

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE NON-URBAN STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 2, 2012
2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Paul Chattinger, Tony Emirio, Carmine Rossi, and Karen Ireland

County: Judith Nothdurft and Dawn Harrison

Guests: Barbara Holmes

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from August 4, 2011 were approved as written.

Business:

- Reflectors - The reflectors on the bridges were discussed. They are not consistently placed. The reflectors should be placed at the beginning of the guardrails before getting to the bridge. Mr. Rossi suggested leaving what is already in place and installing two reflectors on each guardrail.
- Ms. Harrison stated that the maintenance on the bridges will be funded by the Gas Tax, however all major rehabilitation or replacements are not covered by the tax.
- Speed Limits - There was discussion regarding the speed limit on Calumet. The speed is reduced to 40mph on Calumet. The Committee would prefer it to be 45mph. When driving down San Domingo and making a left onto Calumet, the Committee is requesting that a speed limit sign be placed on Calumet after that turn. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with the Engineering Department about the placement of an additional sign and if the speed limit can be raised to 45mph. She will report her findings back to the Committee.
- Power Shearing – The Committee is very happy with the service provided by Clear Zone. Mr. DeMello prepared a map of the completed area. Mr. Emirio inquired as to how far they are allowed to go in. Ms. Harrison stated that the power shearing can be done for the whole right of way except in cases where large trees prevent access. If the area is private property and is encroaching on the right of way, it can be sheared. The owners can't be forced to power shear on their property. Ms. Harrison will review the budget to see if the price for power shearing has gone up. The Committee doesn't want to increase the funds budgeted for power shearing. The current amount is adequate.
- Ms. Nothdurft will email the draft fiscal year 2013 budget to the Committee as soon as it is available.
- There are funds held in the reserves for road resurfacing.
- Ms. Harrison stated that there will be no rate increase for two years.

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- Paving – There was discussion regarding paving. Mr. Rossi stated that it will need to be repaved in 2014. Ms. Ireland stated that 1 and 1A were paved in 1994-1996 by GDC and that they should be done first. Mr. Rossi reported two dips in the road on the side of Viscount Circle. He requested a review of the entire Viscount Circle. Ms. Harrison stated that re-pavement should last 15-20 years. It is triggered by complaints or requests to pave. Ms. Nothdurft will discuss paving with the Project Manager in the Engineering Department.
- Mowing – There were seven cycles for mowing and trash pickup for mowing. Now the trash is picked up 3-4 days prior to the mowing. At times the mower has to get off of the mower to pick up the trash. The Committee would like for the mowing and trash pickup be combined and done at the same time. The Committee asked if the mowers that mow Rotonda could also mow South Gulf Cove. Ms. Nothdurft will research and report back to the Committee.
- Mr. Rossi stated that he volunteered to bring MSBU information to the Volunteer HOA; however he is no longer able to do that and asked for a volunteer to replace him. Mr. Ermirio stated that the minutes from the meeting are available on the County website. Ms. Ireland stated that she would like to include a summary in the HOA & Property owners newsletter.

New Business:

- Sidewalks/Bike Paths – There was discussion about using some of the Reserve Funds for sidewalks or bike paths. Ms. Harrison recently attended a workshop regarding County Wide Sidewalks and Bike paths and would like to get started on a project as soon as possible due to safety concerns. Ms. Harrison stated that this plan addresses major roads only however, there may be some funds available from the one cent Gas Tax. The first step would be a for a project manager for sidewalks to outsource to put a scope of service together. Mr. Ermirio inquired about a way to receive a rough estimate first. Ms. Harrison stated that the Committee would have to vote on it and suggested that checking with the Beautification Committee to see if they are pursuing any sidewalks or bike paths. Ms. Ireland stated that she doesn't believe they are approaching it from a safety standpoint. There was a motion by Ms. Ireland to allocate \$50,000 for a sidewalk/bike path feasibility study to address safety concerns including recommendations for locations. Mr. Chattinger seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Ms. Nothdurft will give the request to the Engineering Department and request Project Manager, John Elias for the project.
- The Committee asked Ms. Nothdurft to verify how many bridges there are in South Gulf Cove.
- Lighting – Ms. Holmes from the SGC Community Advisory Board brought up discussion regarding lighting to address safety concerns. She talked with FPL and the Lighting District Supervisor, Richard Doll. She was referred to the MSBU. She stated that she doesn't know what the specifications are such lights; however solar powered lights would be preferred. Ms. Harrison suggested that sidewalks and lighting be done at the same time as road widening, if that is going to be done. She will check the ordinance and suggested not using solar lighting and estimated \$10,000 in costs. The Committee agreed to table the lighting discussion until the next meeting.
- The focus of the next meeting will be on the Budget for fiscal year 2013.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.