

MEETING MINUTES
HARBOUR HEIGHTS STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 13, 2008
11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Vicky Fleming, Maggie Scott, William Moyer, Joan Hayes, Steve Vieira
County - Dawn Harrison, Kim Raymond
Absent - Suzanne Graham

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes:

Ms. Fleming requested that the November 28, 2007, minutes be revised with the following changes:

- The third bullet under Old Business has been revised to state, "Mr. Robinett requested speed control devices on Voyageur."
- The fourth bullet under Old Business has been revised to state, "The motion also indicated that the Garden Club will be involved in the decision."
- At the fifth bullet in the Old Business section, the word culvert was replaced with "catch basin."
- The sixth bullet in the Old Business section was revised to state "Peace River Drive," not Wallace Avenue.
- The spelling of the name of the car carriers was corrected at the seventh bullet in the Old Business section.
- The statement about preventing cars cutting across to the store was removed from the paragraph at the first bullet in the New Business section.

The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Old Business:

- The Committee discussed the meeting between Mr. Alan Holbach and the Garden Club regarding median maintenance. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) had a discussion regarding citizens working on the medians through the Adopt-A-Road program. Ms. Harrison will contact the Maintenance & Operations Department (M&O) to get its decision. The medians are in bad shape and need work right away. Ms. Hayes suggested they wait until the Community Planning meeting on March 12, 2008, to decide what to do about them and funding. Ms. Harrison will look into grant funding for the initial setup of the medians and MSBU funding for reconstruction.

- Ms. Fleming suggested that the Garden Club develop the setup plan for the medians. Their representative stated that Gregg O'Connor, Landscape Project Manager, gave suggestions about removing numerous plants, based on the soil type. The Garden Club will need funding from the MSBU. Ms. Harrison said the County will maintain the medians, until they are directed otherwise. She will get a copy of the plan from Mr. O'Connor and submit it to the members. The Committee reviewed the ordinance to verify that the MSBU funds beautification.
- Ms. Harrison will submit an updated priority list to Ms. Fleming.
- Ms. Harrison stated that equivalent residential unit (ERU) research being done by the consultants is currently on schedule.
- Ms. Harrison discussed the estimated paving costs for Harbour Heights (27 miles of roads) and stated that median changes can be included in the paving contract. The cost will be \$215.40 a year per ERU, in addition to the assessment the residents currently pay. This will make the tax assessment for vacant property \$381.40 a year and \$362.90 for occupied property. These estimated rates would be for ten years. She suggested that the Committee move money from drainage for paving. A public hearing with the BCC will take place in July 2008, with a final hearing in September 2008 for the tax increase. The Committee will discuss this subject with residents at the community meetings to obtain a consensus. Everyone who pays into the MSBU will have their road paved.
- The s-curve at Sulstone Drive and Highland Drive is very narrow and has a bad drop-off. Ms. Harrison stated will submit a work order to M&O. This road cannot be widened, because all the drainage would need to be changed.
- The Committee voted for officers for this calendar year. The vote was three for and one opposed to Ms. Fleming's retention as Chairperson. The Committee voted three for and one opposed to Mr. Vieira's election as Vice-Chairman.
- Mr. Joe Fleming, Chairman of the Harbour Heights Waterway Advisory Committee, requested that this Committee support a 5% assessment on dry lot residents to dredge the waterway. A motion was made for the Committee to accept the waterway proposal, which would be approximately \$20 per ERU per year. Ms. Scott seconded the motion and noted that this would be an additional assessment for the dry lot residents. Ms. Hayes said this needs to be brought to the public hearing with the BCC. Ms. Fleming explained that the Waterway MSBU just wants this Committee to support them when they go before the BCC. The motion carried with a vote of four for and one opposed.
- The Committee discussed cutting the medians short at Broadpoint and Del Prado (northern tip of the southern median), Whitman and Broadpoint, and San Marino and Broadpoint (north tip of the southern median).

- Ms. Harrison said the MSBU study will be presented to the BCC at the end of February.
- The Committee was informed that the paving for 2008/09 needs to be approved today so it can be included in the budget. If the Committee decides later not to go ahead with the paving, it can be pulled out of the budget. Ms. Hayes stated this needs to wait until they talk with the residents. Ms. Fleming made a motion to have Ms. Harrison include the paving in the 2008/09 budget. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at Public Works, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative

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