

APPROVED

Minutes – Street Lighting MSTU – June 11, 2010

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Rex Jackson at 1:07

Present were: Jackson, Edd Weiner, Paula Camberato, Joanne Ellis, Donna DeBerry – County MSTU Coordinator

Absent: Debra Shuman

Minutes from May 14, meeting were read and accepted. (Ellis/Weiner)

Weiner displayed 2 maps provided by LCEC, showing the LCEC area from Gunnery Rd. east and Lee Blvd. north. This was the “test” area discussed at the last meeting, to “grid” out for next year’s budget. This would present a more coordinated lighting effort. Unfortunately, the 2 maps provided were at 2 different scales and couldn’t be worked on. Weiner tried unsuccessfully to contact Trish Lassiter of LCEC to get 2 maps of the same scale. He will continue to try to make contact.

The proposed budget was handed out by Ms. DeBerry. It still shows a shortfall for the fiscal year 2009-10 of approximately \$90,000 in unpaid taxes as of March 31, 2010. In order to keep the status quo, that is the allocation of approximately 275 new lights, (100 from FPL and 175 from LCEC), and pay the electric bill for the approximately 4000 + lights, the millage will have to be raised from .1845 to .3911. There will probably be objections from the Commissioners because of more than doubling the millage rate. Keeping the same millage rate of .1845, a projected taxable property value of \$1,845,470,000 (85% of total value of 1,942,600,000), the projected income into the MSTU would be \$340,489,215 which would not cover the existing electric bill for the existing fixtures (\$671,755). It is apparent, when this comes before the BOCC, we will have to attend the meeting to convince them to accept the millage rate.

Discussion ensued on PR campaign to offset negativity towards millage rate that would be displayed by the community neigh sayers.

Next meeting: July 9, 2010 at 1: p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 2:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Edd Weiner