

MEETING MINUTES
TROPICAL GULF ACRES STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 5, 2007
9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Jim Leavor, Richard Leisman, Peter MacDonald, John Quinn, Florence Strawson, Lynne Ambrose
County – Thomas O’Kane, Dawn Harrison, Kim Raymond

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Business:

- Ms. Harrison briefly explained Roberts Rules of Order and the Sunshine Law. She informed the Committee that all meetings are advertised and minutes are to be taken. In addition, two or more members cannot have any discussions pertaining to information concerning the MSBU outside of the advertised meeting.
- Residents who do not own a home, but live in the community, have the right to speak at these meetings.
- The Committee drew for their terms, and will serve the following years:

Richard Leisman -	One year
Lynne Ambrose (Alternate)	Two years
Peter MacDonald -	Two years
John Quinn -	Two years
Florence Strawson -	Three years
Jim Leavor -	Three years
- The Committee voted on the election of officers. Ms. Strawson nominated Mr. Leavor for Chairman. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the nomination. Mr. Leisman nominated Ms. Strawson for Vice-Chairman. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the nomination.
- Ms. Harrison requested two weeks notice for any agenda items to be discussed at the meetings. Public Works will meet with this Committee every three months, but the Committee can meet without a County’s representatives. All meetings are required to be advertised and minutes need to be taken.
- 2007/08 Budget was reviewed. Ms. Harrison explained the assessment rate will remain the same for 2007/08, but money within the budget can be switched around between line items.

- Ms. Harrison stated that 5% of assessments received are required to be placed in reserves by State statutes. This money will accrue interest.
- The 2007/08 work program was generated by estimation of work done in previous years.
- Ms. Harrison stated the Committee will work on generating the 2008/09 budget during the next few meetings. This must be completed by December for submittal to Administration.
- Ms. Harrison suggested possibly installing guardrails to prevent automobiles going into the water and the installation of street lights.
- Ms. Ambrose informed Public Works that the sod that was installed along Chinquapin Drive and Easha Boulevard has not been watered and is now lifting up. Ms. Harrison will check into this.
- There was discussion about tires and boats that need to be picked up. A clean-up will be set up by the Association. Waste Management may possibly assist by providing dumpsters. Ms. Harrison will check into this.
- Line item 9091 and 9092 in the budget should not have any budgeted amounts. Ms. Harrison will check into this.
- The Committee discussed the issue with signs being knocked down by the contract mowers. Ms. Harrison needs to be contacted immediately to report the damage and have the signs replaced or repaired. Public Works will seek payment from the contractor for the damages.
- Mr. Leisman requested a mowing schedule and suggested the trash be picked up before mowing. Ms. Harrison informed the Committee that the cost is very high to have the trash pick up included in the contract.
- Mr. Thomas O'Kane explained that Public Works is only funded by the MSBU funds and gas tax, which is a tax that is collected for maintaining the collector roads (arterial roads are used by the majority of the residents and are designated by the BOCC). He welcomed the members to the committee and stated that Public Works relies on their input. He thanked the members volunteering their time for their community.

- Mr. O’Kane explained that County Administration has hired an outside consultant to review the MSBU system. A preliminary report with the consultant’s recommendation will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners on April 10, 2007. The report suggests the County be combined into three MSBU’s (Mid-County, South County and West County). Mr. O’Kane recommended the members attend this meeting. Any suggestions about the MSBU study can be submitted to the BOCC in writing. A copy of the MSBU study can be found on the County website or from the Budget office. The rate proposal from last year was the worst case scenario. The drainage will need to be addressed first before any paving is done. There are two different types of pavement in TGA.
- Mr. Quinn stated the residents get frustrated because they see their money being wasted. He stated that pothole repairs are done very poorly. The hole should be blown out first for any debris then using tac before filling in with asphalt. Mr. O’Kane stated the crews are instructed to fill potholes based on requests from the residents. Ms. Harrison explained that work is inspected by supervisors when completed.
- Mr. O’Kane discussed the increase that was presented last year to the BOCC. Public Works was asked by Administration to give them an estimation of what it would cost to get Tropical Gulf Acres infrastructure up to standard.
- Mr. Tom Strawson stated that Public Works is not the villain and the BOCC is responsible. If a supervisor is present or not, the MSBU will pay for it. Mr. Strawson said the residents of TGA like the rural setting and drainage needs to be the main focus.
- The impact fees that are collected from new construction go to the main County roads in South County.
- Mr. MacDonald said the contractors’ trucks and equipment are destroying the roads. Ms. Harrison told the members they need to call Code Compliance if they witness any damage done by the contractor.
- Ms. Ambrose said there was brush cutting recently done at Chinquapin Drive and two cutter heads were left behind. Ms. Harrison will inform Maintenance and Operations to have them picked up.

- Mr. Leavor discussed the new traffic signal on Route 41. He said the process was started three weeks ago and there is a hole ten feet deep there. Ms. Harrison explained that the contractors have a date they are required to have the work completed by or they will pay fines. The County Purchasing department handles the contracts.
- Mr. Leavor said the speed limit on Route 41 from Tucker's Grade and down to Morningside Drive needs to be reduced. Ms. Harrison explained that this is a State road and the Committee must submit their concerns to Department of Transportation.

Open Floor:

- Sam - representative for the Gulf Stream Development Group stated his company has built a few homes in their area. He explained that the company sees potential and wants to help improve their area. He informed the residents that if they see any of his crews do any damage to please contact his company and they will repair the damage.

The next meeting is scheduled for the middle of July. The final date will be posted on the County's website and the newspaper.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative

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