

MEETING MINUTES
ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 23, 2012
10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Olga Durham, Susan Killion, John Peszko, Stanley Plizga

County: Judith Nothdurft, Sandy Wright, Karen Bliss, Tara Musselman

Absent: Scott Schermerhorn, Charles Dodd

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from September 7, 2011 were approved as written. The minutes from December 13, 2011 will be sent to the Committee as soon as available.

Old Business:

- Bike/Walk Path – Ms. Musselman reported that the pathway project was sent out to bid. There is a pre-bid question & answer meeting scheduled for March 8, 2012. Bids are due back by March 28, 2012. It will take a couple of days to sort the bids and approximately three weeks to present them to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Mr. Watson asked why the project got down-sized from the original version. Mr. Peszko stated that 8-10 years ago the director of their association worked on the project. He has since passed away and the Committee worked on a project that would cost \$250,000 - \$300,000. The bikers wanted the path to be asphalt, so it was voted on by the Committee, and passed. The project was meant to resolve a safety concern, not to enhance the community which is another reason the Committee decided to go with less landscaping.
- Mr. Peszko inquired about the low bidder getting the job. Ms. Musselman stated that the bid packets are sent to all the contractors registered with the County. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
- Rotonda Entry Beautification – Ms. Musselman reported the requests for letters are due back on February 28, 2012. The top three will be selected. Engineering will schedule to meet with the Committee to get their specifications. Citizens would like to submit input via email, which hasn't been allowed in the past. Mr. Peszko stated the more input the better. Ms. Musselman suggested the Community meet and come up with a design. She suggested visiting other communities and doing as much as possible up front. She advised the Committee that they will be billed each time they meet with the design firm. There was \$50,000 negotiated into the budget for the project.
- Electricity at Entrances – Ms. Musselman reported that the funds were budgeted and the paperwork is on its way to the Purchasing Department today. The requests for interest letters will be sent. There will have to be a meeting with the Committee to find out the exact scope of the project. It is up to the Committee to decide. The Committee stated that they want electric to the entrance areas now so that the power will be there when the entry beautification project is ready to proceed.
- Ms. Nothdurft discussed the status of the design and construction of the sidewalks. Mr. Peszko stated that he is receiving many calls regarding the status, what side of the street and is there a design in place that would allow for piping under the sidewalks. Ms. Musselman stated that it would be a lot more expensive to pipe under any existing sidewalks. There was an inquiry as to why not put them on both sides of the street. Mr. Peszko stated it would be too costly.

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- Rotonda Drainage Study – Ms. Bliss stated that the Engineering Department is currently in negotiations to discuss the analysis of the greenbelts. She can't give the details of the negotiations because if this were to fall through, they would have to start over with a new one. She said that they are currently discussing a phase-in approach. This will allow the project to be stopped at any phase that corrects the drainage problem. This approach will allow control over what is spent. Details and prices are being discussed. She estimated the work to begin around the end of March. There was discussion regarding changes to the scope of work and that the Community should be allowed to provide input. Ms. Bliss stated that the Community did provide input to Ms. Vernon. That is what initiated the project. To make changes to the scope at this stage, would involve stopping the negotiations. She explained that it is a very complex scope and they have already met twice. The Committee agreed that the negotiations should continue.
- Ms. Bliss explained that this is for the design to identify problems and how to fix them. After the study is complete and the phases are identified, it will be up to the Committee to determine what they want to fund. Maintenance will be addressed at a later date. A public meeting will be held to allow the consultants to get community input. There was a question as to who designs the phases. It was explained that they have not been determined as yet. The Stormwater Manager provided the estimate of cost to the Budget Department. There was additional discussion stating that the drainage problem is confusing and the community would like further explanation for clarification. When it rains the water stands and doesn't drain out of the circle properly. It appears that the State Estuary area prevents the circle from draining properly.
- There is a Coral Creek Restoration project and study to identify and address the outflow problem in that area. SWFWMD sent it to the Engineering Department and permitting is already complete by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA). The Rotonda study can be combined with their study to save on costs. Citizens asked if the Committee would be the ones to control the cut off of the phases. Mr. Peszko stated yes. If phase one corrects the problem the project would be stopped at that point which will prevent unnecessary costs.
- Grass Carp Status – Ms. Nothdurft will research and report her findings back to the committee

New Business:

- Curbing –would prevent cars from parking on the medians and also prevent cars from driving on the grass in areas where there are radius problems.
- Sink Hole – There is a sink hole on Bunker that has been repaired 5 or 6 times. It is still unacceptable. There used to be a sewer line there and the hole keeps collapsing presenting a safety issue especially at night.
- Ms. Nothdurft distributed and reviewed the Expense and Activity Reports with the Committee.

Citizen Input:

- The Committee needs to consider lighting throughout Rotonda. Ms. Musselman stated that there is a waiting list for street lighting. The MSBU would have to agree to fund street lights for them to be addressed soon.
- There was discussion that the meeting minutes are several months old. Citizens asked if they can be posted on the website any sooner. Ms. Wright stated that the goal is to have them sent to the Committee for minor corrections and then posted to the website within one week.
- The Committee was asked about turning property over to a 501-C3 organization and having the County maintain it. Ms. Musselman advised that the property must be owned by the County. The County will not maintain private property.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.