

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reb Williams, Joan Lucia-Treese, Ed Dills, Joseph Ennis, Tom Vierzba, Larry Tobias, Cheryl Everitt, Donald Martinez, Brian Galpin, Jean Meinzer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Mesite, Jane Dillon

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Reid (EPC DPW), Jennifer Irvine (EPC DPW), Victoria Chavez (EPC DPW), Ellen Heaverlo (EPC DPW), Judy von Ahlefeldt (Citizen), Joe Willis (Citizen/Kings Deer HOA), Todd Frisbie (FHU)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. MOTION (Ms. Lucia-Treese/Ms. Everitt) to excuse absence of Mr. Mesite and Ms. Dillon.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. MEETING MINUTES

- No meeting minutes were approved as the August 17th, 2016 meeting minutes had been approved at the September 21, 2016 meeting, and were erroneously presented again.

4. COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ms. Everitt asked to be excused for the November meeting.
- Mr. Tobias voiced his concerns about some roadwork that had been done recently on the newly paved part of Burgess Rd, and the coordination between paving and subsequent work that caused the new pavement to be dug up. Ms. Irvine explained that what due to an unexpected culvert failure. Emergency repair work had to be done.
- Ms. Lucia-Treese asked Ms. Irvine about adjustment of the traffic cones on Marksheffel Rd and the gate into PAFB. At this time it is difficult to make a left turn into PAFB. Ms. Irvine will look into it. Mr. Lucia-Treese also had questions about the speed limit on Marksheffel Rd once the construction is over as well as the possibility of deer crossing signs being put up.
- Mr. Williams stated that he would like to brief the upcoming open positions on the Highway Advisory Commission as well as the Citizen Advisory Committee during November's meeting.

- Ms. Everitt and Ms. Lucia-Treese expressed how much they enjoyed the DPW Open House and Entry Level Maintenance Worker Graduation on Oct 3rd.
- Joe Willis, President of the Kings Deer HOA gave a presentation as to the deteriorating road conditions in the subdivision and asked for assistance. Ms. Irvine stated that she has reviewed these roads and will meet with Mr. Willis soon. Mr. Williams and Ms. Lucia-Treese commented on the amount of the Road & Bridge tax citizens pay compared to the amount of roadwork that is needs to be done and encouraged Mr. Willis and all citizens to take an interest in the budget hearings at the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Reid commended Mr. Willis for bringing this issue before the Highway Advisory Commission.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION

Jim Reid (Executive Director, Department of Public Works)

- Mr. Reid briefed the commissioners on the ongoing Snow Week and invited them to the media event tomorrow, Oct 20th. Visitors will have an opportunity to drive a plow through a course while pushing tires to get a feel for what the plow operators do.
- A presentation about all aspects and responsibilities of the Department of Public works was also given, to include Facilities, Security, Engineering, Highway, Office of Emergency Management, Flood & Fire Recovery, Fleet and ADA/Safety/Training.
- Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation for all the work that is being done by the Department of Public Works.

B. ENGINEERING DIVISION – MTCP Presentation

Jennifer Irvine (County Engineer), Victoria Chavez (Principle Transportation Planner, Department of Public Works), Todd Frisbie (FHU)

- Ms. Irvine explained to the commission that today’s Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP) presentation would be open for discussion. The MTCP will be brought back before the Highway Advisory Committee next month for recommendations as an action item.
- Ms. Irvine also extended her thanks to Ms. Chavez of doing a phenomenal job on this project.
- Ms. Chavez and Mr. Frisbie presented the MTCP draft to the commission. Public comments are still being taken until Nov 14th. A second draft will be presented to the HAC on Nov 16th.
- Ms. Judy Von Ahlefeldt (Citizen) presented the commission with arguments for reinstating Milam Rd into the MTCP and suggested a public meeting to be scheduled in Black Forest prior to finalizing the MTCP next month.

6. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM.

Copies of the presentations are attached to the minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Heaverlo
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