

Meeting Minutes
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 22, 2013 – Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Laren Armstrong, Lawrence Harrod, Henry Killion, Glynn Perkins, Stanley Plizga, and Scott Schermerhorn

County: Karen Bliss, Judith Nothdurft, Joanne Vernon and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a roll call that established a quorum was present.

The minutes from March 6, 2013 were unanimously approved as amended and the minutes from the joint meeting on March 21, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- Newgate Waterway – Ms. Bliss from the Engineering Department reported that she had met with the contractor. The plans that are being drawn up indicate that the material to be removed will be under the allowable permitted amount of 4000 cubic yards. If this amount is removed, it will only increase the depth by approximately 1 foot or less. The cost is estimated at \$265,000. There was discussion regarding the necessity of the project and the recommendation from Engineering. Ms. Vernon stated that from a drainage standpoint, there are no issues at this time. The Committee requested that staff from M&O and Engineering meet with Mr. Armstrong to review the area and report back with their assessment and recommendation on how to proceed.
- Oyster Creek – Ms. Vernon sent a budget request to Ms. Nothdurft for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. Ms. Nothdurft will follow-up and report back.
- San Domingo Ditch – Removal of the vegetation and herbicide has been completed. A request to add the ditch to the aquatic weed schedule for regular treatment was sent by Ms. Nothdurft. She will follow up and report back.
- Buck Creek – The warped board was replaced by M&O. The Committee requested M&O to assess the creek and remove as much of the overgrown vegetation as possible to prevent the outflow from becoming restricted.
- Grass Carp – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed a status report from Johnson Engineering. All of the survey data for the weir has been collected. The 60% plans should be to the County by the end of the week. Johnson Engineering will set up a stake holders meeting when the plans are at 80% to allow the Committee to review the plans. Ms. Nothdurft will forward the update from Johnson Engineering to the members. After the barriers are installed, they will be maintained by M&O. Funding for the maintenance will come from West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit.
- White Marsh Inlet – Mr. Slade from M&O will request this work be placed on the schedule to be done. The Committee requested that it be done as soon as possible using July 15 as a target date. This work must be done to allow for the installation of the carp barriers.
- Erosion around sewer pipes – The locations have been evaluated. M & O will have to schedule and possibly budget for fabric form. Work will be performed after October 1, 2013. The Committee requested follow-up work on drainage issues at Mariner Lane and Pine Valley within Rotonda West S & D. Ms. Nothdurft will work with Mr. Slade to follow up and give a status update at the Rotonda West S&D Advisory Committee meeting on both issues.

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- Coral Creek Restoration Project – Photos were distributed of the extensive work being done by SWFWMD to relieve the stormwater drainage and restore wetlands in the area. There was discussion regarding the State granting a maintenance easement to the County to have access to maintain the ditch. Ms. Vernon stated that the County does have access on the property only where the maintenance easement is granted. Another topic of discussion was the location of two weirs that were built in the area several years ago. These weirs could not have been built on the other side of the bridge because Rotonda West S&D funded the project and it had to be within that MSBU. Rotonda West S&D MSBU funded the construction of the weirs because West Charlotte Stormwater Utility MSBU didn't have the funding at the time; however the maintenance will be funded by the Stormwater Unit.
- Vanderbilt Dam – the flappers on the dam (to prevent salt water intrusion) are in disrepair and the dam does not function properly. The dam is located on private property owned by the developer. Mr. Perkins spoke with the Agent of the property owner of the Vanderbilt Dam and the owner is agreeable to allow access to make any necessary repairs to the dam and thinks that an easement may have already been granted to the County. Ms. Vernon stated that the dam may need to be completely replaced. Workers went to the site to remove the vegetation, but were concerned about the poor condition of dam and did not remove the overgrowth due to this concern. Ms. Vernon recommended Ms. Nothdurft to follow up with the legal department to determine if West Charlotte Stormwater MSBU funding can be used for repair or replacement of the Vanderbilt Dam if an easement has been granted to the County. It was also noted that the Vanderbilt Dam is on private property and the property owner is responsible for maintaining it. Ms. Vernon has also written many letters to FDEP and SWFWMD regarding the Vanderbilt Dam.
- Joint West Charlotte Stormwater Meeting – Mr. Killion shared that comments received during the joint meeting were that there should be a joint meeting every 6 months or at least annually. Mr. Killion stated that he would like to set a goal to organize an annual joint meeting. He has been attending other MSBU meetings to see if there are any issues that the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit should be providing funding for.
- Draft Ordinance – A draft of the proposed revisions to the Purpose and Membership sections of the ordinance were distributed for review. There was extensive discussion regarding the proposal for committee membership to be from each MSBU (with an Active Advisory Committee) to help ensure equal representation from all areas with the Stormwater Unit. This was based on the Membership Section of the Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Unit. There was also discussion regarding the proposal to increase membership from 5 to 7 regular members with 1 alternate. Mr. Killion made a motion to increase the membership from 5 to 7 regular members and 1 alternate member; motion was seconded by Mr. Armstrong with a vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed. The Committee requested a final version of the draft including the changes from this meeting and also in the ordinance format.

New Business:

- Activity Report – The report was distributed for review and questions. There was a request for information regarding ditch #1289 shown on the report, however it isn't on the ditch map. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up and report back.
- West County Stormwater Master Plan – Ms. Vernon responded to the Committee's discussion during the last meeting regarding an overall storm water master plan. She met with SWFWMD regarding a watershed analysis for the entire west county. The estimated cost would be \$1.2 million. A cooperative agreement could be done with SWFWMD and they would provide half of the funding for such a project. That would make the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit responsible for funding the other half. Applications are due every October. The Committee agreed to look at the expenses going forward before agreeing to fund a project like this.

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- Eick Agreement – There was further discussion regarding this agreement and the Committee's remaining questions on ownership of the Rotonda canals and greenbelt areas.
- Public Input – Ms. Price, chair for the South Gulf Cove Beautification Advisory Committee commended this committee for their outreach to the units that fall within this unit. She stated she agrees that the membership should not be exclusive to residence locations.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Submitted by:



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**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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