

Meeting Minutes
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 22, 2014 – 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: Alan Holbach, Judith Nothdurft, Sandy Wright, Joanne Vernon, and Karen Bliss

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. with a roll call that determined a quorum was present.

Membership terms were reviewed.

The minutes from November 6, 2013 were unanimously approved as written and the minutes from November 15, 2013 were unanimously approved as amended.

Election of Officers

- Mr. Perkins nominated Mr. Killion as Chair; Mr. Schermerhorn seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. Killion accepted the nomination.
- Mr. Schermerhorn nominated Mr. Perkins as Vice Chair; Mr. Killion seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. Perkins accepted the nomination.

Unfinished Business:

- Newgate Waterway – The project is on track to begin in late fall. Access easements are in the process of being obtained. The project is to remove approximately 8,000 cubic yards of material at a cost estimate of approximately \$593,000.
- Oyster Creek – this project is scheduled for FY 2014/15 in October.
- Grass Carp Barriers – There was extensive discussion regarding the cost of this project and the length of time it has taken. The Committee is not happy with the amount of money that has been spent on drawings that they feel were not necessary. Previously when the HOA had the work done, it was a much simpler and less expensive process that didn't require interaction with outside agencies. When the Engineering Department put projects out to bid, drawings are required as part of the bid specification package. Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) provided a list of approved contractors for such work. Estimates were received by a Committee member for \$16,000 for purchase and installation of 6 barriers. It has been determined that only 3 barriers are required by FWC. The Committee inquired about the best way to move forward so that work can get started. Engineering will gather documents from Johnson Engineering and the FWC Carp Vendor list and prepare the specifications for a quote for the project and will try to have the barriers installed by April. The Committee agreed on stainless steel barriers with the bars installed horizontally. Fish should be released in various locations, however they prefer flowing water and typically migrate to those locations. The best time to release fish is during the cool weather months of November through April depending on the water temperatures. FWC recommended purchasing 12"-14" fish even though they may cost a bit more to avoid the carp being eaten by birds and other wildlife. Mr. Sowinski stated the gap between the bars should be at 1 ½ inches to allow for adequate water flow. A schedule for cleaning the barriers will be put in place after they are installed to allow regular maintenance performed by County staff.
- Two Culverts at White Marsh Inlet – The pipe lining company is working in the area and this work should be done during February.
- Erosion Locations – The homeowner at 284 Mariner stated that erosion is approximately 20 ft. into his back yard and is 10-15 ft. wide. The pipe appears to be gone and there is some sinking along the line of the remaining pipe, indicating that the pipe may be broken up. This problem was reported in December 2012. Ms. Nothdurft stated that M&O has investigated this; and there are access issues due to trees.

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Mr. Holbach will follow up and expedite the work. Additionally, it may be necessary for Engineering to develop a silt removal plan for the four Erosion Locations as noted in the November 6, 2013 Minutes.

- Coral Creek Restoration – Planting the filter marsh and wetland areas is underway and cleanup should be complete by February 2.
- Vanderbilt Dam – Engineering previously explained that the Legal Department recommended that the County not work on structures not owned by the County. Engineering reported that there are no obvious drainage issues at this location. Mr. Killion is concerned that salt water will back in through the pipe during a storm event due to the flapper not functioning. Ms. Vernon explained that a storm surge would actually flow over the entire weir.
- Buck Creek - Vegetation removal was investigated by Engineering. There have been no issues reported. Flow and drainage is good at this time. This is private property. The Engineering Department contacted the permitting agencies and the County would be allowed to do very little work in the area and it would be very difficult and expensive when there does seem to be an issue. Mr. Killion stated that the vegetation is growing and requested that it continued to be monitored.
- Ordinance Amendment – There is a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday January 28, 2014.
- South Gulf Cove Locks – Fiscal Services will set up a project number and will track items that qualify for West Charlotte Stormwater Unit funding up to the approved amount of \$20,000. The Assistant County Engineer will determine which work is stormwater structure related and qualifies for Stormwater Unit funding. Boat lock related items such as the remote access system will not be paid for with funds from the Stormwater Unit. Additionally, Engineering would like to create a maintenance contract with an outside contractor to perform periodic general maintenance for the lock.
- Water Lettuce Removal – Engineering has a pre-quote meeting scheduled for January 29, 2014. Quotes are due back February 11, 2014 at 3:00pm. Approval should be given the following week. The Committee expressed concern over the length of time it takes for a project to get underway. The County has restrictions that prevent them from moving as quickly as the HOA. If the lettuce starts growing again, it should be reported immediately; work under \$5000 can be acted upon much faster, as it does not require a formal Request for Bids.

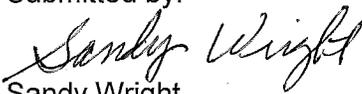
New Business:

- Financial Reports – The History and Activity reports were distributed for review and discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by:


Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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