

MEETING MINUTES
GARDENS OF GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 5, 2012
Gardens of Gulf Cove Club House

Attendees: Jack Anderson, Mel Rathbun, Greg Smyth

County: Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Absent: Carolyn Stone (unexcused) & Martha Vanderbilt (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. and a roll call determined a quorum was present.

Mr. Anderson drew a two-year term for his appointment. This leaves a three-year term for Carolyn Stone's appointment.

Mr. Smyth was elected as interim chair at the last meeting. There was discussion regarding postponing elections again until the next meeting. The discussion ended with Mr. Anderson making a motion to elect Mr. Smyth as the permanent Chair, the motion was seconded by Mr. Rathbun and passed unanimously. The Committee agreed to elect the Vice-Chair at the next meeting.

- The process for excused absences from the meeting was discussed. Mr. Smyth will contact Ms. Stone about today's absence.
- Member status was reviewed by Ms. Wright. There is one opening for an alternate member. There was discussion regarding part time residents being Committee Members. Ms. Nothdurft reviewed the Ordinance which states that Committee members must be residents within the Unit. The Ordinance does not differentiate between full or part time residents, property owners or renters.
- The minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting were unanimously accepted as written.

Old Business

- Ms. Nothdurft answered the list of questions posed at the last meeting.
- There was discussion regarding the Lakeview Restaurant and Banditos Bar property. Ms. Nothdurft stated that they do not pay into this MSBU due to the properties not abutting to a County maintained road within the Unit. The Committee stated access to the Lakeview Restaurant is through an easement that butts up to Coliseum Blvd. which is a County maintained road. Ms. Nothdurft will research to see if the access easement through the vacant property from Coliseum to the Lakeview Restaurant has any impact on the assessment rate for the restaurant property. The Committee stated the lake located behind the restaurant is not owned by the MSBU however, it butts up against Alberta Avenue which is within the MSBU and is maintained by the County. The Committee expressed concern over the amount of debris in the water. Ms. Nothdurft will research and report back to the Committee.
- Ms. Nothdurft distributed draft maps of the MSBU. The Committee agreed to accept the map as is and the word draft will be removed from the maps. Ms. Nothdurft will update and distribute a new final version to the Committee members.
- Street Sweeping – Ms. Nothdurft stated the details of the street sweeping contract. There was discussion regarding decreasing during the winter and increasing during the summer. Mr. Anderson made a motion to add July to the schedule at a cost of \$765.70. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rathbun and passed unanimously. Ms. Nothdurft will request a change order to have the contract modified.

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- Handicap access to sidewalks – Ms. Nothdurft contacted county staff about federal or state funding for handicap access to the new sidewalks. Mr. Black stated that he is unaware of any funding availability and stated that if there are any it would be Federal. He stated that the entire County is being examined for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project has been underway for the past nine months. When the report is complete it will be forwarded to the Engineering Department who will be responsible for developing a time line to bring the County into compliance. Ms. Nothdurft will research to see if there is any funding available from the one cent sales tax for sidewalks in this MSBU.
- Sidewalks – There was discussion regarding sidewalks. Ms. Nothdurft distributed and explained a map of the proposed sidewalks to the Committee. There is approximately 1800 linear feet of work. The project will not start until after October 1, 2012 for the 2013 fiscal year. The project will be contracted out and managed by County staff. Ms. Nothdurft stated that once the sidewalks are complete, the Committee will have to budget \$5000 per year for maintenance.
- Divider on Coliseum – Ms. Nothdurft researched and found that the divider was required by the State. The Committee would need to contact the County Engineering Department to discuss removal of the divider. The discussion regarding divider removal ended with the Committee agreeing to table the discussion until all members are present.
- Resurfacing – Ms. Nothdurft researched and reported to the Committee that the last resurfacing was done during February and March of 2005. The Committee should not have to be concerned about resurfacing for another 15 years. The Committee may want to give some careful consideration to lowering the assessment rate; however the Committee should avoid frequent fluctuation of the rate. The Committee stated that there is a section of heavily traveled Englewood Road between Coniston and Coliseum that needs attention. Magnets were handed out to the Committee members to enable immediate customer service access to the necessary number to report problems. Ms. Nothdurft will report the area to Maintenance & Operations (M&O) for investigation.
- Ms. Nothdurft distributed the Activity and Budget Reports for review and discussion. There is a formula that is used to calculate an acceptable amount to be in reserves. Ms. Nothdurft explained that although the budget states reserves for future/paving assessment, the funds are flexible. The majority of the sidewalk funding was taken from these reserves. Ms. Nothdurft will research the formula and report back to the Committee.
- Tree Trimming - The Committee stated that the trees along 776 need trimming. Ms. Nothdurft stated that a supervisor from the M&O Department examined the trees and found the growth at the bottom of a wire; however it is not an FPL wire. FPL will not address trimming until it becomes an issue for them. The Committee can approve the funding for tree trimming if they want them cut before FPL is ready to trim them. There was discussion regarding installing additional dwarf sized trees in front of the tall trees that are located on State property to provide more of a sound barrier from the SR776 traffic. Ms. Nothdurft will forward State contact information to the Committee. Mr. Anderson stated that there have been requests from residents to replace some of the dead cedars.
- Questions/topics for future discussion
 1. Projected time line for the sidewalk project.
 2. Committee would like to address lots without sidewalks on roads off of Copper Ave. Mr. Smyth will identify the lots to be considered.

Next meeting scheduled for December 5, 2012 at 10:00a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.