MARION OAKS MSTU GENERAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Henry Munoz, Chair John Myers, Vice Chair – (Tardy) Elady Fonseca Virginia Gayle Pamela Smith-Payton

OTHER PRESENT:

Alan Jones MSTU Director Sherry Sloan, Marion Oaks General Service Manager Vickie Chamberlain – Staff Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 12, 2021

Motion made by Elady Fonseca and seconded by Virginia Gayle to Accept minutes of January 12, 2021.

REPORTS:

Sherry Sloan, General Services Maintenance Supervisor

Sherry stated that her crew was in Section 8 and 9 picking up trash, trimming trees, and maintenance on equipment and shop.

John Myers asked have you got a buyer for the boom truck. Sherry said we are unable to take to Week's auction until the county gives us approval, at this time the county has not given approval.

Alan Jones introduced himself to the board and stated he worked at Lockheed for 5 years and Sherriff's department for 9. He has lived in Marion County all of his life. He would like to say Kudo's to Sherry's team and very excited to see Joseph Collins as the crew leader. Sherry has kept him up to date on the trash situation in Marion Oaks.

Henry stated we have thoughts on being pro-active and we may need to raise assessment on community. We could use a lot of help from the county from Code Enforcement, Sherriff's office, apparently they cannot enforce the trash violation only if they see them there selves and not by pictures and we realize it is hard to enforce. We could use a lot help with the county on changing the ordinance perimeters. We just need to do something pro-active. Henry also stated if you could talk with Sherriff Woods and maybe they can come out more often.

Alan stated Sherry and I are really trying to find a solution on how to handle the trash issue. Alan said how demoralizing for the crew, next day it's just as bad or worse. Sherry also stated that the signs are getting really bad, it's hard on the guys constantly using same equipment, hand and wrist motion to pick up trash and knowing it can cause carpal tunnel, so we try to rotate them picking up trash, weed eating, spraying, trimming trees and catch basin. Sherry has talked about the trash behind Winn Dixie and went as far taking it to their house. We see it talked about on Facebook, Alan stated that social shaming is very big. We can all see how dedicated that Sherry is and always willing to go the extra mile. Henry said that he planned to approach the community civic services concerning to have trash pickup at home, maybe this could help.

Public comments:

Angela White spoke up about how dark it is on highway 484 and everyone seems to want to run with their bright lights on. Sherry explained what MSTU did and it had nothing to do with highway 484. Angela also asked was the reason for no lights because of lack business on highway 484. Sherry replied no, some of the people that live in Marion Oaks moved out here for the country because they were tired of all the lights. Sherry explained to Mrs. White what MO MSTU was responsible for. Virginia explained to her what happened to her when she moved from New York. Henry also stated wearing amber sunglasses really helps with the blinding lights or slow down, this is the only advice I can give. The county does not illuminate the highways.

Alan Jones gave her information and who to contact.

John was really concerned about side walk on 484 due to the darkness when people walk and ride bicycles. Am I out of line? It appears the county has forgotten Marion Oaks. Henry asked Mr. Jones are you going to take care this issue so we do not have to go any further. Alan said yes he would.

Old Business:

Street lights 135th street started today and completion on 3/19/21. We had a 5 year plan, going forward Sherry needs direction on Boulevard and Manor. John did ask for a clarification on digging up poles who was responsible for the cost on the removal of wooden poles.

NEW BUSINESS:

Waterfall was shut down on 1/27/21 due to packing seal in pump. Water will not be in the waterfall until repaired, RCM will pull the pump out and will be charging \$165.00 per hour for 3 guys. John said sidewalks and bicycle lane on 484 is an issue, what can we do? He feels that the county has forgotten Marion Oaks this is a 4 lane highway limbs and debris hanging over road. Mr. Jones will talk with County Engineer Tracey to see if there is a solution.

Meeting adjourned:

John Myers motioned and Pamela Smith-Peyton 2nd second the motion

Henry Mungz

Vickie Chamberlain