

MEETING MINUTES
GREATER PORT CHARLOTTE STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 19, 2014 – Regular Meeting
10:00 A.M. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Laurence Daniels, Stephanie King, Bob Logan and Grover Mudd

Absent: Gary Farino (excused)

County: Dawn Harrison, Chuck Koons, James Layport and Sandy Wright

Meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m

A roll call of members was taken that determined a quorum was present.

The minutes from the December 18, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- Paving – Staff from the Engineering Department gave a status update on the paving project. The funds that were in the FY2012/2013 paving budget were not all spent therefore the MSBU received a refund back into their account. Paving was less expensive last year than it was the year before. A change order will be processed to pull out the Olean #2 area due to CCU tearing up the roads for a utility project. This section will be added into the FY2015 paving project after the work is complete. Removing Olean #2 from this year's paving program allows for those funds to be put towards the Olean #8 area, and also will include a small section in the Peachland area. Residents have contacted the commissioners regarding the Peachland area. There was discussion regarding the paving being done in a timely manner. Mr. Koons stated the paving program can utilize as much funding as is available. Mr. Farino's road was reviewed and it does need to be done and will be put in the FY2015 budget. After all the paving is caught up, the program will be reviewed for the feasibility of paving every year or every other year. There was discussion regarding future scheduling for the paving program. Finance said there will be \$3.5 million available for paving in GPC. That amount should enable 28-30 miles of road to be paved. Funding hasn't been available to do more paving than what has been done. The areas at Inverness to Sheehan and Peachland to Midway were scheduled in for 2014; however they have been pulled out and will be put into the 2015 schedule. The rate increase helped to make progress on the roads. Mr. Koons suggested a possible small rate increase. Planning for the FY2015/2016 budget will start by the next meeting. Mr. Logan stated that this Committee has a good track record over the past few years and can't afford to wait and should get the money that is necessary to accomplish what needs to be done. Mr. Mudd stated he has tried for a \$5-\$10 rate increase but he keeps getting negative feedback when it comes to asking for such a small increase instead of a larger one. Right now we are doing what needs to be done to stay on top of the paving. Ms. Harrison stated a small rate increase could be done without going through the public hearing process. A mass mailing for this MSBU would be very expensive. The current maximum rate is \$170 with the current assessments being \$163.73 for unoccupied and \$149.00 for occupied. There was discussion regarding which would be best, a larger increase or a small one. Ms. King stated she is in the sewer area where some citizens are going to be assessed an additional \$500 a year and any amount is going to be noticed and not looked at favorably. The best prices for paving are continuously being researched to make sure the County gets the best prices possible. The Committee asked if there is anything else they can do to help the Engineering Department. Mr. Koons suggesting talking to the citizens about the paving in their area and let Engineering know if there are issues. Paving costs have stayed pretty constant the past couple of years. In October when the 2015 paving program is put out to bid, there may be a need to look at more funding. Mr. Mudd reported a citizen complaint on Orlando at the last block before Peachland; the road is rutted out, a person almost got hit because the road is so bad cars have to drive up on the sidewalk to get around. The side is completely caved in. Ms. Harrison will report to M&O. There was discussion regarding hydraulic leaks from the Waste Management trucks. The fluid can eat up the asphalt. This must be reported to Waste Mgmt. Some leaks are so bad the truck can be tracked through the neighborhood. The Committee would like to make the offenders be responsible for the repairs and asked to invite a member from the Attorney's office and Risk Management to attend the next meeting to discuss legal options. The Committee expressed their pleasure and thanks for the job the paving staff has done.

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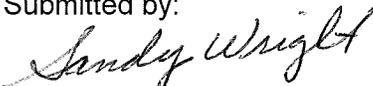
New Business:

- Financial Reports – The 3 Month Actual report was distributed for review and discussion. All the paving amounts have not been posted at the time this report was created.
- The Committee would like to know if there are any projects that will take place in Parkside that will have an effect on GPC funds. The Community Redevelop Department would be able to provide that information.
- ADA sidewalks – Mr. Mudd stated that the curb cuts requirements have changed. In the past, anytime paving was done the new curb cuts were required at that time. Mr. Mudd stated that the Federal ADA Advisory Committee stated that all curb cuts must be addressed even if there is no repaving project planned or underway. If the changes are not made the County could face a Federal fine. All curb cuts must be brought up to ADA Compliance. Most all the old narrow sidewalks have not been done. Walk Black has a diagram of the locations. GPC would be responsible for funding; however there may be grant money available. The curb cuts have been done on the roads that have been repaved. Rate increases must be planned for by September 2014. Mr. Quick stated that he will be interviewing for new positions and he plans to review Walt Blacks list with the new staff to start addressing some of these issues. The list of the improvements will be looked at to see what County staff can address and what would need to be turned over to a contractor. The curb cuts are the only item that is being pushed for by the Federal Government at this time. Mr. Quick wants to start addressing this as soon as possible based on funding. There is a “Safe Routes to School Program” that is very interested in the sidewalks.
- There was further discussion regarding a rate increase. It will need to be discussed further and voted on by the Committee. A public hearing and BCC approval would be required to raise the maximum rate above the current \$170. Ms. King would like to table this discussion until the paving costs are posted in the Actual Report so the Committee will have documentation to back up the need for a rate increase. There was a comment that funding that currently goes towards piping should come to an end or get to a maintenance level at some point; these funds could be put in the budget for paving an maybe eliminate the need for a rate increase.
- Work Order Overview – 12 pages of open requests were distributed to the members for review.
- Mr. Mudd asked for a mowing schedule. Ms. Harrison will forward the information the Committee.
- Mr. Daniels concerned that the public must realize that we can't continue to get more services without paying more.
- Mr. Daniels asked if the PIO for the County be invited to the next meeting. Ms. Harrison will follow up.
- Items for next meeting agenda: Legal, Risk Management and New Budget

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2014, September 17, 2014, and December 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21a.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

