

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE STREET & DRAINAGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 8, 2008
2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Hubert Daniely, Jr.; Paul Pilch; Nancy Razvoza; Deborah Manna
County – Dawn Harrison, Mike Dallenbach, John Elias, Alan Holbach, Kim
Raymond
Absent – Dave Rubin

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the August 7, 2008, minutes as presented.

Business:

- Mr. John Elias, Project Manager, discussed the reconstruction of Batlin Avenue and presented a map with a cost breakdown. There was discussion about completing a portion of the road, since a resident on the other side will not grant an easement to the County. Reconstructing this road will prevent EMS from getting stuck again. The Committee agreed to only fix the corners of Olgesby Terracy and Batlin Avenue and Batlin Avenue and Shell Road. Maintenance and Operations will check the shoulder stabilization in this area.
- Ms. Harrison reported that a location was determined for the Community Sign. It will be on private property, and the contractor is moving the sidewalk. Ms. Harrison advised that the permit and construction plans for the sign were given to the contractor. A motion was made to accept the community sign plan as submitted. Ms. Manna seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Ms. Manna reported that a proposed plan for Northwest Port Charlotte was submitted to Jeff Ruggieri, Growth Management, for assistance in developing a community plan. This plan consists of developing open spaces (Parks & Recreation), a bank lending program, a waterway useable by all residents (no public boat ramp), the protection of water quality, road quality and safety, and determination of the best use of lots for all residents. Mr. Ruggieri explained the process of developing a community plan for submission to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. He said the communities need to take charge and use the County as a tool. Funding is not needed to start a community plan. There was discussion about setting up a non-profit to raise money.
- A new contract was established for pepper tree cutting. This contract will be administered by the previous contractor.
- Rejuvenation is not done on collector roads, since they are built differently and are highly traveled. This process is only used on newly paved residential roads.
- The Committee reviewed the August and September 2008 Activity Report. The charge for removing the tree that was blocking the waterway off Eppinger Drive needs to be charged to the waterway MSBU. The Committee inquired who reported the broken culvert pipe, and Mr. Dallenbach advised it was called in by Waste Management.

Open Floor:

- Mr. Park Pilikian commented on Ms. Manna's compassion for community in developing a plan. He recommended making residents aware of her plans and ideas for the community. Ms. Manna said her ideas have come from public input over the last few years, and she will request additional ideas from residents at the Community League Meeting.
- Mr. Pilikian complimented the Committee on taking over the area and assessing themselves so the work can get completed. The MSBU's give the residents the opportunity to take care of their own community.
- Mr. Pilikian inquired about all the vacant land and how the MSBU can fund roads, when there are areas considered scrub jay zones. It was stated that Florida Fish & Wildlife determines scrub jay areas and, in order to build, there would have to be mitigation. Mr. Pilikian was informed that not all empty lots are scrub jay zones.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in the Murdock Administration Building, Room B-106.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative

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