

MEETING MINUTES
PLACIDA STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 18, 2009
3:00 p.m.

Attendees: Scott Roberts, John Milantoni, Bill Dahms, Marvin Medintz, Arthur Hanson, Jr. County – Tim Free, Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond

Minutes: No minutes were approved.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Business:

- The Committee reviewed the 2009/2010 Draft Budget.
- Mr. Milantoni inquired about the status of the deceleration lane. Mr. Free stated Placida Road will be widened and this lane would probably be included. Mr. Milantoni inquired about a traffic light at this location. He requested County staff that is involved with the Placida Road widening be present at the next meeting. Ms. Musselman stated Gary Grossman is the Project Manager over this project and he will be scheduled to attend the next meeting with an update on the project along with the scope of work and an estimated cost.
- Ms. Musselman contacted Mr. Gary Grossman during the meeting and placed him on speakerphone. Mr. Grossman stated they would not even know for a couple of years if the project would include the turning lane. The cost for the lane would be expensive since the drainage would have to be changed. Mr. Hanson suggested they widen the turning radius at the corner. Mr. Grossman stated the widening would consist of four lanes split by a median. A traffic light would be installed at Cape Haze Drive, which needs to have a warrant signal study done. Mr. Grossman stated once a Design Engineer is established then it will take 18 months to 2 years to develop design plans.
- The Committee discussed the painting of the fire hydrants
- Mr. Dahms suggested reducing the assessment rate since they have over \$400,000 in the ending balance and use the money from reserves. Mr. Roberts stated if an emergency arises then where would the money come from. Ms. Musselman stated they could borrow from the Transportation Trust fund and then pay it back. Mr. Milantoni inquired why they need to have a residual balance at all. Ms. Musselman suggested they lower their assessment rate to \$60.60 vacant and \$50 occupied.
- Mr. Medintz inquired about the condominium construction completion and why this has not been marketed for taxes. Ms. Musselman stated the construction would need to pass all County inspections and they would not be able to charge taxes until the following year.
- The Committee requested another meeting at the end of the summer to discuss the project with Mr. Grossman. The Committee discussed issues and questions that need to be addressed at the next meeting such as: widening radius for the deceleration lane; storm water drains; right of way anticipation; sanitary sewer (which needs to be discussed with Charlotte County Utilities).

- Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the 2009/10 Draft Budget as presented. Mr. Dahms seconded the motion. There was discussion concerning the rate. Mr. Medintz would like to have the rate lowered and Mr. Hanson wants the rate to remain the same. Mr. Roberts withdrew his motion. Mr. Dahms made a motion to decrease the assessment rate to charge all the residents (occupied and vacant) a flat rate of \$75 per equivalent residential unit per year. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
- Mr. Free discussed the following work requests that were received from citizens: shoulder drop off on Spanish Road; sinkhole off the curbing on Placida Point; drainage culvert at the entrance of Cape Haze Drive off Placida Road.
- Mr. Medintz stated State Route 771 (Gasparilla Road) needs to be cleaned up. He was informed that Public Works does not pick up litter. This is a road and bridge road, which is funded by gas tax dollars, and there is not excessive money to perform this type of work. Mr. Milantoni will send out an e-mail to the Board of County Commissioners to request a method to have this road cleaned up.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative