

MEETING MINUTES
Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Advisory Committee
February 26, 2014 – Regular Meeting
4:00pm - Hope Lutheran Church

Attendees: David Cormier, Ron Kubala, Franz Leppla, Larry Singleton, Jose Subero, and Richard Van Acker

County staff: Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

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

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

Member Status Review – Mr. Singleton’s term expires in March and he is not interested in applying for Re-appointment; this vacancy will be advertised.

The minutes from the December 3, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Election of Officers:

Mr. Van Acker stated he was not interested in being the chair; however he would be fine with vice.

1. Mr. Cormier nominated Mr. Van Acker as vice chair, there were no other nominations; Mr. Van Acker accepted the nomination.
2. Mr. Subero nominated Mr. Kubala as chair; there were no other nominations and Mr. Kubala accepted the nomination.

Unfinished Business:

- Paving Project - Mr. Cormier created a list of streets that have not been paved. They are included in the remaining streets previously not paved that will be paved during the 2014 paving plan.
- Waste Management Trucks – Mr. Kubala reported that the large trucks will continue to be used by Waste Management and they are looking into backing up the trucks in the cul-de-sacs. Mr. Kubala will follow-up with Waste Management regarding the trucks backing up. Mr. Van Acker stated that he contacted the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) and Florida Department of Transportation because 90% of NW Port Charlotte streets are marked 6 tires or less. Section 2-4-22 states waste trucks engaged in collection are exempt from the road restriction on vehicles over 6 tires. Now that waste and recycle trucks have 10 – 12 tires, Mr. Van Acker believes that the regulations need to be changed to protect the roads from damage. Mr. Van Acker sent a letter regarding his concerns to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and will forward to Ms. Nothdurft for review by the Public Works Director.
- Drainage at Tip Lots – There was discussion regarding the drainage. Mr. Subero provided a partial list of streets with drainage problems and conveyed that the problem was due to covered or clogged drainage pipes rather than the swales. Mr. Subero estimated that 25% of the 2,000 houses in Gulf Cove need to have the drainage pipes cleaned out in the right-of-way (ROW). The Committee agreed that instead of making new swales, the money would be better spent cleaning the pipes to help the drainage. Mr. Gilbert, a citizen who lives at 13680 Foresman Blvd. stated there are no drainage pipes on his whole block and the street is 5 inches above his driveway. Mr. Gilbert stated that his problem had been inspected by the County and he was waiting to have it fixed. Mr. Kubala made a motion to have Public Works provide a cost estimate to do an evaluation of pipe cleaning throughout the entire Gulf Cove Street & Drainage unit; motion was seconded by Mr. Cormier and passed unanimously.
- Brush Cutting & Vegetation Removal - Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that the new contract was awarded in January and a rough estimate would be approximately \$500,000. The Committee agreed to table this discussion until next meeting.
- Citizen Drainage Concerns – Mr. Gravatte stated that if ROWs were cut more frequently it would eliminate some of the drainage issues. It was explained that the MSBU has agreed to mow 5 times per year. Cutting in

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July and August has been eliminated because it is too wet. Mr. Van Acker stated more cutting would require more money and possibly higher assessments. He stated it costs \$13,600 per grass cut.

Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that she spoke with Maintenance & Operations (M&O) regarding four locations with drainage problems and she will follow up to ensure that 13680 Foresman Blvd. was added to their list.

1. **3261 Gallagher Blvd** – new pipe will be installed in approximately 2 month.
 2. **5289 Forbes Ter.** – pipe was cleaned and the ends were jacked opened.
 3. **5281 Forbes Ter.** – a line and grade will be done in approximately 2 months
 4. **5168 Brunswick Ter.** – Scheduled for repair. Citizen stated the lawn mower equipment was run while the ground was wet causing deep ruts in the ground on both sides of the street.
 5. **5201 or 5221 Neville Terr** – This location is before the outfall by the cul-de-sac. The driveway was completely blocked up with water on both sides. The pipe is filled in with sediment and dirt and needs to be cleaned out.
- There was discussion regarding trimming around fire hydrants. Citizens were told to contact Charlotte County Utilities to report the locations in need of trimming.
 - There was discussion regarding the excessive amount of litter at the areas of Milan & Kilmer and El Salvador between Jennings and Gillot. The possibilities of signage or an adopt-a-road project were discussed. Trash should be put into plastic bags before being put into the large trash containers. Members stated that trash blows out while it is being collected and hauled by the waste trucks. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up to see if trash pickup is done prior to the mowers coming. Monthly mowing schedules are posted on the County website. There is no way of knowing specific days for a specific area. Ms. Nothdurft was asked to see if a Code Enforcement representative could speak at the next MSBU meeting about the illegal trash dumping problem at the next Gulf Cove Street & Drainage meeting.

New Business:

- Paving Request – Ms. Nothdurft distributed handouts prepared by Mr. Koons and Mr. Layport including a map showing the remaining unpaved streets and a list of the roadways not paved as part of the recent Paving Program in Gulf Cove. Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that Mr. Koons stated that the remaining 3 miles of unpaved roadways would cost approximately \$350,000 to repair the base and repave. Fiscal Services had stated that there is sufficient funding available to complete the project in FY 2014. Mr. Van Acker made a motion to pave the last 3 miles of roadways; motion was seconded by Mr. Cormier and passed unanimously. The project will be change ordered into the 2014 paving contract and must be approved by the BCC.
- Financial Reports – The History, 3 Month Actual and Activity reports were distributed for review and discussion. The reports show that the MSBU is funding the cleanup of trash and large items being dumped in a section of the unit.

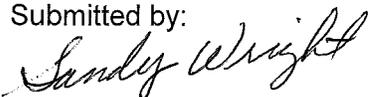
Citizen Input Update:

- Ms. Wirth, the Gulf Cove HOA President, stated at the January HOA meeting the membership requested that the County look into the entrance to Gulf Cove on SR 776 and Gillott; walkers must walk in traffic lanes and it is unsafe. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with this Call Tracker on this.
- The vacant land by the water tanks is being used by hunters. It was reported to CCSO; the caller was told it is legal to discharge a fire arm so long as it is done in a safe manner. When approached, the hunters said they were leasing the property. Mr. Van Acker will follow up.
- There is a line of site issue at Diversey and Gillot. Ms. Nothdurft will follow-up.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 3:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright -Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
GULF COVE S&D ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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