

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE NON-URBAN S&D ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 6, 2014 – Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Paul Chattinger, Patricia Hall, Karen Ireland, John Paine and Carmine Rossi

Absent: Jeanne Keyser (excused)

County: Mike Dallenbach, John Elias, Dan Gallagher, Dawn Harrison, Chuck Koons, James Layport, Francine Lisby, Judith Nothdurft, Dan Quick, Linda Rohmer-Free, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present. The membership term limits were reviewed.

The minutes from October 16, 2014 were unanimously approved as written. The approval of the minutes from October 22, 2014 was deferred until the next meeting.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- Ms. Slater thanked the Committee for approving the 10 ft. wide pathway stating she feels it was a great decision and enhancement for South Gulf Cove. She stated she has been attending these meetings a long time and has served on different committees over the past 11 years. As a Committee member, her job is to represent what the community wants. The county's job is to make recommendations to the committee to help them make the right decisions. She has been tracking the capital assessments over the years, and lives in Phase 2. She doesn't feel her road needs repaving after only 11 years and asked the Committee to please listen to the community.
- Ms. Thurber lives in Phase 3 and stated she drove Phase 3 & 4 and has concerns about the property values. If she was looking to purchase a property today, she would not purchase in South Gulf Cove. She doesn't want their assessments to go up either; however some roads need to be repaved to maintain the property values. She asked that the Committee to recommend paving the roads that need it instead of paving strictly based on the age of the road.
- Mr. Robinson the President of the South Gulf Cove HOA thanked everybody for coming to the meeting on October 22. He stated it was well presented and the Committee was able to get a good feel for of what the residents support. He received calls from residents that were not able to attend and didn't receive one call supporting the rate increase of \$200 per year. He supports the plan proposed by Public Works to start paving in Phase 1 & 1a in FY 2016 with a \$60 rate increase per year; and move forward with the other roads after the loan is paid off in 2024-2026.
- Mr. Wozniak stated Charlotte County is a very highly taxed county. He stated his taxes are going up faster than his income and doesn't feel paving should be done to roads that don't need it for the sake of getting all the phases into a single cycle. He asked the Committee to do only what needs to be done; it will be better for everyone.
- Mr. Thurber stated he doesn't agree because the roads in need are not the ones being paved. The proposed roads for paving are the oldest ones. He thinks the money should be put towards the roads with the need not based on the age of the road.
- Mr. Schrieber stated all the people that are not here are still paying into the MSBU just as the ones who are here. The biggest problem with the roads is damage from the sun and stated that the roads are not going to make it. It is not fair to not pave a street because there is only one house on it; those property owners deserve good roads too because they are paying their taxes. He stated it will cost big money to come back in a few years and have to rebuild the whole road instead of repaving over the top now. He supports paving all the roads at one time.

Unfinished Business: paving

- Mr. Rossi gave a presentation and provided a handout that compared 4 different paving proposals for South Gulf Cove (SGC). He also drove every road in SGC and prepared a list of *SGC Streets in Bad Condition* based on his opinion. Several photos were passed for the members and citizens to review and he stated that these roads are already deteriorated to a condition beyond overlay. He doesn't understand how the roads were allowed to get this bad.
- Mr. Quick explained the recommendation that he will be making to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in July. If the Committee wants to recommend something different from his recommendation, a member from the committee will have to address the BCC. After extensive discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Quick's staff will drive the roads on Mr. Rossi's list and then provide an evaluation and a cost estimate at the December meeting. Mr. Quick asked that the Committee to be ready in December to bring forth their recommendation, if it differs from Engineering's findings.

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- Review Draft Paving Outreach Letter/Survey - Mr. Paine asked that the public outreach letter/survey for the paving program be deferred until the next meeting in December. The letter can be created after the Committee reviews the road evaluation and cost estimate from the Engineering staff and makes their decision. Ms. Nothdurft will provide a draft outreach letter for the committee to review after the next meeting.
- Herbicide treatment and crack repair were discussed. The discussion was deferred until the next meeting after the Committee gets an understanding of what can and cannot be done regarding the cracks. Mr. Chattinger asked that a cost for major crack repair be developed when County staff does their road evaluation. The road will be examined to determine if the damage is aesthetic or if it's road failure.
- Bridge Pile Jacket status for design, bid and construction – 90% plans were received last week. 100% plans should be received by the end of the calendar year and will be sent to the Committee for review. Construction is estimated to start in April/May of 2015.
- Review Pathway Plans – The 90% plans were distributed to the members for review. Mr. Paine asked the members to review the plans and make a list of questions and issues to be discussed at the next meeting with Johnson Engineering. There was discussion regarding the width of the pathways.
- San Domingo curve drop off edge filled with lime rock not asphalt – There was discussion regarding the drop offs being filled with lime rock instead of asphalt. There is an alignment problem on San Domingo and trucks with trailers cut the curve short causing ruts. Mr. Paine asked that an asphalt paved shoulder be installed. Mr. Dallenbach will schedule the work.

New Business:

- Solar Lighted Stop Sign – cost & recommended locations – Mr. Ouimet from the Sign & Marking Department reported that LED lighted stop signs cost \$2200-\$2500 each for materials and installation. This type of LED stop sign is not used in Charlotte County, but the City of Punta Gorda has some. If the LED stop signs are hit, broken or vandalized, the replacement and maintenance costs are high. Mr. Dallenbach recommended collecting input from the community.
- ROW Drainage & Pavement Damage during home construction – Mr. Reager, the Right-of-Way (ROW) Supervisor, was present to discuss drainage problems and pavement damage during new home construction. There was extensive discussion. Mr. Reager stated that ROW inspections are done during the building construction and an assessment is done at the time of the final inspection before the certificate of occupancy is issued. There was discussion regarding the types of drainage pipes that are allowed to be used. Contact information was distributed to the members to report ROW issues and road damage due to construction.
- Financials - History and 9 Month Actuals for FY 2013/2014 reports were distributed for review and discussion. There was a question regarding a \$60,000 charge. Ms. Free explained how the error could have occurred and asked the members to let the MSDR know of any suspected discrepancies. The South Gulf Cove park bench and pump enclosure should be charged to the Beautification MSBU; the correction will be made.
- FY2014/2015 Budget – Ms. Rohmer-Free answered questions on the report and sidewalk funding.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit)

- Question: If you apply herbicide do they dig out the weeds first?
Answer: It is swept out before the herbicide is applied. This is not a permanent fix, and it will grow back. Mr. Layport will get a cost on the crack repair per linear foot. Herbicide was applied in Phase 5 twice a year as a trial to see how it works. Cracks that are paved over without the road base being removed will come back within 6-8 months. If frequent cycle overlays are started within a short period of time there will be a crown in front of your house. The taller the grass in the cracks is the more the roots spread and tear up the asphalt.
- Ms. Thurber asked about the content of the letter. Ms. Nothdurft explained the letter and the ballot process.
- Question: If a property owner owns 3 lots do they get 3 votes?
Answer: No
- Mr. Robinson stated he is confused; there was supposed to be discussion and a decision made at today's meeting and now it is back to deferring the decision again. Mr. Paine explained that he wants to take that one final step by having the engineers look at the roads before the decision is made.
- Ms. Thurber thanked County staff and Committee members for gathering all the information to allow them to make an informed decision.
- There was discussion regarding the property owners attending the MSBU meetings and ways to get project information. Mr. Dallenbach distributed cards that contain a link on the County website where project status information can be found.

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- Ms. Thurber stated that there are additional road photos in the notebook that Mr. Quick took with him that do not appear on Mr. Rossi's list. She will forward a copy to Ms. Nothdurft.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Submitted by:



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CHARLOTTE COUNTY
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