

MEETING MINUTES
DEEP CREEK STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 17, 2007
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Attendees: Wayne Kowalski, Michael Brown, Philip Palmer, John Biluk, Don Eiler
County – Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond

Minutes: Review of the February minutes was postponed until the next meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the December 19, 2006, minutes. Mr. Eiler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Business:

- Ms. Musselman submitted the pipe lining specifications, as requested by the Committee.
- The Committee received the six-month Actual Report and the Activity Report for February and March 2007.
- Ms. Musselman explained that the County has issued a hiring freeze. Public Works had 13 open positions, which will not be filled.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that the MSBU Budget Workshop will be held in May. If questioned on this MSBU, Public Works will recommend that its rate be reduced to \$50, as there is currently no work program. Mr. Palmer, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Biluk agreed to continue to collect money for future projects and repairs. In response to a question from Mr. Biluk, Ms. Musselman stated that impact fees are only used on a road if its capacity is being increased.
- Mr. Brown requested a copy of the MSBU report. Ms. Musselman advised that the MSBU study can be found on the County website and in the Budget Office. The consultant is proposing three MSBU's (Mid-County, South County, and West County). Phase Two of the study, which will be more in-depth, has begun. Mr. Brown agrees with Commissioner D'Aprile that streets and drainage should be taken care of Countywide, with waterways handled by individual MSBU's.
- Mr. Kowalski presented a formal request for the money spent on the pipe study. He would like the hours broken down, along with the detail of the work. He also inquired about the results of the study. Ms. Musselman reiterated that this was not a drainage study. In December, in response to the Committee's request to have the pipes lined, an engineer checked all the pipes in the field. Mr. Palmer stated that the Committee needs to go forward and cannot continue to argue about this charge. He stated he cannot make any judgments on the specifications of the pipe lining until he is able to review them.

- Mr. Eiler stated that Public Works initially informed members that all the pipes needed to be replaced. Public Works then deferred to pipe lining, which is less expensive than pipe replacements. He stated that a professional, not a Committee member, needs to investigate the pipes. Mr. Eiler added that work needs to be done, and the Committee needs to get control of this. He is against the rate cut of \$50.
- A motion was made to officially object to any reduction of the assessment rate. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Mr. Palmer stated that the Committee should see a presentation about the pipe lining from someone who is experienced with the product. Mr. Brown stated they are unaware of the quality of this product. Ms. Musselman stated that other counties are using this product in their sewer systems. Mr. Palmer discussed researching other counties' use of this product. He said that every pipe does not need to be done, and age does not determine the need for replacement. Based on Mr. Palmer's assessment, Mr. Kowalski said we are waiting for a pipe failure. Mr. Palmer responded that no pipe failures have occurred. Mr. Kowalski stated that residents will be very upset during the rainy season. Mr. Eiler advised that pipes are on the verge of failure. Mr. Palmer stated that every road in Deep Creek does not need to be paved. Mr. Eiler commented that we are past that issue, but drainage needs to be determined. There was discussion about a list of failed pipes from Sections 20 and 23.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that she received a request to cover up graffiti on the road but was unsure of what action to take, since the Committee made a motion at the last meeting to do only necessary repairs. The Committee discussed the request and agreed to cover the graffiti.
- The members discussed a request from a resident whose culvert pipe is rusted and broken, which is causing the concrete driveway to crack. Ms. Musselman stated that this is in the public right-of-way, and the pipe could affect drainage for other residents. She stated that residents can install driveway pipes at their own cost, and the County will maintain them. Mr. Eiler made a motion for Public Works to do the necessary repairs at this location. The motion was seconded and carried three to one.

Open Floor:

- Ms. Kim Jakubaitis submitted a request to Mr. Tom O'Kane for additional signs on Aysen Drive. A resident needed medical attention, and EMS could not locate her residence. EMS has a GPS device and should have been able to find her. Mr. Palmer stated that the same situation is happening all over the County. Mr. Kowalski is not sure if anything can be done about this situation.
- Mr. Palmer stated that the subcontractor for the pipe lining is not licensed and is working under a Florida utility license.

- A resident stated that his wife fell on an unrepaired part of Aysen Drive. The damage was initially caused by a contractor who built a home a year ago. Ms. Musselman advised that any resident witnessing a contractor damaging a road or drainage should report it to Mr. Steve Reager at Community Development (743-1955). He will investigate the damage and pursue the contractor for damages.
- Mr. Brown sent an e-mail about a sign damaged by a contractor. Ms. Musselman will check into this.
- Ron Woods, President of Section 23, advised, "don't fix it if it's not broken." The Committee members have two points of view, and preventative maintenance is very expensive. Mr. Woods suggested keeping in mind that work will need to be done. He recommended that the Committee not assume that something needs replaced just because of its age.
- Mr. Brown noted that the original discussion last year about pipe replacement referred to pipes under the roads. Ms. Musselman stated it was for all road crossing pipes and sidelot outfalls. Mr. Brown stated that the outfalls do not affect the road surface. Ms. Musselman noted that the estimated cost presented last year was split, leaving the outfalls out.
- Ms. Kim Jakubaitis said to leave the money in the budget, even if it is not going to be used.
- Per Ms. Musselman, the increase proposed last year to the Board of County Commissioners was the maximum rate. Once a rate is submitted, it can be decreased, but not increased. Mr. Palmer advised not to dwell on the past. Mr. Brown stated they do not want to repeat what happened last year.
- The Committee is anticipating the information requested for the next meeting. Mr. Kowalski stated they need to make a determination in order to move onto the next phase of the pipe lining. Mr. Palmer stated the Committee needs to meet regularly, and Mr. Eiler stated they need to prioritize the work. Mr. Palmer suggested they discuss the MSBU consultant recommendation at the next meeting.
- Ms. Musselman needs to get a copy of the mowing contract quote from the property association. She stated that, if the contract can include mowing green belts and rights-of-way, this cost can be removed from the MSBU budget and put into the Property Owners Association budget, if they desire.
- Mr. Brown stated they want to do this the most economical and less painful way for the residents. The residents are questioning what the taxes are and what work will be done for the money.
- The Committee discussed the difference in the assessment rate for vacant and occupied property. Ms. Musselman stated that vacant properties pay \$9 more for

right-of-way mowing, but the cost of mowing is much more than the revenue being collected. She stated that, if the mowing is taken out and put into the contract with the property association, the assessment for vacant land will be reduced to the same as occupied.

The next scheduled meeting is May 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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