

Gulf Cove Waterway Benefit Unit Advisory Committee
May 21, 2013 – Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: John “Steve” Eckstrom, Arthur Jozwiak, Joel Trefry, and Edward Speer

Absent: Ron Kubala (unexcused)

County staff: Chuck Mopps, Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes from March 12, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

The status of the Committee was reviewed; there is currently one vacancy for a regular member.

Unfinished Business:

- As requested, Ms. Nothdurft sent an email to Donna Draus with the Committee’s response to her dredging request. No response has been received back at this time.
- Letter to Public Works – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that the letter has been passed to Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit and was discussed at the March 14, 2013 meeting. The estimate for M&O to trim and haul away the cuttings is \$130,000; the cost by a contractor without hauling the trimmings away would be \$12,000. At the March 14, 2013 meeting, Mr. Free suggested waiting a year to get closer to the next budget cycle to get a more accurate estimate from an outside contractor. Mr. Jozwiak commented on a job well done by the last contractor. He especially appreciated the truck that went ahead of the trimmers to search out locations that needed to be trimmed.
- Outfall Letter – Ms. Nothdurft forwarded Mr. Jozwiak’s letter to Ms. Vernon, Assistant County Engineer. Ms. Vernon responded that the outfalls cannot be raised without going through the permitting process. Raising the outfalls will affect the drainage with water remaining in the swales during the rainy season. There was discussion regarding the standing water creating a breeding place for mosquitos. The discussion was tabled.
- West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Joint Meeting – The meeting was held on March 21, 2013 and draft meeting notes from the meeting were distributed. Mr. Killion from the Stormwater Unit provided an overview and stated that the meeting was an opportunity for the units to work together and discuss storm water management concerns.
- Future Dredging - There was discussion regarding the professional pre-hurricane surveys used to prove storm damage to FEMA after a storm event. Mr. Mopps recommended that the Committee apply to dredge to 5 feet the next time a dredge is done. He suggests the Committee address only areas that are problem areas and to bank any unused funds for a deeper dredge. There was discussion regarding who is responsible for funding the clean out of some of the canals. Ms. Nothdurft explained that the cleaning of primary ditches is funded by the Stormwater Utility Unit. Maps of the West Charlotte Stormwater primary ditches will be distributed at the next meeting.
- An explanation of partial ERU’s was distributed for review and questions.

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New Business:

- Financial Reports – The Activity and Financial History Reports were distributed for review and questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Submitted by:



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Public Works Department

