

MEETING MINUTES
ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 25, 2008
9:30 a.m.

Attendance: Dr. Bill Coy, Dick Buszka, John Peszko, Olga Durham
County - Joanne Vernon, Karen Bliss, John DeGiovine, Alan Holbach,
Mike Dallenbach, Tim Free, Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond
DMK Engineering - MaryAnn Lind, Micah Buchholz
Absent - Charles Dodd

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes: No minutes were submitted for approval.

Business:

- Weir Project
 - Ms. MaryAnn Lind, DMK Engineering, explained that two existing weirs, constructed 30 years ago, cannot be located for maintenance. DMK will be designing two new weirs to allow for County maintenance and control the water level in the canals. The survey is almost complete, and the permit should be received in December. The design is planned to be completed and ready to be submitted for bid in 2009. Ms. Durham inquired about filtering beds. Ms. Lind replied they are not sure at this time.
 - The weir type has not been determined, since approval is needed by the County. DMK clarified that the weirs will not act as a filter, only water level control. Mr. Peszko inquired whether water could be removed if the level gets too high. Ms. Lind stated they are not sure if there will be removable boards, but flooding of homes can be controlled. Dr. Coy is concerned about the water level height not being controlled and about no water flow. He stated the weirs will cause more water retention, and the residents need to be informed about more flooding.
 - Water quality is handled through another contractor working with the Department of Environmental Protection.
 - DMK asked if residents have any drainage issues along the greenbelts to report, and one reported road flooding at 245 Mark Twain Lane and Mariner Lane. Mr. Lyons said the entire greenbelts need to be shot for grade. Ms. Musselman asked whether the Committee wants to fund this work. Mr. Lyons said DMK will be solving problems in one area but creating others elsewhere. He was not aware they would be asked for their drainage problems, so all the information was not available.
 - It was stated that DMK needs to consider Cape Haze and Rotonda Boulevard South, which have no water release capabilities. Ms. Lind said all will be considered in the model. There was discussion about determining trouble spots and a way to release water after a heavy rainstorm. Run-off from the properties and the canals will flood the area. Ms. Lind said the breach in the canal will allow more water to drain.
 - Ms. Shelly Thornton, Southwest Florida Water Management District, stated they are looking at the water management history for the area to restore Coral Creek Branch.

- Dr. Coy requested that the Committee receive a copy of the modeling study once it is completed and prior to any permitting.
- Native Tree Fund
 - County Administration has promised Native Tree funding to several MSBU's. Ms. Musselman informed the Committee it will receive \$100,000 for native trees. All work in the rights-of-way will need approval from Growth Management and a signature from a Landscape Architect. Ms. Musselman said the County does not have a Landscape Architect but will try to get permitting, since the project is already in process.
 - The medians will be re-designed, and the Cabbage Palms will need to be relocated, due to their size. It was suggested they be planted on a non-road area. Mr. Holbach explained the clear zone recovery area along roadways, which requires a seven-foot clearance. He stated only certain trees and palms can be planted, because of line-of-sight issues. Curbing will be placed around the first median at each entrance. The residents expressed concern about relocating the Cabbage Palms. Mr. Holbach will discuss this issue with the Landscape Project Manager.
- Budget
 - The 2008/09 budget was revised, with updated direct and indirect costs. There will be \$1.3 million budgeted for bridges for 2009.
 - Ms. Musselman said that two areas have not paid off their paving, so they will show an increase in their assessment, which will continue for approximately two years.
 - The Committee reviewed the Activity Report for July 2008 through September 19, 2008.
 - Bridge maintenance was completed, but no concerns were submitted. Ms. Musselman clarified that all bridges in the area will be done in 2008/09.

New Business:

- Residents expressed concern about steep sides and jagged culverts in several areas. Ms. Musselman requested a list of locations.
- The residents discussed the unsafe walkway around the marina and inquired about MSBU funding, since the marina has public usage. Ms. Musselman will check into this. The County can only do the right-of-way portion. The residents were informed it would be more cost-effective to hire a contractor themselves.
- A resident reported pepper trees encroaching into the roadway. Ms. Musselman requested that the location be submitted to Public Works.
- A resident inquired about cutting back Brazilian peppers and exotic plants near the canals. Ms. Musselman will check on this, but it is not a direct benefit for everyone in the MSBU.

- Mr. Art Richards reported standing water opposite Pebble Beach Marina. He also stated that the grass is higher than the roadway in the 200 block of Rotonda Circle, down to the entrance of Gulf Course, which is not letting water get to the swale.

The next meeting will be in December 2008 but is not being scheduled pending DMK Engineering's study.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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