

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD TOWN OF BELLEAIR,FLORIDA HELD AT TOWN HALL ON JANUARY 6, 2014 AT 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Pace, Chairman
Chris Foley
James White
John Hail
Daniel Hartshorne

OTHERS PRESENT: Perry Lopez, Public Works Director
Stephen Fowler, Commission Advisor

Quorum present on roll call with Mr. Pace presiding; the meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 4, 2013

Mr. Foley moved approval of the Minutes of the August 5, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Hail and carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments.

STREET LIGHT POLICY

Mr. Lopez stated that he wanted to bring the matter back to the board; that he wanted the board members to review the proposed policy and be prepared to discuss and comment and make recommendations at the next meeting; that after the discussion the policy would be amended accordingly and presented to the commission for approval.

Mr. Hartshorne asked about street lights for the Laurie Lane area; asked for the status of the lights in that area.

Mr. Lopez stated that the street lights for that area was included in a legal matter that was now resolved; that the lights project was originally scheduled with the Rosery Road Project; that the lights would be in the project slated for the Pinellas/Althea Roadway Project.

Mr. Hartshorne commented on the Osceola Roadway Project and made favorable comments on the project and the contractor performing the work; stated that residents in the area were satisfied with the work; asked if there was a program in place for evaluating the contractors.

Mr. Lopez stated it was necessary to following the bid process; that contractors bidding on the projects did have to be pre-qualified to perform such work; that contractors could be eliminated if they were not pre-qualified.

Mr. Hail asked the status of the request to Duke Energy to remove the high sodium light fixtures.

STREET LIGHT POLICY (Continued)

Mr. Lopez stated that the town was in the process of preparing an inventory of the lights; that Duke Energy had been put on notice that the lights would have to be removed; that it was taking a lot longer than anticipated; that he would try to have an answer by the next meeting.

Mr. Hail stated that he felt comfortable discussing the street lights at this time.

Mr. Foley stated that he would like to know where the funding was coming from for the street lights; asked if installing the street lights would impact any of the other projects proposed.

Discussions ensued regarding financial implications and funding for lighting projects; regarding evaluating the need for the lights; regarding the depth of the conduit needed for the installation of lights; regarding the distance of residents requesting street lights from existing lights and removal of existing light fixtures.

It was the consensus of the board members to continue the discussion of the street lights until all requested information could be provided.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Lopez stated that the new Public Works building was now occupied by staff; that the old building was to be demolished.

Mr. Lopez stated that the issue causing the delay in the Eagles Nest Project on the Belleair Bluffs side of Mehlenbacher Road was now resolved and expected project completion in 2 to 3 weeks.

Mr. Lopez stated that the Manatee/Osceola Project was moving forward; that Osceola was paved today; that a 2 to 3 weeks completion date was expected and was ahead of schedule; that additional rip-rap was added to the toe of the bluff and was extended approximately 100 feet south.

Discussions ensued regarding removal of the silt from the grass beds along the bluff; regarding the efficiency of the contractor in correcting the wash out at the bluff.

Mr. Lopez stated that Druid Road Project was expected to be completed by the end early February 2014; that restoration work may take a bit longer.

Mr. Lopez stated that a pre-construction meeting for the Indian Rocks/Ponce de Leon Roundabout would be scheduled within the next two weeks; that shovels would not be in the ground until sometime in February; that Verizon needed to perform their relocations.

Mr. Lopez stated that the bids for the Pinellas/Althea Project should be on the street for bid sometime in February.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES (Continued)

Mr. Hartshorne asked about preventing people from making left hand turns from Country Club Road onto Indian Rocks Road once the roundabout was in place.

Mr. Lopez stated that the design of the project would prevent anyone from making such a turn.

Mr. Lopez state that engineering design had begun for the Osceola/Golfview Project; that it would be a big project with all on the proposed elements involved.

Mr. Hail asked about the status north end of the Bayview Project.

Mr. Lopez stated that the project was at about 90% design; that the plan was to go out to bid at the end of the summer.

Discussions ensued regarding grant funding from SWFWMD for the project; regarding the expected start date for the project; regarding the grant funds from SWFWMD for the Rosery Road Project.

Mr. Hail asked about the drainage issue at the property on Eagles Nest Road.

Discussion ensued regarding the drainage issue on Eagles Nest Road.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORT

Commissioner Fowler expressed kudos to the architect and engineer for their work on the new Public Works building; commented on the residents who had complained about the roundabout; commented on the benefit of the pedestrian crosswalks for roundabout allowing pedestrians to cross Indian Rocks Road more safely; commented on the proposed long term lease agreement with Green Golf Partners for the golf course property; commented on the revenues from the golf course being better than expected and the proposed long term course improvements and increase in memberships; commented on the three parties wanting to purchase the Belleview Biltmore Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned in due form at 5:30 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairman

Approved: 2/3/2014