

MEETING MINUTES
MANASOTA KEY STREET & DRAINAGE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 11, 2012
9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Toby Delbridge, B.J. Galberaith, Doug Wallace

County: Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Guests: Frank Chappell, Thomas Dienrem, Kendall Jackson, Bill Miller, Pat Miller, Malcolm Robertsen, Cheryl Strychowski, and Ed Strychowski,

Meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

The minutes from the January 23, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Membership was reviewed and shows three vacancies for regular members. Mr. Chappell returned a completed application to Ms. Wright who will schedule his appointment at the next available BCC meeting for approval, probably May 8, 2012. Ms. Galberaith was provided applications for other possible volunteers.

New Business:

- Shell Cleaning – There was discussion regarding the cleaning of the sculptured seashell in the round-about with various options discussed with the artist who was present to answer questions; i.e., dipping and powder coating, cleaning and recoating, painting and having water sprinkler spray water on it daily. At the recommendation of the artist, Mr. Delbridge made a motion to enter into an annual agreement with a contractor to power wash the shell every three months with a mild PH balanced soap that does not contain any salt. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace with all members in favor. Members expressed a desire to hire a local contractor to perform the work. Maintenance of the shell will be reviewed after one year of regular cleanings to see if this addresses the problem of buildup currently being experienced.
- Light Pole at the Shell – Mr. Delbridge made a motion to clean and paint the light pole located at the shell in the round-about. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion with all members in favor. It was suggested that a marine grade paint be used in an effort to make the paint last longer.
- Additional Sculpture – Interest was expressed in finding a sculptor who would be interested in doing another smaller sculpture on the island. The Committee will be spending private donations to restore the fish sculpture that was located at a local restaurant. The Committee wants the County to get involved with the installation of the fish after the restoration is complete. A location has yet to be determined.
- Election of Officers – The Committee agreed to wait until the next meeting to elect officers. They are hoping to have additional members on the Committee by then.

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- Weeds & Cracks in New Pavement – Ms. Galberaith reported 24 cracks on four streets that were repaved in December 2011. The Committee requests an inspector review and evaluate the whole area that was recently repaved.
- Lighting – Mr. Stump who is no longer inspecting the lights and reporting problems to the County. It was agreed that it saves money by having community members checking for burnt out lights, creating one list for the contractor to repair. There was discussion regarding dividing up the streets for inspection with outages to be reported to Ms. Galberaith who will pass the master list on to County staff.
- Cleaning of the Flappers – In an effort to save money, the contractor will be asked to submit a before and after picture of the work areas along with their invoice to prove the work was completed. Currently the MSTU is paying to have the work area inspected by a county employee with a minimum of four hours to do the inspections. Ms. Galberaith will observe the areas to see if the work can be verified by a Committee member during low tide.

Old Business:

- Activity Reports – The Activity Report was distributed for review and discussion. Questions that require research are as follows:
 1. Charge for catch basin repair – Was that the cleanout?
 2. Report shows sidewalk maintenance on Friendship Lane – There are no sidewalks on Friendship Lane. Could this be for Beach Road instead?
 3. There are field inspections and paving inspections – What are these inspections?
 4. Charge for cleaning the swale on Dolphin Drive – There is no Dolphin Drive on Manasota Key.
 5. Charges for decorative lighting – What for?

The Committee asked for the reports to include more meaningful descriptions and if they could get a copy of the reports on a monthly basis. Ms. Nothdurft will create a Work Order report that will include a brief description.

- Bricks for Crosswalks – The Committee requested an estimate of costs to install pavers in six crosswalks with the cost difference between pavers and real brick pavers. They never received a cost estimate between rubber & brick pavers. These cross walks have been discussed for the past two years and there is currently a safety concern because they need to be more visible. Mr. Delbridge stated that it doesn't make sense to spend a lot of money on the crosswalks until the Master Plan is complete. Ms. Galberaith made a motion to paint the three crosswalks in the round-about, the one at the Lock & Key Restaurant located at the center of the park, the one at the north side of the south end of the park, and the one at the north end of the park at Chadwick Park for now until the Master Plan is created. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion with all members in favor.

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- New Crosswalk - The Committee would like to install a crosswalk to go across the road at the east side of the small Swepson Bridge to meet up with the pedestrian walk on the side of the bridge that has that walkway on it.
- Letter of Interest – The Committee requested a professional firm be contracted to create a conceptualized, engineered and designed Master Plan for the community. The plan should address sidewalks, lighting, landscaping stormwater and parking. They would like the planner to review and redesign their current facilities and infrastructure, however, they would like to maintain the quaintness of the area. The existing Community Plan is a visionary plan that was created without input from the Committee or citizens. Ms. Nothdurft will research the next step to move forward with creating such a Master Plan.
- Letters to Homeowners –The Committee was notified that there is no ordinance or regulation in place to address keeping the right of way clean. If the MSTU chooses to mail out letters, they cannot be printed on County letterhead. Ms. Nothdurft suggested distributing a flyer to residents. Ms. Galberaith will put an article in the newsletter to get the word out. Storm drains need to be kept clean or drainage may become a problem.
- Dock/Pump-out Station – Ms. Nothdurft will invite Mr. McClain to the next meeting to share his vision for this project with the Committee who agreed not to get the Parks & Recreation Department involved until after their meeting with Mr. McClain.
- Draft 2012/2013 Budget – The Committee reviewed the draft budget. Mr. Delbridge asked about taking money from future improvements for the Master Plan. Unused monies can be moved from one fund to another within the budget. Mr. Delbridge made a motion to approve the draft 2012/2013 budget. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion with all members in favor.
- Bike/Walk Path – The Committee requested that the ground markings on the shoulder be more frequent in an attempt to keep cars from parking on the bike path. Bike path stenciling needs to be on the pavement on North Beach Road from the center of town north to the County line. The Committee is requesting stenciling every 150 yards. They would also like to have the lane width verified on Gulf Blvd and Shoreview. The bike paths on these two roads are as narrow as 18 inches in some areas. The Committee would like to know if something can be done about the narrowness of the lane.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 a.m.