

MEETING MINUTES
ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 15, 2013
10:00 a.m. at San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: Olga Durham, Susan Killion, John Peszko, Stanley Plizga, and Scott Schermerhorn

Absent: Peter Watson (excused)

County: Karen Bliss, Barry DeMello, John Elias, Judy Nothdurft, Gregg O'Connor, Joanne Vernon, and Sandy Wright

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from December 20, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Presentations: A presentation was made by Bank Engineering and Johnson Engineering on the Rotonda West Drainage Study. Todd Rebol was available to answer questions. After the presentation Ms. Vernon stated that the County Engineering Department will not move forward with the project unless a motion is made by the Committee.

Stephanie Powers from Southwest Florida Water Management District gave a presentation on the Coral Creek Wetland Restoration Project. Her organization, Surface Water Improvement and Management Program (SWIM) is responsible for improving water quality. The agency was formed in 1987 and currently has 27 projects in 10 areas underway. SWIM is working on a project off of Rotonda Boulevard South. Some of the ditches will be filled to help hold back water and a water quality system will be installed. Vegetation will be cleared to help drainage. The cost of the project is \$764,000. Charlotte County will maintain the filter marsh. Funding for maintenance of the filter marsh could be provided by the West County Stormwater Utility MSBU.

Unfinished Business:

- Rotonda Boulevards North, West & East Sidewalk/Bike Paths – Mr. Elias provided an update stating that plans are currently at 100% on the north side, and 90% for the east and west sides. A few issues with striping are being addressed. If the committee is in agreement curbing will be addressed at the same time that the bike paths are installed. Curbing typically runs \$14-\$16 per foot. The projected start date for the project will be by mid-April. If Mr. Elias receives approval from the Committee, he will put together some estimates for curbing numbers for budgeting purposes: he suspects the estimate won't come in under \$200,000.
- Entry Signs – Examples will be available at the February 2013 meeting with consultants in attendance.
- Electric to Bridges – No update. Plans are estimated to be complete in May.
- Rotonda Entrance Median Maintenance – The median work that was done at Rotonda East, North and West entrances by the old contractor was unsatisfactory. A new contractor now has the contract. The inspector's log sheet was reviewed. Mr. O'Connor suggested another way to address this situation would be for the Property Owners Association to take over the beautification for the MSBU and create a separate beautification plan to extend the Parade Circle bike path. The matter will be tabled until the February meeting.

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Ms. Musselman noted the estimated cost to extend the proposed sidewalk/bike path from Parade Circle to the entry streets would be \$300,000-\$400,000. She suggested skirting the park with a bike path or trail since the County owns that land.

There was discussion regarding the signs installed at each end of the trail and not at the entry points in between. The Committee agreed this is not an issue.

- Carp/Retainers Project - This project is being managed by the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility MSBU.
- Long Meadow Road Drainage – on hold.
- Pipe replacement in the White Marsh area - The request was sent to Maintenance and Operations through the West County Stormwater MSBU.

New Business:

- Doggie Bags - There was discussion regarding installing doggie bags for people walking their animals. The committee agreed that the bags are not necessary.
- Activity Report - There was discussion regarding the Activity Report. The Rotonda Weir replacement project should be moved to the West Charlotte Stormwater MSBU. There was a question about the drainage study showing in the budget twice.
- Budget – The Committee agreed that the projects need to be prioritized. A workshop for budget planning will be set up. The committee will take their own notes and county staff will not be required at the budget planning meeting.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2013 as a special joint meeting of several MSBUs. Topics for discussion will be the new landscape contractor and bicycle racks.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



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PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

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