

MANASOTA KEY MSTU COMMITTEE

February 9, 2010

Beach Villas Clubhouse

9: 30 A.M.

Attendance: Lynn Dahl, B.J. Galbraith, Doug Wallace, Wayne Largent, Steve Stump, Frank Chappell, and citizens.

Mike McClain opened the meeting.

Business:

- Secretary's Report - Mike read the minutes from the last meeting. B. J. Galbraith moved approval of the minutes. Steve Stump seconded and the motion passed.
- Sheriff's Department - Deputy Cotton - There was no report from Deputy Cotton. Mike observed that it might be more appropriate for him to attend the SMKA than us. Committee agreed, and Mike will contact the Deputy and make the suggestion
- Update on Drainage Project - Mike reported that the start date was February 8, 2010. For now, the work is avoiding an eagle's nest on Little Court. Therefore, there is some change in the work order. An electrical sign has been placed on site and it is assumed that it will include notice of water stoppage.
- Additional Fire Hydrants - Mike reported that a request has been submitted to the County to use MSTU funds to add hydrants to the Englewood Water District pipes, but we have no response.
- Update on Landscaping - Contractor reported that there has been some obvious loss of plantings from the recent cold weather. It is too early to tell how much damage. The black olive trees may have been lost and we may need to consider replacements
- The Island Court Bait Shop has repeatedly punctured the drip line with their shrimp sign. After being notified of the problem, the sign was placed in the same location. Therefore, the contractor has capped the line. B.J. suggested that a letter be sent to the business owner to notify them of the problem and to request assistance. Mike will check back with the contractor and will try to talk to the owner.
- Clean and Refurbish Shell - Mike reported that Tom Dignam and Malcolm Robertson will instruct, observe, or do the cleaning of the shell. It will be noted what process will be used, for future reference.
- Derelict Boat in Chadwick Cove - Mike reported that the County has a good process for handling the situation of derelict boats. The County has removed one of the boats and is working on the remaining problems. We will be kept informed as to the process.

- Dingy Dock and Pump-out Station - Mike reported that he is speaking with a potential contractor. The contractor is developing some specifications for placing the dock and the pump-out station. If it is possible to place the dock as free standing, not connected to the sea wall, it will be easier to get permits.
- Lighting - Steve reported that he has checked with a lighting company for additional options for new street lighting. They have made some suggestions. Steve is continuing to explore options. The County is looking for some independent testing on the LED technology and is not sure it would be appropriate in the future. The new vendor Steve is contacting is a national vendor and may have the research that the County would like to see before approving the new fixtures. In the mean time, we need to have an agreement with the county to maintain the existing lights. Mike asked Steve to continue to work with the County about this. Steve agreed and will report back.
- Review Financial Reports - Steve reported that he had submitted a series of questions about our financial reports. Dawn did provide answers to our questions, but we need more and different information. Steve will continue to pursue this with Dawn, and will report to the committee. We do appreciate the information Dawn supplied so far.
- Chairman Comments - Mike reminded us of his request for projects for the coming period of time. We have placed in operation the drainage project. We know about the paving, the lighting, etc. What is next? Steve suggested we consider an engineer for the whole Key. Frank suggested that we consider sidewalks along the rest of the Key, like they are around the roundabout. Doug agreed with Frank about the sidewalks. Wayne suggested that we go back to exploring putting overhead lines underground.
- BJ had a list of items that we had discussed in the past. Included in the list was an additional sculpture added to the Key. She also wants to move the mailbox and refinish the fishing boy sculpture. Previously we had money budgeted for red tide clean-up that we might consider replacing in our budget. She also suggested that we set aside money for replacing damaged landscaping. She gave Mike a written list of her suggestions. Lynn, as a new member, had no additional suggestions. Mike thanked the committee for their comments.
- Members comment's - Lynn was welcomed to the Committee. Doug indicated that he was waiting for reappointment to the Committee. Frank had no additional comments. Steve suggested that the list we discussed, for new projects, be reviewed by the County to see if it is within our responsibility.
- Citizen Input - There were no additional comments from the citizens in attendance.

Next MSTU Committee Meeting is March 10, 2010

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