



13240 Griffin Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting April 1, 2009

Chairperson: Tamara Sendewicz

Vice Chairperson: Pete Doragh

Committee Members Present

Member: Joe D'Elia

Member: Jamie Groth- arrived late

Member: Margaret Fineberg

Member: Scott Kearney

Gateway Service CDD Attorney Present

Tony Pires

Staff Members:

Elle Harris: Safety Officer

Cindy Hamlin: Admin Assistant

(Staff members are not required to attend committee meetings)

1. Approval of Minutes from March 11^h, 2009

MOTION TO: Approve Minutes from March 11, 2009

MADE BY: Margaret Fineberg

SECONDED BY: Scott Kearney

DISCUSSION: none

RESULT: motion passed unanimously

2. Resident Questions Regarding Interlocal Agreement

Tamara wanted to clarify on the issue the public has raised about the concern of the committee wanting to install speed bumps on Gateway Blvd, she stated that for the record that option has not been entertained by the committee. Tamara also wanted to clarify that the \$25,000.00 that was approved for Traffic engineer expenses was given for the purpose to invest in traffic calming devices and public safety on Gateway Blvd. The \$11,260.00 that has already been spent was not used by the current but by the prior committee.

Tamara stated that she had reviewed previous studies that McMahon had done; copies were provided for all committee members. One survey showed the possible locations for round a bouts, Pete mentioned that a new survey isn't necessary just researching the plats would show if space is available for such devices. Joe's concern is that at Gateway Blvd and Griffin Dr. there is not enough adequate space for a round a bout, he agreed that checking the plats will show if it is possible. Pete mentioned that round a bouts are not the only traffic calming options.

John Depalma from McMahon then introduced himself stating that original report was an educational campaign. McMahon talked then to the County about round a bouts, he wanted the committee to understand there are several context sensitive design options, and at this point all stakeholders need to be involved, there are many options that are more cost effective. He shared that the public needs to be

educated. John was given a copy of the interlocal agreement that is in draft form, he will review and develop a plan of options for the committee with a report before their next meeting. Tony told John he will be provided with what WCI provided to the County, which will help him with his report.

The committee then had a brief discussion on the speed limit issue on Gateway Blvd. Pete stated that committee needs to be able to make a recommendation to the Board based on the direction that will be given by McMahon which will allow changes to be made to the interlocal agreement . The committee agreed to include language about the speed limit in the agreement and to be more specific on motor vehicle limitations. Pete mentioned that is important to ask for all that is necessary for permanent value, not just for today's economy. The committee then set their next meeting date for April 29th, with the confirmation from John Depalma that the report will be provided for review by April 24th.

3. Review Revised Interlocal Agreement

The committee discussed with Tony a few changes that need to be made to the agreement. Joe asked if any part of Gateway was within the boundaries of the city limits, Tamara replied ,yes Pelican Preserve is. Joe then mentioned a typo to Tony in the agreement. The committee then shared with Tony that the agreement should confirm that Gateway Blvd. remain as a minor collector road.

4. Audience Comments

Roy Kempf a resident in Stoneybrook brought up the crosswalk that is at the entrance of Stoneybrook that needs signage. Tamara stated that the crosswalk at that location will be addressed immediately and she will follow up with Roy on the status.

In conclusion Tamara brought up that the Board had addressed the effectiveness of the use of the Sheriff's detail; Tony shared that since 1994 there has been no claims to the District on the roadways. The committee had a brief discussion about the Sheriff's detail, agreeing that from the feedback they have received from the residents is that they feel it is a necessity to have them patrol the District.

3. Set Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 29th, 2009 at 5:15 pm.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.