

MEETING MINUTES
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 18, 2007
9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Dr. Bill Coy, Laren Armstrong, Granville Pennypacker, Kreg Maheu
County - Thomas O'Kane, Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond

Absent: Mike Post, Tony Hofstede

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the October 24, 2007, minutes as presented.

Business:

- The Committee discussed the cleaning of the Coral Creek dam. Dr. Coy will contact the property owner to have the dam cleaned out. Mr. O'Kane stated that Public Works will haul away the debris from the clean-out.
- Ms. Musselman read a letter, a copy of which will be submitted to the Committee, from the Public Works Stormwater Department regarding the Newgate Waterway. The Department does not feel that this waterway represents a major stormwater issue. Mr. Pennypacker questioned how the waterway can handle a large flow of water, when it narrows to four feet. Mr. O'Kane stated that retention ponds are also installed for proper flow, not just water quality.
- Ms. Musselman said Mr. Post was unable to speak with Joanne Vernon, Stormwater Manager, regarding water quality testing in South Gulf Cove. Mr. Pennypacker inquired about the reasoning behind spending money for testing the water, if there is nothing they can do about it.
- The residents of South Gulf Cove are concerned about water quality, because of stormwater runoff down the Butterford Waterway. The Committee asked about responsibility if some kind of pollutant is found. The canals in South Gulf Cove have no circulation, and the water becomes stagnant. Mr. O'Kane suggested the residents work with the Health Department, as this is not Stormwater's responsibility. Mr. Ray Warner stated that water quality testing was mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection when South Gulf Cove was developed, but it stopped five years ago. Ms. Musselman said they need to determine who will fund testing. Mr. Pennypacker made a motion that the Committee does not feel it is West Charlotte Stormwater's responsibility to fund water quality testing in South Gulf Cove or any other area. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- The Committee discussed the 2008/09 budget.

- The Committee received the Activity Report for October and November 2007.
- The cleaning of backyard ditches has not begun for this fiscal year.
- The Committee discussed increasing the use of the menzi muck. Mr. Pennypacker discussed overgrown weeds and the lack of herbiciding on Sunnybrook, north of SR 776. Mr. O’Kane informed the Committee that Public Works Maintenance & Operations Department is short-staffed. Ms. Musselman will check their schedule.
- Mr. Pennypacker inquired about the status of Oyster Creek. He stated this was to be done every year and a half. Ms. Musselman said that the Stormwater Department will look at Oyster Creek and see how fast it is growing back. It was stated that Gondolier Waterway should be included with Oyster Creek.
- Ms. Musselman said that the maintenance of the South Gulf Cove Lock—except for \$5,000—has been put into the budget of the South Gulf Cove Waterway MSBU. Dr. Coy stated he will talk to Kelly Shoemaker.
- Mr. Pennypacker inquired about the inspection of the bridge over the Butterford Waterway.
- The Committee requested that members receive a draft budget and agenda items two weeks prior to the next meeting.

Open Floor:

- There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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