

MEETING MINUTES
DEEP CREEK STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 17, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Michael Brown, Philip Palmer, John Biluk, Daniel Gawenda
County – Dawn Harrison, Jeff Keyser, Mike Dallenbach, Alan Holbach, Kim Raymond

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the July 2, 2008, minutes as submitted.

Business:

- Mr. Palmer inquired about the report reflecting the breakdown costs for the Nuremburg project, as requested at the last meeting. Ms. Harrison informed him that the financials were submitted to him.
 - Mr. Jeff Keyser, Paving Project Manager, requested all residents' concerns. Mr. Biluk asked how Public Works determines when a road needs to be paved. Mr. Keyser stated they look at the age and condition. Mr. Palmer said the age should not be considered, and residents do not have the money to do wholesale paving. He does not feel all the roads need paved. Mr. Keyser advised that every road has a life span and, once a road reaches it, it is inspected. The condition of the road is entered into a database and receives a score. This score determines how a road is classified. Mr. Keyser said it is cheaper to pave a road before it fails.
 - Mr. Palmer has a problem with accountability for large projects. He feels estimated costs are needed before the project begins and breakdown costs after completion, and he is concerned about staff costs. Mr. Keyser explained the process of establishing a paving plan and stated that all his contracts have the costs for staff and contractors included. Mr. Keyser stated that each road is done differently depending on the condition, and accumulated costs can be supplied throughout the project.
 - The Committee received the Activity Report for June through August. Mr. Biluk said the Committee was unaware of the work shown on the report. He stated they need to be notified about scheduled work prior to the start date.
 - Mr. Keyser presented the cost of paving based on 2009 prices. Paving all 77 miles of roads would cost \$10 million dollars. He would recommend the tax assessment be increased by \$50 per ERU for ten years and the road and bridge roads will be funded by gas tax. The project would take approximately eleven months to complete. The MSBU would need to have the money in the budget for 2010.
 - The Committee discussed the importance of doing drainage work prior to paving. A plan needs to be developed before any decisions can be made. It was suggested that this be presented at the Property Owners' Association annual meeting. The prior drainage inspection report cannot be used, as all metal pipes will be replaced with concrete ones.
 - Mr. Palmer would like to see specifications before any contract is submitted. It was clarified that the road base in Deep Creek consists of shell.
 - Mr. Keyser explained the rejuvenation process, which occurs a year after paving.
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- The road base is failing near the nursing home on Capricorn Boulevard. The Maintenance & Operations Department (M&O) is repairing the patch today.
- The pipe between the lakes is deteriorating, and Mr. Brown inquired about it being the responsibility of Mid-County Stormwater. Ms. Musselman said there is a map that indicates the pipes that are the responsibility of the Stormwater MSBU. Mr. Brown said the Stormwater MSBU does not spend any money on their control structures.
- M&O will prepare an estimate for the pipe inspection and the project and submit it at the next meeting. Mr. Palmer advised that they do not want any pipe liners. Mr. Holbach stated that they have a new contractor handling pipe liners.

Open Floor:

- Mr. Joe Harris inquired about the burden rate for M&O staff to perform the pipe inspection. He also asked about cleaning the Desoto Canal. Ms. Harrison said the north and south canals are scheduled to be done but will check on the east and west.
- Mr. Biluk noted they had previously discussed adding other roads (Heron Creek) into the MSBU. Ms. Harrison advised that these are private roads and cannot be added.
- Mr. Gawenda asked if the as-builts will be updated as the roads are changed and paved.
- Mr. Palmer said the swales were re-cut on Tierra Del Fuego Circle and Paratins Drive but sat for two months before sod was placed. Most of it washed back in, and there needs to be more erosion control. Mr. Palmer said the work is not getting done properly, and the residents are not getting what they paid for.
- Mr. Gawenda discussed the side lot outfall on Copiapo Circle. Ms. Harrison said that M&O will contract the work out, because they cannot get their equipment between the homes. They will do the lining for these pipes. The plantings and gardens that residents have in the rights-of-way and easements are their responsibility and will be removed.
- Mr. Palmer was given a report with the breakdown of costs for the Nuremburg project.

Agenda items for the next meeting include M&O's explanation of the side lot outfall issue, the opinion of the County Engineer, and the estimated cost for the pipe inspection.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room at 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative

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