

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 6, 2014 – Special Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Doug Buuck, David Choken, Joe Dutton and Chuck Rinehart

County staff: Tim Free, Dawn Harrison and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. A roll call of members was taken. A quorum is present.

The approval of the minutes from January 15, 2014 was tabled until the next meeting.

Business:

- Swiss Boulevard – Mr. Free from M&O provided two estimates for line and grade shots and piping to be installed on Swiss Blvd. from Poplar to the ditch on 74. There are four pipes that will be required to provide access to property owners. Two will have to be to grade to allow for proper drainage. Driveways will be topped with shell; there will be no asphalt or concrete. Strip sod will be applied in front of vacant properties. The ultimate goal is to save the road. The project should take 15-20 working days. The road will be broken up and mixed and rolled to create a good base. M&O has a new grader that will be used and will help to save the MSBU money. It is important that after the work is complete, it is not graded by anyone other than M&O staff. If it requires maintenance, it should be reported to M&O and it will be graded. There was discussion regarding replacing pipes that don't meet with the County minimum stating that eventually it will need to be done. The Committee is concerned about creating bottle necks which would create bigger drainage issues. Mr. Buuck mad a motion to increase funding to \$105,000 to enable undersized pipe replacement; the motion was seconded by Mr. Choken and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Harrison reported that the vertical vegetation shearing is currently underway in Tropical Gulf Acres and will be coming to the Charlotte Ranchettes next.
- Property Acquisition Update – Ms. Harrison distributed maps of the area for member review and discussion at the next meeting. She will be meeting with the Attorney's office to discuss the acquisition of properties on Lea and Grove into the MSBU. A public hearing would be required.
- There was discussion regarding individual member areas of responsibility.

Member Comments:

- There was discussion regarding the stop signs being continuously replaced and costing the MSBU money. The Committee requested that they be notified of issues reported by residents.
- Mr. Choken expressed concern regarding access to properties that are just beginning to be used. Access will only be provided if there is current access. If complaints from owners that the ditch restricts their access, they will have to fund the access and it will have to be done according to County standards. The members will need to police their areas.

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- Mr. Buuck stated that a parent of a child that rides a school bus would like to build a rain hut at the bus stop on the NW corner of Alfred and Popular. It was stated that is private property. The parent would have to get permission from the property owner and get a building permit.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Public Works.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Public Works Department

