

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE NON-URBAN STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 29, 2012
10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Tony Ermirio, Karen Ireland, Jeanne Keyser, and Carmine Rossi

County: Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Guests: Paul Chattinger, Karen Price, and Sandy Slater

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Mr. Ermirio introduced new member Jeanne Keyser who introduced herself and spoke of her background and experiences working with various committees.

Minutes: The minutes from February 2, 2012 were approved with noted corrections.

Ms. Wright reviewed the Committee members' term limits and expiration dates. There are currently two vacancies, one regular with a three year term and one alternate with a two year term.

Business:

- Reflectors – the Maintenance & Operations Department inspected, and either repaired or replaced 92 reflectors on the bridges.
- Speed Limit on Calumet - there is no special ordinance for Calumet mandating the speed to be 40 mph. A request was submitted to the Engineering Division to install an additional sign and to raise the speed limit to 45 mph to be consistent with the other roads within the community.
- Power Shearing – The Committee again stated that they are very happy with the service provided by Clear Zone. The budget for shearing for 2013 will remain the same as 2012.
- Railings on Bridges – Mr. DeMello reported that railing replacement will be done only on the bridges that have missing railings unless the Committee wants to authorize additional funding. One bridge is complete and two others are on the schedule to be done. All 9 bridges within the community have been checked and are reported to be structurally sound. The bridge over the 771 waterway is the County's responsibility.
- Pipe Replacement – Mr. DeMello reported that the work in Section 1 is complete with the work in Section 1A continuing into next week. The road repaving will continue. The final cost was increased by \$45,000 to \$1,314,447 for the entire project. The project is under the budgeted amount.
- Ms. Nothdurft reviewed the budget and financial reports. Mr. DeMello explained why the cost for landfill fees went down from last year. The Committee asked why the trash pickup cost went down. Ms. Nothdurft will research and report her findings. The Committee agreed that they want the trash pickup to continue next year. The Committee would like the same contractor that does the mowing to do the trash pickup. This will ensure that the work is done immediately before the mowing, preventing pieces of paper from being cut up into small pieces and making a mess.

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- The loss of revenue was discussed. The Committee agreed to approve the 2012/2013 budget after the trash pickup is added back in. Mr. Ermirio asked Ms. Nothdurft to provide an estimate of the balance that will carry forward into the 2013/2014 budget.
- There was a concern over the blue water pipes appearing so rusty and a question about who is responsible for clearing around the fire hydrants. Mr. DeMello advised the Committee to contact Charlotte County Utilities to register their concerns.
- There was a question about cattails growing in the drainage ditches. Mr. DeMello stated that West County Stormwater Utility is responsible for cutting all of the major ditches. The ditches are scheduled to be cut at the end of May.
- Walkway/Bike paths – Ms. Slater, representing the South Gulf Cove Beautification Advisory Committee, explained the history of the Community Plan that includes the walkways and bike paths. They were also included in the MPO's list in 2006 and in Growth Management's overall Comprehensive Plan. The roadways near schools get priority. Members of the Beautification Committee have been actively participating and pursuing every avenue possible to get a pathway project in South Gulf Cove. Ms. Slater will provide a summary report to the Committee of actions taken by various committees within South Gulf Cove over the years in an attempt to move forward with such a project. Mr. Ermirio made a motion to nominate Ms. Ireland to start a sub-committee to gather information and report back on their findings. Mr. Rossi seconded with all members in favor. Ms. Nothdurft will verify that a sub-committee won't be in violation of the Sunshine Law. If so, Ms. Ireland stated she would join the County Connector Committee to get information in order to make recommendations for this Committee. The Committee agreed that it is too early to involve the Engineering Department. The Committee asked Ms. Nothdurft to contact Engineering to get an estimated cost per foot to expand the existing roadway by 3 feet in order to allow for a bike path. Ms. Nothdurft will report her findings back to the Committee. There was discussion about the 1 cent gas tax and who funded the sidewalks in Rotonda West. Mr. DeMello stated that Rotonda West MSBU funded their sidewalks, however, Boundary Road was funded by the gas tax because it connects to schools.
- Election of Officers – Mr. Rossi made a motion to nominate Mr. Ermirio as chair person and Ms. Ireland as vice chair for an additional year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Keyser with all members in favor.
- Ms. Ireland stated that as a member of the Committee she receives requests from citizens regarding miscellaneous items regarding streets, etc. She asked who she should report these items to. The Committee was advised to report maintenance and operations type issues to Ms. Nothdurft to make sure the proper process is followed and to ensure the issues are addressed.
- The relocation of the street sign that was requested by Mr. Ermirio during the last meeting has been completed.
- There was discussion regarding the subject of consolidating MSBU's. Ms. Nothdurft stated it is only in the talk stages at this point and that major citizen outreach would have to be done before changes were made. No action has been taken.

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- Ms. Ireland expressed an interest in trying to recruit for the vacant alternate position from the south end of the community.

New Business:

- Mr. Ermirio stated that during the last meeting there was discussion regarding the MSBU taking over the funding for lighting. It has been requested by a member from the CCT to put that on hold until they can complete their research.

Citizen Input:

- Ms. Price and Ms. Slater thanked the Committee for allowing them to speak and are willing to help in any way that will move a Walkway/Bike path project along.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.