

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 6, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Jack Paine, Karen Ireland, Sandy Slater, Ron Bick
County – Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond
Absent – Tony Ermireo, Lucille Consul

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes: The July 21, 2008, minutes were revised at the sixth bullet to reflect that a discussion was held regarding trash pick-up every other mowing. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes as amended.

Business:

- The Committee reviewed the September 2008 Activity Report. Mr. Paine requested the activity reports be submitted to the members monthly by e-mail and regular mail.
- The Committee commented on the amount of money spent on sign maintenance and inspection. They discussed the signs possibly being knocked down by the mowing contractor, which the MSBU should not be responsible for replacing. Ms. Musselman explained that all signs are to be inspected twice a year.
- Mr. Paine inquired about what is involved in bridge maintenance. Ms. Musselman will check into this. The Committee requested to be informed of why, when, and where the bridge repairs will be for the year, so residents can be notified.
- Ms. Musselman will check on weight limit signs for the bridges.
- Per the Committee, the mowing contractor is messing up outfall ditches. Ms. Musselman submitted this issue to Maintenance & Operations (M&O) but will check on it.
- The street sign is missing at Keystone Boulevard and Singer Circle.
- The 2008/09 budget has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Musselman explained the increase in direct and indirect costs, which are for the Purchasing Department, Budget Department, etc.
- Mr. Paine discussed developing a five-year plan but needs information about Capital Improvement Projects. Ms. Musselman will check on any future projects for the area. The Committee requested that the appropriate staff attend the next meeting to discuss the process of future projects. Mr. Paine requested that members think about future work and present their ideas at the next meeting.
- Mr. Paine inquired about cleaning bridges. Ms. Musselman reported that M&O is meeting with the Bridge Project Manager to see if they can clean and paint the bridges. An estimated cost will be determined.

Park Update:

- Ms. Sandy Slater stated that, if there are any big future projects with limited funding, the park planning is not beneficial.

- The mangrove trimming permit was approved for the Linear Park. A list of issues and concerns were generated and submitted to Parks & Recreation.
- Ms. Slater discussed the three areas chosen to be cleared for parks--Santa Lucia, Nittany Park, and the CR 771 median. The median on CR 771 is not a park or within the MSBU boundaries, but it needs to have vegetation removed. The MSBU can fund this project if they so choose. The Committee discussed only clearing Santa Lucia and Nittany Park, due to cost. Parks & Recreation only clears parks. A member inquired if the gas tax could fund the CR 771 median.
- The Committee asked to have trash picked up around the entrances.
- Ms. Slater is meeting with Zoning this week regarding the entrance signs. Due to the sign ordinance, they can only place two signs. The ordinance will have to be amended.
- Ms. Slater discussed carryover budget items. She is very disappointed with Parks & Recreation and will be generating a report for the new Commissioners.
- Ms. Slater said Parks & Recreation did not spend the budgeted amount, so that money cannot be used for this year. She added that Parks & Recreation has no communication with the contractors. Ms. Musselman asked to be copied on all projects contracted out by Parks & Recreation. Ms. Slater stated they are volunteers donating their time but not being heard.
- Ms. Musselman said that money from the Native Tree Fund, promised to a few MSBU's, has been approved, but any future funding will only be approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Ms. Slater discussed the status of the Regional Park, which will be funded by West County impact fees. The easement has been granted for FPL. Additional information has been requested by Community Development prior to permit approval.
- Ms. Slater inquired if Public Works would plant Royal Palms, purchased with money from the Conservancy Trust, in the medians on CR 771. Ms. Musselman will check on this.
- Residents are to inform Public Works or the MSBU Committee members of any potholes or sign issues. This was posted in the Homeowners' Association newsletter.
- The Committee discussed the landscaping around the lift station. CCU has installed what is required, but the MSBU has decided to fund additional landscaping. A proposed plan was submitted by the Public Works Landscaping Department, but the members feel the plan is too excessive and only want a simple screening around the fence. The members recommend this project be sent back to the drawing board. It was suggested the Committee present a flat rate and see what they get.
- The Committee discussed standing water in the ditches that were cleaned out by the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility. The canal heights are up into the ditches, and the elevations need to be checked.

- Committee members feel the mowing schedule is adequate, but Mr. Paine is receiving complaints that the contractor mows in November and then does not mow again until April.

The next meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of December 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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