potholes on Strasse Boulevard, between Polk Drive and Pelican Drive. Mr. Morris requested that he mark the problem area for Public Works.
- Mr. Szuba mentioned two pipes under Strasse Boulevard at Clara Drive, the discharge from which has eroded the berm on the opposite side of the canal. He felt that this may eventually become a problem.
- Mr. Dallenbach suggested the Committee submit a house number or landmark to avoid start and stop discrepancies in the future.
- Mr. Morris stated the Committee needs to meet within a few weeks to discuss the problem areas for Phase II.

**Assistance with Access for South Charlotte Stormwater Work Plan:**

- Ms. Harrison spoke with the scheduler, and work will continue with the ditch that connects Grove Boulevard and Pelican Drive. This might be all the work that can be done this year in the area, due to scheduling of the equipment.
- Mr. Morris stated that, since the cross ditches will not be done, it is not critical to inform the residents.
- Mr. Faris inquired about the pipe on Alfred Boulevard. Mr. Dallenbach will check on it.
- Mr. Faris requested that drainage issues be addressed with leftover funds. Mr. Morris stated they can be included in the Phase II plan.

**Other Business:**

- Mr. Szuba inquired about signage replacement due to an accident. Mr. O'Kane advised that this was previously reported by a resident.
- Per Mr. O'Kane, the Fire Department requires that Public Works update signs on one road per year. The signs on Swiss Boulevard were installed last year, and Public Works is currently working on Gewant Boulevard. Mr. Szuba suggested replacing signs at busier intersections. Ms. Harrison will check on the status of the signs.
- Mr. O'Kane reiterated that members should submit, in writing, their preference to be taxed per acre to the Board of County Commissioners for the MSBU study.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at Mr. Bill Faris' residence, 6106 Gewant Boulevard, Punta Gorda.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison  
Municipal Services District Representative

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Nigel Morris, Chairman