

**STORMWATER ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of August 11, 2005, 3:00 p.m. meeting**  
**Conference Room 4**  
**Sarasota, Florida**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Nieskes, Chairman  
J. P. Marchand, Vice Chairman  
Judy Johnson  
Frank von Allmen  
Calvin Kendig  
Kosta Dietrich  
Hal Simon  
Herbert Kaufman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

John Finnimore  
Norm Siegel

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Theresa Connor, P.E., General Manager, Water Resources  
Jon Kramer, P.E., Acting Watershed Manager  
Sherri Pape, Principal Budget Management Analyst, Watershed Management  
John Ryan, Chemist, Environmental Supervisor  
Nanette Scott, P.E., Watershed Management  
Sandra Gonzalez, Technical Specialist, Watershed Management  
Lauren L. Torres, E.I., Project Manager, Watershed Management  
Hassan El-Hout, Technical Specialist, Watershed Management  
Jacqueline Beshore, Senior Secretary, Watershed Management

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rick Winters, City of Sarasota  
Elizabeth Peters, citizen  
Mike Price, citizen

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of July 14, 2005 were accepted as written.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Price, Englewood resident, was attending this meeting because of flooding on River Road and how it might impact hurricane evacuation.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Theresa Connor stated the Stormwater Ordinance was passed and the Board created the CIP. She noted the SEUAC letter to the BCC in support of the Stormwater Ordinance was appreciated. The next step is to get a handle on the amount of renewal and replacement that will be needed and create a financial model. Mr. Nieskes requested an update as the program moves along.

Regarding the update on the Catfish Creek Public Meeting, Nanette Scott, Project Manager, stated the meeting was well attended by residents of Palmer Ranch. The residents were given figures of expected assessments and also the grant funding that was expected. Overall, residents seemed pleased with how Staff had obtained the grants.

Regarding the flooding issues of River Road, Mr. Marchand stated that there had been a recent meeting including Theresa Connor, Jon Kramer, and Staff, regarding the flooding. Using historical photos, aerial views, soil and map data, and a general topography, a possible solution was discussed. It was suggested that perhaps a private-public partnership involving Sarasota County and the Ranch could design, permit, and construct crossings to alleviate LOS issues. Joint permit submittal to the Water Management District for culvert installation would address LOS and would acknowledge an existing deficiency. It was noted that the permitting process could take 6-9 months. The geographic area of discussion was from 41 south and 75 south.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Ryan began the discussion of water quality after distributing an interoffice memo *Sarasota County Impaired Waterbodies Update*. Most of the impaired waterbodies experience widespread problems because of results of what “we” do to these waterbodies. County government has taken a very active role in correcting impaired areas. TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) are frequently found in urban areas such as Roberts Bay and Phillippi Creek. After a request for additional information, the Wateratlas address was given to the group. ([www.sarasota.wateratlas.org](http://www.sarasota.wateratlas.org)). It was noted by Mr. Ryan that TMDLs are driven by opportunity. If there are samples present they are measured, if not, they are not recorded. Finally, Mr. Ryan suggested observations of significant bird populations with corresponding droppings are a major contributor of chlorophyll (algae) to the impairment of Clark Lake West (NW corner of Beneva & Clark).

The group decided on the topics of discussion for the next years agenda items and were listed as follows:

- Joint Advisory Council Meetings
- Budget (2 Meetings)
- Infrastructure Management
- TMDL Updates
- Stormwater reuse

- Coastal Fringe
- CIP Update: Celery Fields, Catfish, St. Armands
- Considering different/specialized LOS
- Outreach updates / NEST overview
- Comp Plan update
- SWFWMD / FEMA Map Modernization
- Watershed Management Plan presentation
- Low Impact Design Standards

**INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:**

Mr. Price suggested he might attend a future BCC meeting during Comprehensive Plan discussions. This might be a way for his group to voice their concern regarding flooding during a hurricane event. Mr. Price suggested a recommendation might be given to the BCC by limiting further development in order to reduce River Road flooding.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled Thursday September 8, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. Conference Room 4.