

SOUTH GULF COVE BEAUTIFICATION AND S&D JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 16, 2012

10:00 a.m. Murdock Administration Building Conference Room B106

Attendees: Bob Dratch, Tony Ermirio, Barbara Hundley, Karen Ireland, Jeanne Keyser, Kendall Leach, Carol McGuire, Karen Price, and Carmine Rossi

Absent: Paul Chattinger

County: Dan Gallagher, Bob Halfhill, Judith Nothdurft, Marty Simone, Angela Skinner, and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Mr. Halfhill with a roll call of members taken.

- Mr. Halfhill explained the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the purpose statements and ordinances for each Committee. There is an overlap of responsibilities between the two Committees. The makeup, duties and responsibilities of both Committees will be reviewed in order to delineate the responsibilities between the two. All changes must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Street & Drainage Committee
 1. There was discussion regarding the use of the word “Provide” or if it should be replaced with the word “Recommend” in the purpose statement. Mr. Gallagher explained the use of the word “Provide” refers to the purpose of the Unit and is appropriate. The Committee agreed to leave as is.
 2. There was discussion regarding the replacement of the word “Appurtenances”. Mr. Gallagher explained the use of the word is more effective than trying to create a fixed list. The Committee agreed.
 3. There was discussion regarding adding verbiage to define who is responsible for street signs and who is responsible for signage within the parks. Both Committees agreed that traffic control and safety signs, including the sidewalks and bike paths in right-of-ways should fall under the Street & Drainage Committee. Both Committees agreed that Beautification will be responsible for funding the signs within the parks, the signs used as part of the park development, and signs in the right-of-way to identify the location of parks.
 4. Ms. Nothdurft will research the responsibility of the “Bird Sanctuary” signs.
 5. There was discussion regarding including “Pedestrian and bicycle paths (within the right-of-way) for safety purposes” in the Street & Drainage Ordinance purpose statement. Both Committees agreed to the change.
- Beautification Committee
 1. There was discussion regarding the meaning of a greenway. It was defined as an open grassy space, however it can have several meanings. This space can be used by members of the Community for various purposes.

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2. There was discussion regarding the construction of a “Community Center” and if it would fall under the “Community Improvement Projects” which is currently included in the SGC Beautification Ordinance purpose statement. Mr. Gallagher defined Community Improvement Projects as an item that would benefit the Community land, not benefit an individual. He suggested the Unit contact Community Services to see if they would fund the building of a Community Center. There was a suggestion for Ms. Price and Ms. Slater to meet with Mr. Gallagher to discuss this in more detail. Mr. Leach reminded that Committees that these parks are all located on County land which means that anybody in the County would have access to a Community Center. It would not be limited to South Gulf Cove residents.
 3. There was discussion regarding replacing “Community Improvement Projects” with Beautification and Landscaping. The Committee agreed if the change was made, it may limit what they would be allowed to do without re-writing their ordinance again. Ms. Price stated she doesn’t want to keep making changes to their Ordinance. The Committee agreed to leave as is so they don’t box themselves in, regarding what they are allowed to do with their funds.
 4. There was discussion regarding safety mowing and specialty mowing. The two Committees are paying for mowing the same areas. The Street & Drainage Unit pays for safety mowing of the outer areas with an 8 inch cut. Beautification pays for a specialty mowing around the trees and plants in the right-of-way. Mr. Halfhill stated that he agreed to fund the CR771 right-of-way specialty mowing from Gas Tax Funds to maintain consistency between the two areas. The Beautification Unit is also responsible for specialty mowing around signs and monuments.
 5. There was discussion regarding the addition of “including landscape projects in the right-of-way” to bullet #3. The Committee agreed to the change
- Both Committees agreed to the changes that were discussed during the meeting. The bullet items on the draft discussion handout were only items for discussion at this meeting and will not appear as bulleted items, however they will be included in the Ordinance Purpose Statements. Mr. Dratch asked that a copy of the updated discussion document get posted with the minutes from the meeting to enable Committee members years later to have access to the items discussed at this meeting.

Citizen Input:

- There was discussion regarding street lights and decorative lighting. Mr. Halfhill stated that there are several parameters that determine where street lights are placed. Once they are in place, they are funded by the Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District.
- There was a question regarding all MSBU’s being equally represented in the West County Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee. Mr. Halfhill stated that will be taken into consideration when reviewing the ordinances.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.