

**APPROVED AS
AMENDED**

**LEHIGH ACRES STREETLIGHT DISTRICT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

Chairman Present: ~~President~~ Rex Jackson, Edd Weiner, Paula Camberato, Debra Shuman, Donna DeBerry, Jere Carrick, Kevin Shea and guest speaker Chuck Kusmich.

Motion Ed Weiner motion to accept Sept 14 minutes, second Paula

Motion Ed Weiner to accept Oct 16 minutes, seconded by Paula to accept.

Introduction of guest speaker Chuck Kusmich, Director of Sales at Green Conservation Solutions.

Statement by President Jackson as to the purpose of the speaker being here; i.e., to investigate other options for lighting to use tax payer dollars most efficiently.

The presentation consisted of an explanation of the products and how they work focusing on "green" products and handouts to explain how the company works with communities to enhance lighting, research costs and consider the environmental sensitivity at the same time.

The speaker mentioned CREE a manufacturer of products and programs (see Donna for what this is).

Donna will get the breakdown of lights, wattage and volts to consider an area that we might get a cost breakdown vs. what we currently have. Mr. Kusmich demonstrated a couple of different lighting devices and how they differ with what's currently being used.

Discussion took place regarding replacing existing bulbs in various areas and whether that is possible to do this. This may be possible but each fixture is different.

DeBerry passed a handout with Lehigh Street Lighting District Boundaries proposed which is the same as the Lee County Comp Plan (confirm) Dec 7 Management and Planning meeting the proposal will be presented to the County commission. Seek commission's guidance....We will be adding approximately 9000 parcels and taking away 621 parcels. Edd Weiner made the motion and Paula C seconded. Motion carries. Two public hearings will be held.

Lighting applications 40 total, 29 ok, 10 declined, 1 will be rechecked.

Question from Weiner: How do we change the process of applications....DeBerry stated we are an advisory board. County commission looks to us for suggestions. Weiner gave an example of an area and cost estimate of approximately \$1500 per pole equaling 124,525.00. We have budgeted for 275 poles; we designate a neighborhood to focus on for the power companies to start construction in a specific area.

Review of zips and who covers the areas are as follows: Weiner, 339 71, Shuman 33936, Caro 33972, Jackson 33973, 74, 76

Weiner made a motion to accept Jacksons proposal, Seconded by Debra. Motion carries.

FPL does not offer the option of decorative lighting; Only LCEC does and charges a higher rate for decorative poles.

Discussion ensued as to how we go about getting the process starting to change the current process. DeBerry noted that we need to 10 year lease contract per light, if you change the equipment out there is a cost involve. Each power company has the same guidelines.

Weiner suggested we put together a plan using a sample area, using basic components of what the guidelines say now. Use this to go to the power company with the presentation in an effort to get them to consider changing the street lighting district program. Strategic planning is critical. Maintenance and operations of street lights is what we are.

There was discussion about MSTU vs. MSBU and how both work.

DeBerry noted the budget numbers and reminded all that with the current economic conditions.

Banners were discussed and noted that holiday banners are up and will remain until spring when the Spring Festival Banners will be installed. Schedule to be coordinated by Paula Camberato.

Old Business discussed was meeting time. It was suggested that we meet monthly. Motion to meet monthly was made by Weiner and seconded by Jackson.

Meeting time will change to 2nd Monday evening at 6:30 pm at Veteran's Park.

Public comment: Kevin Shea ad valorom taxes down 30%. Power costs to be changing, underground 80 to 125% in monthly rate for underground power. Fewer power outages, but longer time.

Next meeting January 11th 6:30pm at Veteran's Park Rec Center.