

MEETING MINUTES
Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Advisory Committee
June 21, 2012
4:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church

Attendees: Ron Kubala, Jose Subero, Richard Van Acker, and Ron Wozniak

Absent: Larry Singleton (excused)

County staff: James Layport, Chuck Koons, Bob Halfhill, Marty Simone,
Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright,

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

The minutes from the March 14, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

- Committee Status - Ms. Wright reviewed the status of the Committee, stating that there is one vacancy for a regular member. Mr. Kubala has applied to fill that vacancy. His application is scheduled to go before the Board of County Commissioners on July 10, 2012. If he is approved, there will be one vacancy for an alternate member. The member's term dates were stated.
- Election of Officers – Mr. Van Acker made a motion to appoint Mr. Wozniak to continue as the Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kubala and it passed unanimously. Mr. Wozniak accepted the nomination. Mr. Kubala made a motion to nominate Mr. Van Acker as the Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wozniak and it passed unanimously. Mr. Van Acker accepted the nomination.
- Road Paving Project – There was discussion regarding the status of the paving project. Mr. Wozniak reviewed minutes from prior meetings to provide a summary review to the current Committee members. Mr. Koons stated that the West County Paving Contract will go before the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday June 26, 2012 for approval. There is a pre-construction meeting with the contractor scheduled for July 18, 2012. Mr. Koons stated that the Engineering Department has been getting very good pricing on road paving and recommended that the Committee consider borrowing the additional funds to pave all of roadways within the Unit. If the Committee waits, the cost to pave the 12 miles of roadways that are left out of this project would be substantially higher and could very likely double by the time those roads are addressed. Mr. Simone from the Finance Department explained options for borrowing, funds that are available in the Committee's budget and interest rates. Loans are negotiated by the Clerk of Courts office, not the Finance Department. Mr. Wozniak stated that he is concerned that there may be a risk of a tax increase by borrowing the additional money to pave all the roads. Mr. Layport passed out area maps showing which roads would not be included in the paving plan which would affect 40 homes. There was discussion with citizens and the Committee.

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Citizen input was allowed to enable the Committee to decide whether they wanted to change the previous Committee's recommendation to include all of the roads. The Committee is concerned that the budget would fall short on funding for maintenance items which would force an assessment rate increase by changing the original motion. Mr. Van Acker expressed dissatisfaction that the motion was made during the BCC meeting on July 29, 2011 and nothing has been done. The process was explained to the Committee. The funds were not available in the budget until the new fiscal year which started on October 1, 2011. Purchasing will not put projects out for bid until the budget is approved and the funding is available. The project went out for bid at the beginning of 2012. After long discussions regarding the pros and cons of changing the motion, Mr. Kubala asked for a recap which was given by Mr. Koons and Mr. Simone. The Committee Chair asked if anyone on the Committee was interested in changing the original motion and borrowing the additional funds needed to pave all of the roads. Mr. Kubala made a motion to modify the previous Committee's motion to include all the roads and create a baseline for a future plan. Ms. Wright stated that as an alternate member, and since there is a quorum present, Mr. Kubala is not allowed to make a motion. Ms. Nothdurft explained and discussed an alternate's responsibility on the Committee. Mr. Subero restated Mr. Kubala's motion to modify the previous Committee's motion to include all the roads. The motion died due to no second.

- Activity Report – Ms. Nothdurft distributed the activity report for review and questions.
- Mr. Kubala stated that there are roads that have disintegrated to the point that they are almost impassable. Repairs were made to address the drainage issue on Neville Terrace however, it is still unsatisfactory. Mr. Koons stated that once the roads are approved and scheduled for paving, the drainage is reviewed by Maintenance & Operations before the paving begins. Mr. Kubala requested that the drainage be looked at on Boyle Terrace, Cooper Terrace, Early Terrace, Fleming Street, Forbes Terrace and Neville Terrace.
- Mr. Halfhill stated that all problems must be reported to get corrected. When a swale problem is reported, it is investigated. Funding will not allow for the whole street to be repaired when a problem at one location is reported. The worst swales get repaired first with the remaining swales getting prioritized. As problems are reported, they are put into the Work Order System. They must be in the system to get prioritized.

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Citizen Input:

- Roads are terrible and could prevent the sale of homes.
- Is there a way to override the Committee's decision? The Board of County Commissioners will either approve or deny the Committee's recommendation. Each Board of County Commissioners meeting allows time for citizen input at the beginning of each meeting. Citizens can express concerns at that time.
- Will residents with paved driveways receive prior notice to the work beginning? Yes, a door hanger will be installed at each resident to let them know when the work is scheduled for their street.
- How did the price go from \$7.5 million to \$9.2 million? The Engineering Department had estimated \$9.5 million to pave all the streets; they had no way of knowing what the actual cost will be until the bids came back. The cost of the contract remains the same once agreed upon by the County and Contractor. However, if the cost of liquid asphalt goes up or down by 5% or more, the cost will be adjusted by the contractor accordingly.
- If there are funds left over or the cost of the liquid asphalt goes down, can some of the roads that have houses on them be paved instead of taking a refund from the contractor. Yes.
- Residents living on roads that are removed from the paving plan should not have to pay the assessments. It is not fair that they pay for services that they are not going to benefit from.
- It would have been better to use a fixed interest rate instead of a variable rate when figuring the estimates.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2012 at 4:00pm at the Hope Lutheran Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.