

MEETING MINUTES
MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 12, 2013 – Special Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Michael Brown, George Kearns, Bob Logan, Ben Petrone and Steve Vieira

Absent: Douglas Tucker (unexcused)

County: Dawn Harrison, Tara Musselman, Joanne Vernon and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. with a roll call of members that established a quorum was present.

The agenda was changed due to this meeting being advertised as a special meeting to discuss the Desoto Ditch. All other business will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

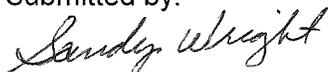
Business:

- Desoto Ditch – The Committee expressed concerns about the contractor not performing any work during the month of August. They were supposed to be back onsite on August 5, 2013. Ms. Musselman stated the contractor requested and was granted an extension due to the heavy daily rains that were occurring. A second request for an additional extension was denied. Mr. Vieira has been receiving calls and visits from residents to his place of business over the absence of the contractor. Ms. Musselman the project manager has been taking inquiry calls and onsite inquiries regarding the contractor absence as well; she stated that all calls should be referred to her. The contractor must complete all of the Phase I Project by February 1, 2014 to avoid paying liquidated damage fees. An ACOE permit is pending; issuance could take up to 12 months. Phase II can be put out to bid, as soon as the permit is issued. Engineering will work closely with ACOE to make sure it moves as quickly as possible. The project was broken into two phases due to insufficient funding. Ms. Musselman distributed information packets to the members for review and questions. She explained the cost overruns due to the relocation of the gopher tortoises. A legal opinion from the Attorney's office was received, agreeing with the Purchasing Department ruling that the contract was not detailed enough to make the contractor responsible for payment of tortoise relocation. The committee members still do not agree with that ruling and feel that they are being made to pay for a County staff over site. County staff should have identified the omission of the details in the addendum during the review process. There was discussion regarding an inclement weather clause in the contract that would allow the completion date to be extended one day for each inclement weather day. The cut off time for a bad weather day to be declared is noon. There are no other known stumbling blocks to cause further delays in the project. The project should run smoothly unless another tortoise or indigo snake is found or a significant weather event occurs. Photos of the area that has been completed were passed for the members to review.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright - Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

**MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2013

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