

MEETING MINUTES
Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Advisory Committee
June 5, 2014 – Regular Meeting
3:00pm - Hope Lutheran Church Conference Room

Attendees: David Cormier, Ron Kubala, Franz Leppla, Jose Subero, and Richard VanAcker
County staff: William Hill, Mike Dallenbach, Judith Nothdurft, Venkat Vattikuti, and Sandy Wright
Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

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

There was an introduction of county staff.

The minutes from the February 26, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input:

- Mr. Eckstrom – Reported having a problem with the swale between his house at 5763 David Blvd. and his neighbor. His lawn service quit due to the water in the swale. The outfall is plugged up and the water isn't draining from the swale. The drainage ditch needs to be cleaned where it drains into the outfall on David Blvd between Norlander and Latham. There was a pipe installed between Fleming and Boyle at 5525 David Blvd. that took care of the same type of problem. Mr. Dallenbach will follow-up.
- Mr. Murphy – lives at 13088 Proctor Ave. He reported that the new asphalt is cracking at Proctor Ave., Churchill Rd. and Feldman Ave. It is mainly where the streets join from doing one side then coming back to do the other side. His driveway also has a crack. The swale cutters are leaving behind high grass.
- Mr. Priess – Reported that he contacted the paving contractor to see when they were coming back and was told that they aren't coming back. Ms. Nothdurft conveyed the contractor will return to pave the remaining streets when the Change Order to add the unpaved streets to the 2014 Paving Contract is approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). During controlled burns, other animals besides the scrub jays and gopher tortoises are being displaced. Natural Resources can answer this type of question and address concerns.
- Mr. Outerbridge – lives at 2337 Pappas Terrace and reported where the pipe was put under the road, there is an 8 inch drop and the water doesn't drain. There is always a slough in that location. Public Works is currently working on this.
- Ms. Wirth – Reported that the mowers are tearing up the swales and asked if a cycle mower could be used so the mowers don't have to drive in the swales. Mr. Cormier stated there are mowers with a swing arm that can extend from the roadway into the right-of-way.

Unfinished Business:

- Illegal Dumping – Mr. Hill, the Code Compliance Officer handling illegal dumping gave a presentation to the Committee. He distributed photos of a person dumping trash on Milan St. and asked members and residents to try to identify the dumper so the case can be pursued. This could result in a felony arrest and seizure of the truck. Mr. Hill explained the rules for Waste Management trucks to pick up trimmings. Trimmings must be in front of a residence not in front of a vacant lot. Residents are allowed two bulk pickups per year. Small bundles of trimmings can be placed with the regular yard waste for pick up. Mr. Hill distributed his business card and encouraged the Committee members to contact him regarding illegal dumping.
- Golf Cove Entrance Pedestrian Safety Issue – Mr. Vattikuti, the Transportation Engineer stated he received a request to review the pedestrian safety issues at SR 776 and Gillot Blvd. The problem is in the State right-of-way (ROW) where the sidewalk was not extended during the road expansion by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). There are two options to correct the situation. The County could do the work now, request permission from FDOT to work in the State ROW, and bill the MSBU. The second option is to request FDOT to do the work. Mr. Venkat sent a request with photos to FDOT asking them to fix it during their resurfacing project, which would mean it may be as long as FY2015/2016. Mr. Vattikuti expects a response and timeline by the end of June, which he will forward to Ms. Nothdurft. He will also forward a cost estimate for the work. The Committee agreed to wait for the FDOT response.

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- Waste Management Trucks – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed an update from the Public Works Director, Dan Quick as follows. The practice of trucks backing out is unsafe and placing containers on the side of the road is not practical. Smaller trucks would require renegotiating the contract with Waste Management and will be considered when contract renewal time is up. Ms. Nothdurft was asked to follow up regarding the contract expiration date.
- Gulf Cove Drainage Pipe Cleaning Evaluation – The estimate is not complete.
- Remaining Paving – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that a Change Order to add the remaining unpaved streets of Gulf Cove to the 2014 Paving Contract is going to the Board of County Commissioners for approval on June 10, 2014. The cost is approximately \$384,000 and the funding is available. The cracks will be reported to the Paving Project Manager. Ms. Nothdurft will also obtain the Ajax contact information from the Project Manager.
- Citizen Drainage Concerns – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed the four requests received at the Gulf Cove S & D MSBU meeting some time ago are included on a list of 12 locations that Maintenance & Operation (M&O) will address in approximately 2 weeks. The Committee requested that David Blvd. between Latham and Norlander be added to that list. M & O will investigate.
- Brush Cutting/Vegetation Removal Concerns
 - Mr. Dallenbach conveyed that the power shearing contractor crews are working in areas outside of the Scrub Jay zones in Gulf Cove and South Gulf Cove and must wait till after June 30, when nesting season is over to complete the Scrub Jay areas. The nesting season is March 1 to June 30. Next year, the contract will be written so that the work is scheduled before the nesting season begins.
 - The cost was \$7475.20 for M&O to chip and remove the vegetative debris after the trimming on the finger canal streets. This was a significant savings than if a contractor had done it.
 - Mr. Kubala stated that some locations weren't trimmed high enough and he is concerned about the trees canoping over the roadway on Conner Terrace. Mr. Dallenbach will have County staff trim the trees that are on the County ROW.
 - Mr. Kubala reported that FPL will be replacing a pole and taking down trees that are causing safety concerns on Conner Terrace. Mr. Kubala will also look at other streets for similar concerns. Mr. Leppla will obtain a pole number at another location.
- Mowing Cycles - Ms. Nothdurft stated that it was incorrectly conveyed during the last meeting that each mowing cycle costs \$13,000; the actual cost is \$6000 per cycle which consists of \$5000 for mowing and \$1000 for trash pickup. The mowing schedule is on the County website and is in November, May, June, July, and August. The May cycle was just completed. Mr. Dallenbach made a note to look into a swing mower for the next contract.

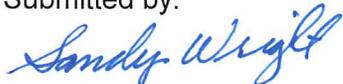
New Business:

- Financial Reports – The History, 6 Month Actual and Activity reports were distributed for review and discussion. Page 1 shows a charge for a clean out of culvert pipes on Mayfair Ave and Pawnee; there are no pipes in that location; photos were provided. Mr. Dallenbach will follow up.
- Mr. Leppla suggested putting up signs for the transfer and recycle centers to let residents know where the disposal sites are. The Committee agreed to call Mr. Hill.
- Ms. Nothdurft distributed a map of the area that shows streets and canals. The Committee requested a copy for each member.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 14, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
 PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
 GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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