

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 25, 2010
3:00 p.m.

Attendees: Nigel Morris, Michael Szuba, Doug Buuck, Chuck Rinehart, Robert Schaffer, and David Choken

The meeting was called to order by Nigel Morris at 3:05 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda were requested.

Acceptance of Minutes:

- The minutes of the December 22, 2009, meeting were not completed as of the date of the meeting and consideration and acceptance of them was deferred.

Business:

Review Committee Members' Plans for Addressing Waste Management's Road Work Request:

- The meeting was attended by Ed McManus, Waste Management's District Manager, and five other Waste Management representatives. Mr. Morris advised that he previously met with Waste Management representatives regarding the company's proposed changes in trash pickup in certain areas of the Ranchettes. Mr. McManus advised that due to road conditions in certain areas of the Ranchettes and company policy which prohibits its truck drivers from backing up or turning around, the company had identified 49 addresses in the Ranchettes which would be required to place trash containers at the closest intersection for pickup. He advised that the necessity of doing so was the foregoing policy, as well as the cost of towing and repair costs incurred in attempting to travel the roads in question. He advised that the number affected could be less as it had not yet been determined whether all 49 addresses had residences.
- Mr. Szuba inquired regarding the issues with addresses between Pelican Drive and Clark Drive. Mr. McManus advised that due to washouts of the roadway on Grove Boulevard and Strasse Boulevard, Waste Management incurred towing charges and suspension damage repair expenses in the operation of its trucks. He stressed that those matters were Waste Management's only concern and that it had no intention of taking a position with respect to the Advisory Board's decisions regarding road repair in the Ranchettes. Mr. Szuba pointed out that the washouts in question occurred in December of 2009, and had been repaired.
- Mr. McManus stated that Waste Management would be sending letters to those most affected, would be posting information regarding pickup locations for those affected on its website, and possibly sending emails and telephoning those

affected, to explain the problem the company was attempting to remedy. He further stated that a meeting with those affected would be scheduled. Mr. Morris suggested that a joint meeting, with the Advisory Board and Waste Management, be scheduled and open to all residents of the Ranchettes. Mr. McManus concurred, and it was agreed to shoot for such a meeting on March 4, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the South County Park on Cooper Street.

- Mr. Buuck inquired whether the problems faced by Waste Management, outlined by Mr. McManus, were confined to the Ranchettes. Mr. McManus advised that Waste Management had experienced some of the same problems in other areas and that pickup locations, such as those proposed for the Ranchettes, had already been established in other areas of the County.
- Mr. Morris thanked the Waste Management representatives for their attendance and presentation. They excused themselves from the meeting.

Review/Discuss Request for Culvert Replacement at Strasse/Maris Intersection:

- The meeting was attended by Tara Musselman and Tim Free of Public Works. Ms. Musselman advised that she had been contacted by a resident regarding the need for a culvert replacement at the Strasse Boulevard/Maris Drive intersection. Mr. Morris stated that the replacement be concrete, not metal. Mr. Free advised that the cost of a concrete replacement was \$4,000.00. The replacement was approved by the Board.

Public Comments:

- No members of the public were in attendance.

Member Comments:

- Mr. Rinehart inquired regarding the progress of approved road repairs. Mr. Free advised that Public Works was experiencing unavailability of good material to complete the work and he advised that using lesser grade material would not be effective. Mr. Rinehart further inquired why the reports, received by the Board, did not enable the members to identify the cost for each road and other work projects, so as to advise residents. Mr. Free and Ms. Musselman described the work order and activity process in effect. Mr. Free agreed to meet with Mr. Rinehart so as to more completely familiarize him with the process followed in projects by Public Works.

Selection of Next Meeting Date:

- The members agreed to schedule a joint meeting with Waste Management representatives on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at the South County Park on Cooper Street, Punta Gorda.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 2010/11:

- The members nominated, and unanimously agreed that Nigel Morris continue as Chairman of the Advisory Board. It was pointed out by Mr. Morris that the terms of Michael Szuba and Doug Buuck were expiring. Both indicated that they wished to apply for reappointment. Mr. Morris nominated Michael Szuba for Vice-Chairman, provided that he is reappointed a member of the Board. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion and the members unanimously agreed.

Adjournment:

The members unanimously agreed to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Nigel Morris, Chairman