

MEETING MINUTES
DEEP CREEK NON-URBAN STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 21, 2015 – Regular Meeting
9:00 A.M. - Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Daniel Collins, George Kearns, and Ron Woods

Absent: Lorenzo Lovato (excused), John Sheridan (excused)

County: Mike Dallenbach, Joanne Vernon, Dawn Harrison, Rick Doll, and Kelly Louttit

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. A roll call was taken that determined a quorum was present.

The meeting notes from January 13, 2015 were unanimously approved as amended.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Paving schedule: –Mr. Kearns questioned timeframe for paving. Ms. Vernon stated Phase 1 is in the current paving contract to begin in June with repair work and in July repaving will begin. Base repairs were discussed. Mr. Kearns questioned how long Phase 1 will take to complete. Ms. Vernon will get the information and forward it to Ms. Harrison. Mr. Collins asked if the project could have an earlier completion date. Ms. Vernon advised no because of costs and pipe relining. Discussion occurred on funding and repayment of the loan. Mr. Kearns asked if special permitting is required regarding endangered species when relining of the pipes in Phases 2, 3, 4. Ms. Vernon explained as long as there is no species in the immediate work area then no permit is required. Mr. Kearns asked if the contract has been awarded for Phase 1 and Ms. Vernon confirmed. Discussion occurred on paving locations and the Greater Port Charlotte area will be paved before Deep Creek. Rejuvenation versus paving details was discussed.

New Business:

Status of Entry Projects

- (I-75 & Kings Highway)- Mr. Kearns questioned why funding was removed from the Deep Creek area. Mr. Dallenbach stated the landscaping project for the Kings Highway/ I-75 Interchange was tabled to wait for the I-75 widening to be completed. FDOT has been contacted so the permit stays active until after construction is complete. The funding earmarked for this project was moved to the 776/41 project.
- Projects to address congestion at Sandhill and Kings Highway- Mr. Kearns questioned the Engineering Study for Sandhill Blvd. and Kings Hwy. He believes the criteria being used is out of date and the report is incomplete. Ms. Vernon stated the report was revised after the Commissioners reviewed the information. Ms. Vernon stated the Commissioners do not want to widen or realign Sandhill but want to extend the turn lanes. Mr. Kearns does not agree with the Commissioner's findings because future development equals more traffic. Mr. Kearns suggested adding 3 seconds to the light cycle at Sandhill Blvd. Rick Doll stated a timing study is currently being conducted and Sandhill Blvd is included in the study. Operation of the lights, traffic cameras, timing cycles, and flow of traffic were discussed.

Advisory Committee Open Discussion:

- none

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items: (5 Minute Limit)

Mr. Collins stated he attended the BCC meeting for rate increase and believes the Commissioners had decided the outcome before the meeting even started. Mr. Collins questioned why money is spent on public meetings. Public meetings on rate increases and TRIM notices were discussed. Ms. Harrison explained every property owner receives a notice for public hearings. Mr. Kearns questioned if paving would be concurrent with North Port Charlotte. Ms. Harrison advised the contractor will do preparation work then pave.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Submitted by:

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