

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DEEP CREEK STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**December 19, 2006**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Wayne Kowalski, Donald Eiler, Fred Stiteler, Michael Brown  
County- Christopher Andersch, Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond

**Minutes:** No minutes were approved.

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

**Business:**

- Mr. Kowalski made a motion to defer the nomination of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the January meeting to allow a fifth member to be appointed. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ms. Musselman stated that she has been advised by County Administration there will be no increases to the 2007/08 Budget unless Committee members address their requests to the County Commissioners.
- Ms. Musselman explained the County has hired an outside consultant to review the MSBU system. The consultant will submit their results to the Board of County Commissioners at the end of January. Mr. Eiler requested the members of this Committee be notified of the presentation date from the consultants.
- Mr. Brown suggested waiting on developing a budget until the fifth member is appointed. Ms. Musselman explained that the status of a fifth member is unknown and the budget needs to be completed.
- Ms. Musselman stated there is approximately \$800,000 available for drainage. The Committee reviewed the list of pipes and drainage priorities. Ms. Musselman presented two options for drainage, which included: Phase 1A (Rampart) is estimated at \$412,500, which requires four pipes to be re-lined, if possible. Phase 1B (Rio de Janiero to I-75) is estimated at \$462,000, which requires two pipes to be re-lined. Based on the current tax assessments, these projects would be completed in 16 years. It has not been determined if Maintenance and Operations or an outside contractor would do the work. This depends on the contractor's cost and M&O's schedule. Mr. Andersch stated that both areas need the drainage replaced.
- Mr. Kowalski made a motion to accept Phase 1A proposal of pipe replacement for 2007 and to have it placed out for bid. Mr. Eiler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Musselman stated the process will take three months and should begin in the spring or summer. She discussed raising the rates as an option of completing the process quicker. Mr. Kowalski stated he will inform the Property Owner's Association (POA) and get their thoughts and concerns.

- Mr. Stiteler stated if the roads are not up to standards then the residents should not have a choice in what action is taken. Public Works should be responsible to get these roads up to standard for the least amount of cost. Ms. Musselman explained that Public Works is funded by the non ad-valorem taxes. The decisions to go forward with the rate increases are made by the County Commissioners who listen to the concerns of the residents. Mr. Stiteler stated this is the wrong process and the residents should not vote on what they want to pay and feel should be done. He inquired why this Committee is making decisions to take care of the State and County's responsibility. He was also concerned why the residents decide on what pipes to replace and not County professionals.
- There was discussion about the previous drainage and sidewalk proposal, which was estimated at \$11 million. The cost included \$6 million for sidewalks. Mr. Stiteler stated that he is a strong advocate of sidewalks and bike paths which, without them, are safety concerns.
- Teri Lackey stated that this is a volunteer committee, to be a liaison with Public Works. She stated the Board of County Commissioners are elected by the taxpayers and back off when there are angry residents. The County needs to educate and communicate with the residents better. Ms. Lackey suggested notices be sent to the residents with information to help keep them informed. Ms. Musselman stated that a representative from the POA needs to be present at the MSBU meetings so they can help keep the resident's informed. Ms. Lackey stated that the residents need an explanation of the money breakdown from the taxes into the budget. One option is to have the breakdown published in the POA newsletter.
- Joan Geremanos suggested all the taxes be placed in one pot. Ms. Musselman informed her that numerous MSBU's have paid their taxes and have completed their infrastructure repairs, so why should they pay for other MSBU's that need drastic work done and haven't paid.
- Mr. Stiteler suggested submitting the same drainage and paving proposal from last year and help educate the residents. If this project waits another year, the costs will skyrocket. Ms. Musselman stated that prior to the BCC Public Hearing in July, she met with the Fiscal Supervisor and came up with an 18-year payback program to prevent an increased assessment. Ruth Bromburg, a resident from Section 20, stated this is a good idea to stretch out the cost which will help the residents on a fixed income. Ms. Musselman stated that this must be approved by the BCC before they can move forward. She suggested that the Committee members address the BCC individually stating that all four of the Advisory Committee members agree and that they are under funded to do adequate repairs for their infrastructure.
- Ms. Musselman stated that she has obtained a legal opinion and properties that are on private roads cannot be added to the MSBU.
- Ms. Musselman stated that Impact Fees are only used if the capacity of the road is going to be increased.
- Mr. Stiteler made a motion for Public Works to prepare a financial alternative for the drainage and paving proposal, that this Advisory Committee can submit to the BCC to revisit the budget

of the MSBU for 2007/08. The three alternatives are: a flat 10 year rate, 16 year pay off, or flat rate for 20 years. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Kim, with the POA, stated that the residents agree with a \$200 increase, but not \$400. Ms. Musselman suggested meeting with the POA at a night meeting to help educate the residents.
- John Lackey suggested a video presentation to show the residents the damage being done, along with the costs. The residents need to have a choice of financial alternatives.
- A resident complained about a neighbor parking along the road. Ms. Musselman stated that the ordinance allows parking on any rights-of-way.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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