

MEETING MINUTES
HARBOUR HEIGHTS STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 14, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Maggie Scott, Joan Hayes, Steve Vieira
County - Dawn Harrison, Kim Raymond
Absent - Suzanne Graham

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes:

- The Committee unanimously approved the February 13, 2008 minutes as submitted.

Business:

- Ms. Harrison announced that Ms. Suzanne Graham resigned from the Committee today.
- Ms. Harrison stated that no consensus was established for paving from the community meeting held in March. The Committee was informed that Public Works will not move forward with the tax assessment increase.
- Ms. Harrison stated the methodology change will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in July 2008.
- Ms. Harrison informed the Committee that the mowing contract for Mid-County has increased. She will submit the new price to the members.
- The Committee reviewed the 2008/09 Budget. The budget displays the assessment rate per ERU (equivalent residential unit). The Committee inquired why the rate has been calculated higher than originally anticipated. Ms. Harrison explained that in order for the MSBU to collect the same amount of revenue the assessment rates ended up being higher. Ms. Hayes stated the Committee should have been informed about this to relay to the residents.
- The Committee discussed the clean up at the medians. Mr. Vieira stated nothing has been done. Ms. Harrison stated a new estimate of \$8,900 was e-mailed to him. Mr. Vieira stated the estimate does not show what will be done. Ms. Harrison clarified that all the dead items will be removed and plants will be trimmed back. Ms. Harrison stated this Committee needs to have a plan after Public Works cleans up the medians. The Committee unanimously agreed to have Public Works clean up the medians right away.

- Members from the Harbour Heights Horticulture Society were present and they submitted a proposal from an outside contractor, Native Nursery. This proposal is for the reconstruction and reconfiguration of the medians. Ms. Harrison stated she will present this proposal to Mr. Gregg O'Connor, Landscaping Manager, to allow him to generate a proposal from Public Works. Ms. Harrison suggested installing irrigation and removing the asphalt that is present in the medians. There was discussion about a well that exists, which could be a water source for the irrigation. Ms. Harrison stated she will check into this. There is \$50,000 grant money available for the plants. Mr. Vieira inquired about Public Works' cost for overseeing the contractor. Ms. Hayes suggested an open forum or mailing informing the residents of the median proposal. It was stated that the Horticultural Society always did what they needed to do without approval. The money is already budgeted and no increase is being presented.
- Ms. Hayes expressed concern about the road issue at the median by the store. She stated this is a safety issue. Ms. Harrison stated the median clean up should help the situation but suggested waiting until paving takes place.
- Mr. Vieira requested an estimate for asphalt over the median.
- The edging along the sidewalk from the school has not been getting done. This is in the contract to be done five times a year. Ms. Harrison stated she will check into this.
- The Committee requested they want the two plaques that are located on the back of the first median be removed before the median clean up begins.
- The Committee reviewed the January through April 2008 Activity Report.
- Mr. Vieira requested a copy of the priority list. He inquired about the status of the work.
- Ms. Harrison informed the Committee that in the future they will be holding a Sunshine Law Class for new members. She will keep new members informed.
- Mr. Vieira stated they would like to meet more than four times a year. Ms. Harrison stated they can meet without Public Works present. The Committee would need to give two weeks notice prior to the meeting to allow time to advertise and a member would need to take minutes.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at Public Works, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative