

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 1, 2008
3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Nigel Morris, Michael Szuba, William Faris, Douglas Buuck
County – Mike Dallenbach, Tim Free, Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond
Absent – Robert Schaffer

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

Minutes: The October 13, 2008, minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Business:

- It was clarified that trimming is to be completed on Austrian Boulevard from County Road 74 down to Pelican Drive. The current price for trimming is 16½ cents per linear foot, which calculates to an estimated cost of approximately \$1,800 for both sides of the road. Spot cutting is charged by the hour.
- Mr. Buuck presented a trimming quote from another contractor, who was present at the meeting. Ms. Musselman explained that the County already has a contract in place for this work and cannot put out another bid for the same type of work.
- The estimated cost for grading the two roads rated highest priority by the members is \$161,500. The estimated cost for grading Gewant Boulevard, using millings, and knocking the thickness down to 4" is \$39,000. Mr. Free will present an updated estimate to reflect the use of millings. Mr. Szuba inquired about the difference in price between millings and shell rock. Mr. Free explained the millings are delivered to Port Charlotte, and the estimated cost will include transporting the material to the job.
- Mr. Faris reported that a hole on the west side of Strasse Boulevard was caused by a washout. There was discussion about adding additional work to the program. Mr. Szuba stated the hole on Strasse Boulevard needs to be done now.
- Mr. Morris said the two culvert replacements on Alan Boulevard and Austrian Boulevard, between Pelican Drive and Maris Drive, should be the responsibility of the South Charlotte Stormwater Utility. Mr. Free stated that the work may not get done this year. Ms. Musselman asked the members if they want to pull from the estimate, which is \$12,000.
- Mr. Buuck made a motion to approve the work plan, as amended to include:
 - Remove two culverts
 - Remove 2½ miles of grading
 - Add grading on Gewant Boulevard, from CR 74 to Pelican Drive
 - Estimated cost for road grading using shell rock is \$182,000

Mr. Szuba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Ms. Musselman reported that the beginning balance for 2009 is \$18,000. Mr. Free stated the work can begin in January 2009.
- Mr. Dallenbach thanked the Committee for providing information needed for the work.

- Mr. Morris discussed meeting with the residents or suggested that the members could go door to door in each of their areas. Mr. Buuck recommended they have an estimated cost for each of their areas before presenting the program to the residents. Mr. Free said he can develop the estimated costs. Ms. Musselman presented maps showing the work to be done, as submitted by members, to Mr. Morris.
- Mr. Choken inquired where the shell is going, as it seems to disappear a short time after it is put down. Mr. Free said it is going into the drainage, which requires constant maintenance. Mr. Szuba inquired about a topping to help keep the shell in place.
- Ms. Musselman reported a repeated complaint call from a resident whose lawn is washing away, due to water running alongside the property on Alfred Boulevard and into Alligator Creek. Mr. Free will develop an estimated cost to fix the problem.
- Mr. Szuba suggested that some kind of indicator be installed on the west side of Grove Boulevard, going toward Pelican Drive, to help keep someone from going into the ditch.
- Ms. Musselman stated that, if the Committee decides to increase the assessment rate, the Chairman will need to submit a letter to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) explaining the reason for the increase. The Committee will also need to have a community meeting to obtain a consensus from the residents. If the majority of the residents are against the increase, and the Committee decides not to move forward, it can be pulled. Mr. Faris made a motion to have Mr. Morris submit a letter to the BCC to double the rate, contingent on the community meeting in March. Mr. Szuba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Ms. Musselman explained that residents who reside on Grove Boulevard and certain parcels on Leah Road do not pay into the MSBU. The Committee reviewed an aerial map and determined the property abuts the road, which means the owners should be paying into the MSBU for road and drainage maintenance. It was stated that they are paying into the Central Charlotte Drainage District, which has nothing to do with Charlotte County.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at Charlotte County Public Works, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

Nigel Morris, Chairman

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