

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 5, 2012
3:30 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Doug Buuck, David Choken, Nigel Morris, and Michael Szuba

Absent: Chuck Rinehart (excused)

County staff: Dawn Harrison, Mike Dallenbach, and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes from the May 23, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Business:

- **Milling Available** – Mr. Dallenbach reported that the contractor has delayed the milling project until the dry season. Committee members created a map of streets in the worst condition. Mr. Free sent an email to the contractor on May 30 to address the items discussed at the last meeting with no response to date. There is concern that the contractor may have dump trucks hauling and dumping during the night. The contractor should consider grading and possibly rolling the milling in order to make this a mutually beneficial agreement between the contractor and the Committee. If private citizens want milling dumped on their property they should contact the contractor directly to make individual arrangements. Contact information will be distributed to the Committee. Citizens will be responsible for getting their own permits. M&O has researched the possibility of renting the necessary equipment to do the grading if the contractor does not agree to perform the work.
- **Shearing** – Photos of the shearing were reviewed to show the good job done. An inspector will verify that work was completed in all the areas specified before signing off on the project for payment. Additional shearing at Austrian & Popular was requested by Mr. Buuck. Mr. Morris will contact the citizen at the corner of Polk & Allen who was upset about the rocks in front of her house being disturbed. Committee members should start inspecting their areas in order to provide input into next year's work plan. They should advise residents that there will be additional shearing next year. At some point in the future, ditches in the back of the properties will need to be cleared. There was discussion about using the web site to announce upcoming work but the website is not being maintained and is not accessed by the residents.

Citizen Input:

- Mr. Faris reported that the grading work this year was terrible. Gwant Boulevard, a heavily travelled roadway, is in bad condition and will not be able to handle another heavy rain. The road is two ruts filled with water but no water in the swales. Mr. Morris explained that the millings are being considered as a temporary fix to fill holes in the roads until funds are available in the work program for a grading project. Mr. Faris believes that this road needs to be addressed now because it will not survive the rainy season without becoming full of pot holes. The Committee will look into adding Gwant

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Boulevard to the list of streets to be graded. There was discussion regarding school buses damaging the roads.

- Mr. Buuck's neighbor has a water problem on the west side of her property and wants to put in a culvert to go across Grove in order to route the water, however, this would change the water management and would require approval from Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The resident may have a better chance of routing the water if she stays on the east side of the road and routes the water to the back ditch instead. This will not change the water management plan.
- The Committee asked that Mr. Free check to see if any road work can be done this fiscal year.

The next meeting for Charlotte Ranchettes is scheduled for September 19, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Mr. Rinehart's residence located at 6009 Swiss Boulevard, Punta Gorda, FL 33982. This will be a field meeting where each member will review their area and create a plan to identify the roads to be graded during next year's work program. All of the plans will be consolidated into one master plan which will be submitted to Ms. Harrison by the end of September.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department