

MEETING MINUTES
GULF COVE STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 18, 2006
9:30 a.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Tony Hofstede, John Killeen, Claire Kuhlman, Randy Roberson, Bette Lyttle
County – Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond, Barry DeMello

Minutes: No minutes approved.

Business:

- The Committee reviewed the Activity Reports for October and November, 2006. Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that any work done by an outside contractor would not be on this report.
- Ms. Musselman told the Committee that the County has hired a consultant to review the MSBU system.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that there would be no increases to the 2007/08 Budget unless the members addressed their request to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).
- Ms. Lyttle stated that this Committee cannot afford to get further behind with the amount of maintenance that needs to be accomplished. Ms. Kuhlman stated that \$70,000 was taken from reserve when the assessments were reduced from \$50 to \$25. Mr. Roberson stated their paving program has been pushed back due to the BCC cutting their budget in half last year. This will put their community two years behind their neighbors, Gardens of Gulf Cove and Englewood East.
- The Committee discussed future projects such as: paving for 2009; increased mowing to six times a year; drainage; landscaping for \$50,000; a contract services increase to \$50,000 and beautification mowing of \$15,000 to be included in the budget. Ms. Musselman will present the estimated figures, based on the revised budget, at the January meeting. The Committee can use these figures to present to the BCC for an increase. Ms. Musselman suggested a mailing be done after the BCC presentation to inform the residents of a possible increase.
- Mr. DeMello suggested increasing contract services to enable the contractor to mow more frequently and then Public Works can maintain the brush cutting.
- Beautification mowing consists of the medians and mulching, while maintenance mowing maintains the rights-of-way. The State will need to be contacted to have the trash picked up at the entrance before mowing.

- West Charlotte Stormwater will maintain the canals only if they are impeding the water flow.

Open Floor:

- **Joel Trefry** - He stated that not everyone on his street wants their road paved, and that vacant roads do not need to be paved. Ms. Lyttle informed him that it is difficult for the contractor to differentiate between the roads. The previous estimate for paving is \$300 per unit for 10 years. Ms. Musselman stated that currently the price for paving is approximately \$200 per unit for 10 years.
- **Al Benedetti** - He stated that while he was in favor of an increased assessment for needed projects, those projects were not completed. He is not in favor of paving vacant roads that have no water or electricity, and suggested paving where the majority of the residents live. Mr. DeMello informed him that it costs more to fix the roads that are not used and that unused roads fall apart quicker.
- Ms. Musselman explained that all roads would be surveyed before the paving process begins. Within one to two years after the roads are paved, a rejuvenation process is applied to help preserve the roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The Next Scheduled Meetings:

- Monday, January 29, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church.
- Monday, April 30, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church.
- Monday, July 30, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church.
- Monday, October 29, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

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