

Meeting Minutes
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 6, 2013 – Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. – San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: Lawrence Harrod, Henry Killion, Glynn Perkins, Stanley Plizga and Scott Schermerhorn
Absent: Laren Armstrong, (excused)
County: Karen Bliss, Judith Nothdurft, Ray Slade, Joanne Vernon and Sandy Wright
Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. with a roll call that established a quorum was present.

The minutes from September 18, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- Newgate Waterway – Ms. Bliss from the Engineering Department reported that the joint permit application for Florida Department of Environmental Protection & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (FDEP/ACOE) should be ready for submittal and review by November 15, 2013. There are no problems anticipated. A map of possible staging areas will be given to Engineering to submit to Real Estate Services to secure the locations. The Project will go out to bid in the April - June 2014 time frame and delayed to begin after the rainy season ends. Work should begin during the fall of 2014. Funds for this project that are not used during FY 2013/14 will be carried over to the following year.
- Oyster Creek – There was discussion regarding a citizen inquiry as it related to the creek being plugged up near the Wilmington intersection. This work will begin during the FY 2014/15. M&O assessed the area and found it to be over grown.
- Grass Carp Barriers – There was extensive discussion regarding carp barriers. Johnson Engineering submitted the proposed plans to Southwest Florida Water Management District for review to ensure there would be no drainage problems with stormwater control structures. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission stated that barriers are not required at the White Marsh Inlet culverts. Mr. Plizga expressed deep concern regarding the cost of these barriers compared to other barrier options. The Committee feels there has been extensive amount of unnecessary paperwork for this project. The Committee asked if Johnson Engineering looked at alternative designs and if so; what were their findings? The Committee also asked that Johnson Engineering attend the next meeting. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up.
- White Marsh Inlet Culverts – The culverts are being put on the contractor's schedule and should be lined within the next 6 months. The Committee has seen deterioration of the pipes and wants to move forward as soon as possible. Funding is available for the project; however Finance may need to do an adjustment due to the project being estimated during FY 2012/13.
- Erosion Locations
 - 1) Manhole cover at 899 & 902 Boundary Blvd.- dirt & sod have been added to the Boundary Blvd. side and the sodding on the Rotonda Blvd. side is pending
 - 2) 193 West Pine Valley - Maintenance & Operation (M&O) could not find any erosion at this location in the ROW or canal
 - 3) 790 Boundary Blvd. - M & O records stated this was repaired in January 2013
 - 4) 284 Mariner Lane - is in the process of being scheduled by M&O. Trees will have to be removed or heavily trimmed to allow access for the equipment. The Committee asked for a status on the time frame at the next meeting.

To address the above 4 erosion locations, Mr. Killion made a motion to put a program in place to define appropriate areas that may require silt removal to maintain proper drainage throughout the area in relationship to the 4 areas defined on the Agenda; motion was seconded by Mr. Schermerhorn and passed unanimously. Mr. Lyons stated that the Rotonda POA has a boat that could be used to assess the areas. Mr. Slade from M&O will follow up. If M&O cannot reach the silt, the Engineering Dept. will get involved.

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- Coral Creek Restoration Project – The equipment has been brought on site. The contractor for the weir will be back on site this week. The project must be complete by February 2014. Mr. Killion reported that there is no outward flow of water.
- Vanderbilt Dam – Mr. Perkins reported that the developer believed there was an easement in place, but could not find it. If the County requires something in writing the developer will approve it. Previous letters to FDEP and SWFWMD to require the owner to maintain the dam have had no results. The Committee is concerned because the structure is not functioning properly and possibly allowing salt water intrusion. Ms. Vernon conveyed that the Legal Department recommended that work not be done on structures that are not owned by the County. There was discussion regarding the County taking over ownership and maintenance. Normally that is not done unless the structure is brought up to meet the current standards. Ms. Vernon stated she doesn't believe there is significant salt water intrusion and doesn't feel there is a storm water drainage issue. The Committee requested Engineering to research and verify that there is no storm water drainage issue. Ms. Vernon will follow up.
- Buck Creek Debris & Vegetation Removal – M&O will meet with Engineering to see about getting a contractor to do the work. Ms. Vernon will follow up.
- West Charlotte Stormwater Ordinance Proposed Changes – The West Charlotte ordinance revisions are complete. Ms. Vernon has met with Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Advisory Committee and the ordinance revisions for the Mid and South Stormwater ordinances are ready to move forward. Legal Requests will be prepared to amend the ordinances and set a public hearing for BCC approval. Ms. Nothdurft will coordinate.
- South Gulf Cove Lock Maintenance – Mr. Bick, Chair of the South Gulf Cove (SGC) Waterway Unit, and Mr. Harrod gave a presentation on the SGC Lock System. It ended with a request for West County Stormwater Utility Unit to approve funding of \$30,000 annually to be put towards lock maintenance. There was extensive discussion regarding the costs and the amount the Stormwater Unit should contribute. Mr. Killion made a motion to fund \$30,000 per year for SGC lock maintenance; the motion was seconded by Mr. Harrod. There was further discussion regarding pursuing additional funding from other agencies. A vote was taken; the motion did not pass with a vote of 2 in favor and 3 opposed. Mr. Perkins made a motion to approve the funding of \$20,000 for SGC Waterway unit to put towards the lock maintenance subject to the approval from the Legal Department; the Motion was seconded by Mr. Schermerhorn and passed unanimously. Mr. Schermerhorn advised Mr. Bick to contact the Marine Advisory Board about additional funding.

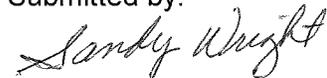
New Business:

- Activity Report – The report was distributed for review and discussion.
- Public Input – Jason Green from Weiler Engineering gave a presentation regarding a water quality study in the area. Maps and handouts were distributed for the Committee to review. Weiler Engineering approached the Commissioners with the project and was told by Administration to take it to the MSBUs first to get their input. Weiler is requesting for West Charlotte Stormwater to express interest in the project. The cost of the project would be an estimated \$20,000,000. The Committee asked that Mr. Green to let them think about the project and discuss at a later date.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright

Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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