

**DRAFT MINUTES OF CRSA  
Advisory Committee Meeting of  
Wednesday, January 16, 2008**

A meeting of the Corkscrew Road Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Estero Community Park in Estero, Florida. Committee members in attendance were Chairman Michael Elgin (Miromar), Vice Chairman Mr. Jim Boesch (Stoneybrook), Mr. Ray Gonzalez (Cypress Shadows), and Mr. James Kurtz (Wildcat Run). Also in attendance were Scott Coovert of the Lee County Attorney's Office, Mr. Don Deberry and Ms. Sarah Clark (DOT), and Ms. Terri Melna (Vanasse & Daylor).

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elgin.

**I. Old Business**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**A motion to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2007 meeting was made by Jim Boesch and seconded by Ray Gonzalez. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board.**

**B. Update on Financials**

Financial spreadsheet was distributed. All questions should be directed to Libby via email.

**C. Status of Permits**

The Committee was interested to know if the permits were moving forward or what would need to be done to keep them current and valid. A question arose as to the type of cross section used. Mr. Deberry reminded the members that the type of section used was because it required less right-of-way which was a savings, aesthetics and the design speed was lower. Urban cross sections typically slow traffic down. A rural cross section would require 20-50' more in right-of-way. If a change were made now, many developers' site plans would need to be revised which would drive the cost up. This would be a cost that DOT would not support at this time. The original concept was that all right-of-way would be

donated, but that didn't work out. Four pieces of property had to be condemned. Right-of-way sizes vary due to curbs, pipes, box culverts, etc. Wildcat Run wants their gatehouse to be moved if we change the right-of-way now and that would incur a cost of \$600,000±. If we change the type of cross section from urban to rural now, Mr. Deberry indicated it would take another 3-4 years. Mr. Gonzalez indicated that the committee members should disseminate this information to their communities. Mr. Deberry indicated it was a possibility to receive a bid of approx. \$1M less than last year's bid due to the economic climate changes. Mr. Gonzalez reported that he had heard that the BoCC would reconsider this issue sometime in March. However, Mr. Deberry said he had no direction from the BoCC. Ms. Clark indicated perhaps M&P would hear it in March. The members felt we need a decision. September 2008 is soon approaching. We either need to bid the project or create a new resolution. Mr. Deberry reported we had through 2009 on the permits. Chairman Elgin said the driving force will be the road failing. The September 2008 date is an arbitrary date. If we wait until the 1750 trips is reached, construction prices would increase. Mr. Deberry and Ms. Clark indicated the BoCC has indicated they want to get people working because of the unemployment rates. Elections are also coming up this year. The feeling is build it or sunset it or extend the date. Mr. Deberry indicated he had received a phone call from a Bella Terra resident stating they would sue to enforce the original agreement. Mr. Deberry indicated if you wait until the 1750 trips are met, the traffic will be very bad and he felt people would not like that. Mr. Kurtz stated the traffic backs up now at certain times of the day. Mr. Boesch indicated he felt this should be a BoCC decision to either extend the date or move forward, but still felt the BoCC should help pay for it. Chairman Elgin stated we need to make a decision one way or another. Mr. Deberry indicated construction should take approx. 20 months. Mr. Covert also felt the BoCC should make the decision, but the committee members. Mr. Covert recommended asking the BoCC to make a decision to go forward with the construction or adopt a new resolution to extend the time frame from the September 2008 date. Mr.

Kurtz said we should stand behind our decision that the BoCC should participate in the costs and build the road. Ms. Clark indicated that maybe the trigger of 1750 could be changed. The committee members felt we should ask that the BoCC revisit this issue and we should ask for a decision. Ms. Clark suggested a letter be sent to the Commissioners and Mr. Boesch volunteered to draft. He will send to Ms. Melna for distribution to the members and Mr. Coovert for review. Once approved, the letter would be sent to all the Commissioners, the County Attorney and County Manager.

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### **Adjournment**

Next meeting will be announced through Ms. Melna.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Boesch and seconded by James Kurtz and the motion was approved unanimously.**