

MEETING MINUTES
GARDENS OF GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 25, 2013 – Regular Meeting
2:00pm - Gardens of Gulf Cove Club House

Attendees: Jack Anderson, Stacey Andersen, Bill Breen, Greg Smyth, and Martha Vanderbilt

Absent: Mel Rathbun (unexcused)

County: Tara Musselman, Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

The minutes from May 15, 2013 were unanimously approved as amended.

Unfinished Business:

- Sidewalk Construction Project – Ms. Musselman, Project Manager from the Engineering Department provided a status update on the project. The 100% plans/Bid Specifications were received today and should be to the Purchasing Department by next week to be put out to bid within approximately 3-4 weeks. ADA Compliance will require upgrades at the intersection of Drucker and Coliseum, at Coliseum and Muriel as well as at the private driveways. The installation of a path from the sidewalk to the entry door of the Recreation Center and from the sidewalk to the Club House are also ADA requirements. MSBU funds cannot be used for the path installation, as this is private property and is the HOA responsibility. Ms. Musselman will provide project status updates as soon as they are available to Ms. Nothdurft to forward to the members. The Committee expressed concern over the length of time it has taken to receive the plans and the slow progress of project.
- Lots Without Sidewalks – Ms. Musselman stated that an approximate estimate to design the installation of sidewalks on the vacant lots would be \$55,000 and another \$300,000 to construct them. As sidewalks are added, the existing sidewalks would have to be brought up to current ADA Standards. The Committee wants to discuss this with the HOA Board before making a decision to move forward with the project. Mr. Anderson made a motion to table the discussion on sidewalks at vacant lots; motion was seconded by Mr. Breen and passed unanimously. There are no County-wide funds for MSBUs to use to bring existing sidewalks up to ADA compliance.
- Sidewalk Repairs – The sidewalk repairs on 6414 Coniston began today. The sidewalks will be popped up and millings will be placed temporarily. The trees will be removed and stumps ground after the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1, 2013 and then the sidewalk will be reinstalled.
- Median on Coliseum – There was discussion regarding the removal of a section of the median on Coliseum. Parts of the median were removed at the request of the Lakeview Restaurant, which does not pay into the MSBU. The Committee was not consulted prior to its removal and asked who paid for the removal of the median. The Committee requested that the section be reinstalled due to it presenting issues with the traffic. Ms. Nothdurft conveyed the message from the Transportation Engineer who stated the County would have to wait to review the location again until the construction of the proposed McDonalds project. Once the new proposed development goes in, the County will analyze the safety situation and act accordingly. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up on who funded the median removal.
- Sioux Waterway – The Public Works Department does not do routine vegetative maintenance for waterways. If there is a drainage blockage or a tree down, the County will address this situation.
- Speed Limits & Stop Signs - There was discussion regarding lowering the speed limit and installing additional Stop signs. The Transportation Engineer sent an e-mail stating that there is currently no ordinance in place that allows less than 30 miles per hour (mph) in the County. Thus, it will not be possible to lower the speed on Coliseum to 25 mph, as previously requested by the Committee.

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Mr. Anderson made a motion to lower the speed on Coliseum from 35 to 30 mph; motion was seconded by Mr. Breen and passed unanimously. The Transportation Engineer also stated that based on field visits and no crash history, the intersections of Bennett Dr. & Coliseum and Legend & Coliseum don't warrant 4-Way Stop Signs. If the Gardens of Gulf Cove community wants to pursue the 4-Way Stop Signs, this may be done through the POA. The Committee also asked the cost of installation of 4-Way Stop signs and associated striping.

New Business:

- Entrance Signs – The Committee agreed this discussion should be removed from the agenda; past discussions revealed there is no space to move the sign closer to the highway due to the State of Florida owning the land
- Sunshine Law – There was discussion and handouts distributed regarding the Sunshine Law. Mr. Anderson conveyed that he is resigning due to the communication constraints that the law places on him in his position of President of the POA.
- Drainage Line Erosion – at 13498 Darnell Ave. Mr. Slade checked it and found the pipe was failing. A crew with a back hoe will be sent to make the necessary repairs. The pipe is an older style galvanized pipe and it may need to be lined in the future. A small sinkhole will also be repaired on Bronze.
- Drainage Maintenance – The recent heavy rains have cause standing water and slowed drainage in a few areas within Gardens of Gulf Cove. However, the Committee agreed that there are no serious drainage problems. It was noted that the policy on drainage is that stormwater should drain within 72 hours. Copies of the March 2006 Drainage Study for Turtle Lake at Gardens of Gulf Cove were distributed.
- Activity Report – distributed for review and discussion.

Public Input:

- Mr. Armstrong, a member of the West County Stormwater Utility MSBU and resident of Gardens of Gulf Cove, asked the Committee to forward any items that may pertain to the West County Stormwater Utility MSBU to him so that he can take them to their meeting.
- Topics for discussion at the next meeting:
 1. Sidewalk update
 2. ADA Compliance
 3. Coliseum Speed limit update
 4. Activity Report

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2013 at 2:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

**GARDENS OF GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2013

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