

MEETING MINUTES
ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 19, 2012
10:00 a.m. at Rotonda West Association

Attendees: Susan Killion, John Peszko, Stanley Plizga, Scott Schermerhorn, Peter Watson

County: Judith Nothdurft, Sandy Wright, Tara Musselman

Absent: Olga Durham (unexcused)

Guests: Chris Beers from Johnson Engineering

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from September 7, 2011 were approved as written. The minutes from December 13, 2011 were not approved. The Committee asked that the attendee information be inserted into the December 13, 2011 minutes. The Committee will review the revised minutes at the next meeting.

- Mr. Peszko introduced the newly appointed alternate member, Mr. Watson, and explained that Mr. Dodd had resigned.
- Election of Officers – Mr. Plizga nominated Mr. Peszko to serve as chairperson for another year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schermerhorn and approved unanimously. Ms. Killion nominated Mr. Schermerhorn to serve as vice chair for one year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peszko and approved unanimously.
- Drainage – Mr. Chris Beers of Johnson Engineering spoke about drainage issues in Rotonda West. Johnson Engineering was hired to identify all drainage problems to primary and secondary roads in the area and is in the process of gathering data. The original drainage plan developed for Rotonda West addressed only the primary roads but Johnson Engineering's goal is to build upon the original plan and establish a base line for what Rotonda West can actually handle. There will be two public hearings to gather input from residents with the first meeting to be in May. The study will cover Rotonda West, however, the consultants may make recommendations or suggestions if they find that state land is negatively impacting Rotonda West drainage. Mr. Beers explained the difference between primary and secondary drainage. The consultants will identify the MSBUs and other organizations that might be responsible to correct drainage issues. Mr. Watson asked that the Town Hall meetings be publicized. The Engineering Division will be responsible for advertising the meetings.

Old Business:

- Bike Path Update – The Bike Path bid will go before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval on May 8, 2012. The most responsible qualified bidder was General Contracting Services in Placida. There will be a pre-bid meeting scheduled after the approval by the BCC. Work should begin by June 1, 2012. The contract stipulates the project to be completed in 120 days. It is recommended that citizens attend the May 8, 2012 BCC meeting to express their support for the contract approval.

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- Sidewalks – A sidewalk project update was provided by Mr. Elias from the Engineering Department. The plan will be presented to the Beautification Committee on May 3, 2012 and go before the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors on May 8, 2012. Mr. Elias is attempting to combine projects by getting the sidewalk designer and engineer to extend the sidewalks. There was discussion regarding a traffic study because the Traffic Engineer reported that the numbers are not sufficient to warrant two lanes of traffic exiting Rotonda West. It was suggested turning one travel lane into a bike lane. Mr. Beers stated that there is going to be a bike lane, however, he doesn't know if it will be combined with the sidewalk. The bike path and walkway is a safety concern. The Traffic Engineer will be present at both community meetings to present his plan. The bike path issue does not preempt the sidewalk issue. The Community must agree on what they want and the County will be responsible for getting the work done.
- Electric to Bridges – Ms. Musselman stated that the project is on hold due to budget constraints. The Committee questioned the budget constraints. Ms. Nothdurft will confirm the budget information.
- Canals - There was discussion regarding ownership of the canals. Pest Management stated that they will not put carp into the waterways because they are privately owned. The issue will be researched and presented to the committee as soon as possible.
- Signs – The requests for proposals (RFPs) for entry way signs went to Johnson Engineering on April 11, 2012. They will provide scope and fee information to the Engineering Department by April 20, 2012. After the contract is signed there will be a kick off meeting to get input from the Committee. The Letters of Interest were received. After Johnson Engineering and the County agree, the signs will be designed. The Committee will have the opportunity to choose from 2 - 3 different designs for the Rotonda West Community signs. Ms. Musselman suggested the Committee meet with Beautification to come up with ideas to submit to the consultants at the meeting with Johnson Engineering.
- Concrete Curbing – There was discussion about curbing preventing traffic from cutting the corner too sharply and asked if the County has specifications on what the radius should be. There were slots cut on Boulevard North and Rotonda Circle, however, no one returned to make the necessary repairs. There is a huge hole on the Boulevard North and Parade Circle. These issues will be reported to Maintenance & Operations.

New Business:

- Turtles - There are a lot of turtles coming up to the dam at the state side of the bridge. The Committee or Homeowners Association will contact the Turtle Conservancy to see if a channel can be installed to allow passage for the turtles.
- Activity Report - The report was distributed for review and discussion. Mr. Peszko stated there are many projects underway in Rotonda and Public Works should be commended for a job well done and he along with others thanked Mr. Free, Mr. DeMello, and Mr. Dallenbach for responding so quickly and doing a fantastic job.

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- Draft 2013 Budget – There were questions regarding the budget, assessment rate history, and the process for public outreach to increase the assessment rate. Mr. Schermerhorn made a motion to accept the 2013 budget, Mr. Plizga seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- Street Lighting – The subject of street lighting was brought up at the last meeting and will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The Engineering Department will be contacted for an estimate of cost per light.
- MSBU funding and White Marsh – There was discussion about White Marsh residents paying and others benefitting. Ms. Musselman explained that Rotonda used to be made up of seven MSBUs. As soon as the paving is completed, all of Rotonda West will be assessed.

Citizen Input:

- Mr. Carroll stated that he would like to see the Committee coordinate with the West County Stormwater MSBU to combine funding.

Mr. Peszko will contact Ms. Nothdurft with a meeting date for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.