

MEETING NOTES
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 29, 2012
2:00 p.m. at San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: Henry Killion, Glenn Perkins, Grandville Pennypacker, Scott Schermerhorn, Stanley Plizga

Absent: Laren Armstrong (excused)

County: Judith Nothdurft, Barry DeMello

Guests: Sandy Slater, Karen Ireland

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

- Election of the Chair and Vice Chair - Mr. Schermerhorn made a motion to nominate Mr. Killion as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perkins and passed unanimously. Mr. Schermerhorn made a motion to nominate Mr. Perkins for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Killion and passed unanimously.

The Advisory Committee had several questions regarding the West Charlotte Stormwater as follows:

1. What has happened with the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility for the past two years and how were Budgets approved?
2. The Total Maximum Daily Load Program (C/O FY12) includes \$133,333 and the Total Maximum Daily Load Program (New FY13) does not include any new funding on the FY13 Budget? The Advisory Committee would like to know why funding was budgeted for the TMDL Program as they feel this is not a County function, but rather a State function through FDEP. Was the TMDL funding for sampling?
3. A copy of the NPDES Permit was requested and the committee would like to discuss the process for selecting parameters for sampling.
4. How many outfalls are there in West Charlotte Stormwater Utility and can a schematic of the outfalls be provided?
5. What is the reason for sampling?
6. How many samples are taken and what locations are they collected from? Mr. Killion, the Advisory Committee Chair is a volunteer for the Charlotte Harbor Estuaries Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Network. He provided a map of Charlotte Harbor Estuaries Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Network Sampling Sites from 1966 – Current. Mr. Killion said the volunteer group samples the first Monday of each month. He would like to know if there is any duplication of sampling sites of the volunteer group and the sampling that is done for West Charlotte Stormwater Utility. If there is duplication, he would like to coordinate the effort to avoid this.

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7. The Advisory Committee would like to review the sampling results.
8. What are the responsibilities for the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility vs. the Street & Drainage MSBUs?
9. Are there any projects planned for West Charlotte Stormwater Utility?
10. What type of report is used by Engineering to track Stormwater expenditures in West County Stormwater Utility? The committee would like to review this report, if possible.

Other business:

- The Sunshine Law was briefly discussed. Ms. Nothdurft stressed that Advisory Committee members should only discuss West Charlotte Stormwater Utility business within an advertised meeting and cannot communicate outside meetings via e-mail, phone or in person to discuss Advisory Committee business.
- Mr. DeMello reviewed some of the projects that he worked on for the West County Stormwater Utility. He explained that Gas Tax is used for Road & Bridge roads. He also conveyed that retention ponds are fenced and sprayed for mosquitos.
- The Advisory Committee reviewed the FY 2012 Budget, the FY12 Activity Report (10/11/11 – 4/30/12), and the FY13 Budget. It was suggested that a balance of \$1,000,000 be kept in Reserves. There is currently a total of \$1,827,003 in the Reserve for Future Improvements and Reserve for Contingency-Regular. In the FY13 Budget, questions were raised about the reason for the inclusion of Reserve for Future Improvements - Lock Maintenance for \$5,000. After reviewing the Activity Report, the status of the Jennings Boulevard structure replacement was questioned.
- During the Public Input period Ms. Slater asked what water quality sampling had been done in the West County Stormwater Unit. Ms. Slater asked that she and Ms. Ireland be included on the West County Stormwater Utility distribution list.
- Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that she would contact Joanne Vernon, the Assistant County Engineer to obtain answers to the Committee's questions and invite her to the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- The next meeting was set for Tuesday June 12, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.