

MEETING NOTES
HARBOUR HEIGHTS STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 11, 2012
9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Steve Vieira, Joan Hayes, Maggie Scott, John Ginter, William Moyer, James Snyder

Guest: Fran Remondo

County: Bob Halfhill, Dawn Harrison, Judith Nothdurft, Sandy Wright

Mr. Vieira called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 14, 2011 meeting were approved as written

Old Business:

- An update on the Community signs was given. Due to unknown rules and regulations in Harbour Heights, the cost for this project is approximately 30% higher than anticipated. Mr. Halfhill's meeting with the County Administrator, scheduled for last week was canceled. A motion was made and unanimously agreed upon for Mr. Halfhill to reschedule the meeting to discuss the available options.
 1. Get a waiver allowing the designer to do the building. Current policy/procedure doesn't allow this because it is considered to be an unfair advantage for the contractor.
 2. The cost would be approximately \$11,000 to go with the lowest bidder who is out of the area.
 3. Left over funds from another project may be given to this project to cover the additional cost.

Ms. Harrison will provide Mr. Halfhill with a picture of the sign to take to the meeting with Mr. Sandroek.

The Committee expressed a strong interest for the work to be done by a local area contractor even if the cost is somewhat higher but within reason. Mr. Halfhill suggested that if there was a change to the sign, they could start the project over with a "Design Build" estimate. The change would invalidate the previous estimate. Ms. Harrison pointed out that the cost for the design portion of the project would then be incurred twice if this was done. She also pointed out that it may be possible to take left over funds from another project and move it to this one.

- The request to relocate the Direction Sign must be approved through the Engineering Department. Ms. Harrison forwarded the email from Mr. Vieira to the Engineering Department. Mr. Ouimet in Engineering will be looking into relocation today. Ms. Harrison will follow up and forward the status on to the Committee.

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- The Committee discussed the request for sidewalks in Harbour Heights. Mr. Vieira stated that he met with Mr. Elias from Engineering and Commissioner Starr around Thanksgiving to discuss sidewalks. Due to the economy and scale there may be overage in the Sidewalk Budget, and Harbour Heights will be looked at for future plans. The Committee agreed that they need to be more persistent and that it may be beneficial to start writing letters to the Editor's or start up a petition. It was stated that it is more effective to send individual requests to the Commissioners expressing the need for the sidewalks to accommodate the school children that have to walk to school. The School Board also has input as to where the sidewalks are needed the most. Ms. Harrison advised that if the one cent sales tax doesn't pass on the ballot that there won't be any money available for sidewalks and that if the Committee wanted them, the MSBU would be responsible for paying for them. The cost fluctuates due to the cost of concrete. Some areas are going to asphalt instead.

Business:

- Mr. Halfhill advised the Committee that in the past MSBU's have been responsible for any bridge maintenance within their units. He received permission from the previous County Administrator, Mr. Baltz to fund the bridges from the one cent gas tax. Currently there are some bridges that are owned by the MSBU's. If this is applicable to the Harbour Heights MSBU, they will notice a charge removed and funded by the gas tax. It was stated that this is not applicable to the Harbour Heights MSBU. There was a question regarding why D.O.T. personnel is doing the inspections on the bridges instead of County personnel. Mr. Halfhill advised that "ALL" bridges must be inspected by the State. He also stated that a "Functionally Obsolete" rating doesn't mean the bridge is unsafe. It means it is obsolete for current traffic conditions.
- The Committee discussed that Google Chrome will not access the County's GIS mapping website. Ms. Harrison advised the Committee to report any GIS issues to the GIS Department in Murdock as they will be the department responsible for researching and correcting any problems.
- Mr. Vieira requested that the medians be looked at in the Harbour Heights area. The Committee agreed that they are unhappy with the current landscaper. The medians are full of weeds and they currently have some dead trees in them. The Committee feels this is due to the lack of watering. The Committee requested Ms. Harrison to research to see if the butterfly garden is included in the watering contract. Ms. Harrison met with Mr. O'Connor and assured the Committee that the landscaping will go out for rebid at the end of this contract. It was stated that the Horticulture Society labeled all of the plants and that they are going to die without more watering. There was discussion of who would be responsible if a person were to trip on the mulch coming from the landscaping into the walkway when it rains. There was an interest expressed in putting in some sort of curbing or something to stop the mulch from washing out. Mr. Vieira met with the Parks & Recreation Department about a month ago in regards to a 5K run. He said he will address this with them the next time they meet. Ms. Harrison stated that if the Committee wants to increase the \$20,000 in next year's budget that she would need to know now. There was a motion for Mr. Vieira to meet with the Parks & Recreation Department to see what they would be responsible for in resolving this issue. The Committee unanimously agreed.

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- Mr. Vieira stated that the median located by the Convenience Store needs to be completed. The curbing is incomplete leaving nothing in place to prevent erosion. Currently, the dirt is running into the roadway. The question was asked about removing the curbing completely. It was stated that it is a traffic safety issue and must remain in place. Mr. Vieira expressed a concern that he watched a \$200 tree be removed and hauled away during this project. Ms. Harrison advised that if she were made aware of it at the time it happened she could have done something about it. She will research the completion of the project and report back to the Committee.
- Mr. Snyder asked if the issue with the out fall pipe located at Datona & Travino Drive that was referred to in the September 8th meeting notes was resolved. Ms. Harrison stated that Mr. Free looked at it and since it is historical, it cannot be changed. Ms. Harrison will follow up with Mr. Free on the cost of this repair and will report back to the Committee.
- Mrs. Hayes made a motion to leave the tax rate the same. It was unanimously agreed upon by the Committee.
- Mr. Snyder stated that some of the roads within Harbour Heights are very narrow and questioned if they could be made wider when they came up for repaving. Ms. Harrison stated that roads must be repaved at the current footprint in order to maintain proper drainage. She also stated that it would be very costly to change a footprint.
- Mrs. Hayes mentioned the issue of the drainage on Purdue. It was stated that everything that could be done has been done and no further action will be taken on the subject.
- There was a motion to create a \$20, 000 miscellaneous fund in the 2012/2013 budget to allow additional money to be set aside for miscellaneous use. The motion passed with a 3 yes to 2 no vote.

The next meeting for the Harbour Heights Street & Drainage Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday March 7, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.