

MEETING MINUTES
South Gulf Cove Community Street & Drainage Advisory Committee
South Gulf Cove Community Plan Advisory Committee
Joint Meeting
April 9, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Jack Paine, Karen Ireland, Lucille Consul, Tony Ermireo, Carmine Rossi, Ron Bick, Sandy Slater, Yvonne Ermireo, and Kendell Leach,
County – Tara Musselman, Marty Simone, Cari Branco, Tim Free, and Chuck Koons

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes: The December 2, 2008, minutes were approved as amended.
The January 21, 2009, minutes were approved as submitted.

Business:

- Discussion regarding the \$200,000 funding for the Community Plan. During the March 16 2009, meeting, the MSBU Committee agreed to put the monies in the budget. Since that time, staff has removed the line item as infrastructure should be completed first. The Budget Office has requested that these two committees hold a joint meeting to discuss this issue.
- Ms. Slater gave a brief history of the Community Plan and their requests for funding from the MSBU. In December, the Community Plan Committee submitted a “placeholder” request of \$500,000 for funding. Current year budget contains \$50,000 for the maintenance of the St. Paul Linear Park, \$257,000 Entrance Ways, \$132,000 for median/park clearing, and \$100,000 in park design for San Domingo.
- Ms. Slater discussed the possibility of increasing the SGC rate by \$20 per ERU for Community Plan funding. This would give the Committee approximately \$250,000 per year for implementing the Community Plan. This money would be set aside from the Streets & Drainage infrastructure money. Discussion of what they could accomplish with this money.
- Mr. Koons gave an update on Bridge Rehabilitation. There are nine bridges in South Gulf Cove which the MSBU is responsible for. Average bridge age is 31 years. Discussion regarding bridge inspections. One of the problems in the bridge reports is clearing of vegetation. There is some undermining at the seawalls. We need to do proactive maintenance before we need to replace the bridges. The estimated cost to replace a single bridge is around \$2 - \$3 million. Repairing guardrails, joints, vegetation control, and erosion at the seawall will be part of the program. Some of the bridges have had the aluminum rails stolen, so that needs to be replaced.
- Discussion regarding the South Gulf Cove Waterway budget. Ms. Slater questioned how long the County will allow a MSBU to collect money and put it into reserves. It was suggested that if the Waterway Committee would reduce their rate, it would be a wash for the residents if the Streets & Drainage committee raised their rate. Mr. Ermireo questioned if the Waterway MSBU can be amended to include beautification (i.e. Community Plan) or if the Waterway MSBU can transfer monies from their budget into the Streets and Drainage MSBU budget. Ms. Musselman advised that this could not be done, as it violates State Statute.

- Mr. Simone handed out a projection of what the MSBU account would look like in 5 years. At the current rate, not funding the Community Plan and only allowing for \$100,000 for bridge rehab, it appears that there will be a need for a rate increase in FY11/12. Mr. Bick stated that it is not a good time for a rate increase. Why not just do the trees now and have an increase next year? Mr. Simone stated that will make the infrastructure dependent on a rate increase; we would rather have the Community Plan dependent on the rate increase. Ms. Slater stated that doing the work now and waiting for a rate increase next year would be better. During the next year, the design of the San Domingo Park will be done, all four entranceways will be completed and the trees will be planted. The community would be more likely to accept a rate increase for infrastructure, when they see this work completed.
- Mr. Ermireo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bick to allocate \$200,000 this fiscal year, knowing that there will be a need to go for a rate increase by 2011 to fund infrastructure and any other community plan items. Motion passed unanimously. (Community Plan Advisory Committee did not officially vote on this item although they were in agreement) Ms. Branco agreed with the Committee and she will take their motion to the Budget Director for approval.
- Discussion with Mr. Free regarding having Public Works do all right-of-way mowing, as well as side lot outfalls. They want to opt out of the Mowing Contract as they feel they would save money if Public Works did the work. They have several issues with the contractor. They would like Public Works to check into the feasibility of having this done.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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