

MEETING MINUTES
BOCA GRANDE STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 25, 2007
2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Tony Ackerman, Yvonne Anderson, Bill Kunkler, Lyman Randall
County – Commissioner Tom Moore, Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond
Absent – Harold Wells

Minutes: The Committee requested to have the first bullet of the June 4, 2007, minutes reflect that Sunset Pine Circle is in poor shape. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

Business:

- Iguana Study
 - The purpose of the iguana study is to identify ways to catch iguanas. Per Ms. Musselman, the contractor for Lee County has advised that the process has slowed down, because the lizards are catching on to the bait. The contractor stated they have found bobcat scat with iguana parts. They will use this as a possible method to get the iguanas. The gopher tortoise is in danger from the iguanas. Ms. Musselman stated there is a meeting next week on how they are going to take care of the problem, and the MSBU meeting can be set up a few weeks later. Rich, who is responsible for the study, stated they may be able to take the iguanas back to the lab to study them or possibly get grant funding. They will determine the best method.
 - Mr. Ackerman inquired whether there was something they could do instead of what the government suggests.
 - Ms. Anderson stated that iguanas are burrowing below some of the buildings.
 - Regarding the removal of iguanas on private property, Ms. Musselman advised that Lee County's Attorney has stated that MSBU money cannot be used to improve private property. The situation could get sticky if one resident does not grant permission. Mr. Ackerman suggested that a notice be sent out to all residents informing them of the plan.
- The mowing on Gasparilla Road will not be done by the MSBU.
- Ms. Musselman stated that the Committee needs to move forward on the paving program, because the edges of Gasparilla Road are falling apart. Mr. Randall

suggested that a gradual slope be applied, instead of a drop off. Ms. Musselman said the projected paving program cost for 2010 is approximately \$415,000.

- Ms. Musselman stated that the MSBU study proposes combining the County into three MSBU's. The barrier islands, along with the waterway and stormwater MSBU's, will not be included in this study. The consultant conducting the study is currently on Phase Two, which consists of meeting with three members of each MSBU committee. The meeting for the West County MSBU's is scheduled for August 30, 2007, in the Murdock Administration Building. This is a public meeting, but public input will not be accepted. Commissioner Moore suggested that each member attend this meeting to inform the consultants about how the residents feel. He stated that Boca Grande is unique and should be kept separate from the rest of West County. Commissioner Moore stated they tried to get funding in this year's budget to dredge out the sand at the Gasparilla Pass inlet. Dredging can only be done if it was previously done, but a permit would not be granted if dredging had never been done.
- Ms. Musselman suggested putting money into reserve for future paving, instead of increasing the rate. She stated that, if the money is there, it prevents borrowing and paying interest.
- Members of this Committee were appointed on February 27, 2007.
- The Committee was given the Activity Reports for May and June 2007.
- Mr. Ackerman complained about the flail mowing on Peekins Cove. He stated the mower went up the street and down without ever mowing. He also stated there is quite a bit of overhang along the road. Ms. Musselman will check into this.

Open Floor:

- A resident stated that, as the weather gets cooler, the iguanas will not be out as much, and it does not look like there is a problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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