

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 13, 2008
3:00 p.m.

Attendees: Nigel Morris, Michael Szuba, William Faris, Robert Schaffer, Douglas Buuck,
County - Mike Dallenbach, Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond
Absent - David Choken

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m.

Minutes: The August 28, 2008, minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Business:

- Mr. Morris inquired about the status of subcommittee volunteers. No progress was reported. The Sunshine Law will not pertain to the subcommittees.
- The committee reviewed the financial reports. The Actuals Report for 2007/08 will be ready in November and will be submitted to the members when completed.
- The Committee inquired whether the estimated cost for Gewant Boulevard includes the use of millings. Mr. Dallenbach said three truckloads are available. It was suggested that this work be done right away, since the ground is drying out.

Proposed Work for FY 2008/09:

- The Committee reviewed maps of each area and concluded that funding is insufficient to complete all the drainage.
- Mr. Szuba presented a narrative summary derived from his map. He stated that fill and grade are essential for Grove Blvd.
- Alan Boulevard, from Maris Drive to Polk Drive is closed because of culvert problems.
- Mr. Szuba said the overtopping of the berm on Strasse Boulevard is still falling. Mr. Faris stated that a hole is forming north of the power lines on Strasse Blvd.
- Per Mr. Faris, grading is needed on Gewant Boulevard, from CR 74 to Pelican Drive. There was discussion about three culverts that are not working.
- Mr. Morris said grading is needed on Sweden Boulevard, from Clark Drive and across Ameropa Drive to the last house. Ms. Musselman received an e-mail from a resident inquiring about the grading on Sweden. Mr. Morris stated that grading is also needed on Acorn Boulevard, from Leah Road to Alligator Creek.
- Mr. Buuck advised that grading is needed on Grove Boulevard, between CR 74 and Pelican Drive, and on Alfred Boulevard, between CR 74 and Poplar Drive.
- Per Mr. Buuck, pepper trees need to be cut back on Austrian Blvd., from CR 74 to Pelican Drive. He has received a quote from a local resident to perform pepper tree cutting but was informed the County has a contractor for this work. The Committee

requested an estimate from the County's contractor. Mr. Buuck also reported that brush needs trimmed on Poplar Drive and Austrian Boulevard, south of CR 74. The Committee requested that Maintenance & Operations provide an estimated cost for Austrian Boulevard. Mr. Dallenbach said the cost is 16½ cents per linear foot or \$500 per hour for spot cutting.

- Mr. Buuck reported two stormwater washouts on Grove Boulevard and Pelican Drive.
- The pond on Gewant Boulevard is not draining, because a resident is filling in his backyard ditch. Ms. Musselman stated this is a Land Development issue.
- Mr. Schaffer reported that grading is needed on Grove Boulevard, between Clark Drive and Ameropa Drive.
- The Committee discussed increasing the assessment rate for 2009/10 and how to present this increase to the residents. Ms. Musselman said a community meeting will be needed to inform the residents about the plans and to establish a consensus for the increased rate. The Committee will set a meeting date.

Open Floor:

- Mr. Don McGregor, a Grove Street resident, inquired about Stormwater's purpose and funding source and about the estimated cost for grade and fill. He recently moved back into the area and the same problems exist, which means the plan is not working. He said the situations in their area are not safe. Mr. Morris explained that this Committee was formed a year ago, and they are moving in the right direction.
- Mr. Buuck mentioned a contractor who would like to quote survey work for road locations and elevations in the Ranchettes. Mr. Morris said elevations can be determined by the current road locations and can be very costly. Also, the Southwest Florida Water Management Division will not allow elevations to be changed significantly.
- There was discussion about the poor grading on Swiss Boulevard and Pelican Drive.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. at Charlotte County Public Works, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative



Nigel Morris, Chairman

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