

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MANASOTA KEY STREET & DRAINAGE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**June 13, 2012**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Attendees:** Frank Chappell, Toby Delbridge, Joan Dunham-Card, and B.J. Galberaith

**Absent:** Doug Wallace (excused)

**County Staff:** Judith Nothdurft, Gregg O'Connor, Don Purcell, Jodi Struble, Venkat Vattikuti, and Sandy Wright

**Guests:** Carol Ashton, Paul Burke, and Mr. Pearson

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

The minutes from the May 9, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved with the addition of (excused) behind Doug Wallace's name.

Membership was reviewed and shows one vacancy for a regular member.

**New Business:**

- Bricks for Crosswalks – Mr. Purcell distributed a sample material for the crosswalks and quoted \$255 per square foot for standard and \$285 per square foot for custom patterns. There are five crosswalks, three at the round-a-bout, one at the sidewalk at the exit of the beach parking lot, and one crossing the road at the Lock & Key Restaurant. The cost estimate is \$10,200 for material, \$10,000 for labor to install the 5 crosswalks, white lines around the crossings equals 400ft at \$1,425 and \$2500 labor to install the white lines for a total of \$3,925 for white lines, bringing the grand total to \$24,125. The Committee discussed adding crosswalks at the north end of the beach parking lot and one at the White Elephant. Mr. Purcell will provide the cost to add those two crosswalks to the estimate. The round-a-bout crossing is stamped, as is the newly repaved Midway Boulevard crossings. There was discussion regarding removing the illegal crossing at the road at the Gulf View Restaurant. Mr. Vattikuti will look at the crosswalk during the planning process. There was discussion about getting a cost for real brick but the cost would be astronomical. Real bricks are rarely used because they shift and lift causing a trip hazard and are slippery when wet. Mr. Vattikuti stated that real brick would not be an option.
- Crosswalk Lighting - There was discussion about the crosswalks being dangerous at night due to improper lighting. Mr. Purcell suggested ground lights and agreed to get the cost for flashing cross walk lights. The Committee wants three crosswalk lights located at the Lock & Key Restaurant, at the north end of the park and at the White Elephant. Mr. Purcell stated that the installation would be more expensive if a police officer was required to be on site for traffic control. The normal hourly rate for an officer is \$39 per hour. He also suggested postponing installation of these lights until the Community Plan shows their proper location. A solar sign that lights only at night that would be turtle friendly would cost approximately \$2800. The cost to provide power to a crosswalk is approximately \$15,000 for lighting only.

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- Legends in Bike Lanes – Mr. Purcell will speak to the Sheriff's Office to get clarification a solid white line is an indication of "do not cross the line". Additional legends would cost \$500 each. There was discussion regarding the narrowing of the lanes that has occurred. Mr. Purcell suggested the Committee check GIS for the 2007 maps compared to today's maps. The comparison will tell if adjusting is required. The Committee will advise Ms. Nothdurft. Mr. Vattikuti stated that four feet of roadway is required for a bike path; if four feet is not available it cannot be marked as a bike path. A traffic lane must be a minimum of 10 feet wide. If the road is 14 feet wide, a bike lane can be created.
- Community Design – Mr. Vattikuti stated that he is currently working on a bike path master plan for the whole County. He is dealing with major roadways throughout the County but Beach Road is not included because it doesn't have the traffic volume to qualify as a major roadway. The Committee has met with the community several times and has been told that they want traffic and pedestrian safety to include sidewalks, lighting that will not be turned off by the turtle people, underground utilities, landscaping and storm water drainage. Mr. Vattikuti suggested he set a meeting with the Committee to discuss what the County can do to fulfill the Committee's wishes. The Committee can then take the rest of the items to an outside Engineer to accomplish the items that cannot be addressed by the County. Mr. Delbridge believes it would be in the best interest of the Committee to have an outside contractor look at the plan first.
- Landscape Contract – Mr. O'Connor discussed the current contract stating that bed care is to be done once per month with shrubs and pruning done every other month. The Committee is not happy with the quality of the work being done and wants the pruning to be done more frequently in several locations. There is an irrigation problem and most of the dieing plants are in those areas. Mr. O'Connor will improve the contract to address sustainability. The contract will be submitted to the Committee before it goes out to bid to ensure it addresses all of their concerns. The Committee would like for the contractor to be invited to a meeting occasionally so they can address their concerns with them as issues arise. Mr. O'Connor will include that in the contract. As you are leaving the beach going toward the bridge, the dead Geiger trees need to be replaced. Mr. O'Connor will make suggestions of plants with sustainability in mind. A landscape architect will be addressed with the long term plan. The Committee would like the irrigation checked once a month and fixed. The new contract will include the following changes: fertilize 3 times a year in March, May, and October; change the size and spacing of the plants in the round-a-bout, colored plants should be larger and more noticeable; street sweeping to be done in January, April, July, and October with interim sweeping as needed.
- Shell Cleaning – Ms. Galberaith made a motion to hire a contractor to power wash the shell one time, with the option to add additional washings. The shell and sailfish should be power washed and a light hand scrubbing with a soft brush using a non-salt, PH balanced soap. After the job is complete, the artist will review to ensure a sufficient job was performed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Delbridge and passed unanimously. Mr. Chappell will provide Mr. O'Connor a cost estimate from an outside contractor.

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- Fishing Boy Statue – Cleaning methods and products that could be used to strip, condition, and seal the statue were discussed. Mr. Delbridge made a motion to hire a contractor to strip, condition, and seal the statue for an amount not to exceed \$1000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Galberaith and passed unanimously. Mr. Chappell will have a local contractor send a bid.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Weeds & Cracks in Pavement – The weeds were sprayed. The cracks that are present are not a concern.
- Lighting & New Numbering – The Committee received the reports and will look for new volunteers at the next meeting.
- Cleaning defenders and catch basins – The contracted owner has been contacted and Ms. Nothdurft is waiting for a reply.
- Pictures of Flappers – The contractor has agreed to purchase a disposable underwater camera and will take pictures of the area before and after the completion of each cleaning.
- There was discussion regarding the verbiage of the MSTU Ordinance. The Committee feels that it has changed from the original version. Mr. Chappell made a motion to change the verbiage to state that Committee members can be residents or business owners within the Unit. Ms. Galberaith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The verbiage will be worked out at a later meeting.

### Citizen Input:

- Mr. Delbridge stated that these meetings are running too long and the Committee needs to limit them to 2 hours.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 a.m.