Minutes of ECIA Road Committee Meeting April 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Nolan Zisman, at 6:05 PM. Besides Nolan, those in attendance included members David Brown Fred Raznick, along with prospective new member Michael Chester and Board Liaison Ed Moreno. Excused absences were Laurie Grob and Bob Burdette. Joel Hopko and Linda Pierce were unexcused absences. As this was Michael's second meeting, he was nominated for committee membership.

There being no one in attendance for Public Forum, Ed gave an abbreviated Board Liaison report. There has been some discussion at Board level about the approach/costs of replacing poor sections of the hike-bike path. While the cost of pulling up existing asphalt and replacing it with base course can be covered with projected Repair/Replacement Reserves, the cost of a top coating of asphalt is expected to create financial challenges. If it is determined at some future point to replace sections of the hike-bike network in kind, it may be necessary to invoke a special assessment to cover such costs. ECIA attorneys believe the ECIA covenants can be interpreted to include the hike-bike trails as "roads" (for which special assessments can be established).

Nolan announced that Linda Pierce has been appointed by County Commissioner Liz Stefanics to the County Road Advisory Committee. Under Old Business Nolan commented that the road improvement priority list recently submitted to the County contained some roads that had not been on that list previously. This was due to the fact that they received either a 2.5 or 3.0 rating for the first time in our most recent inspection.

This phenomenon raised some New Business concerns regarding whether some of these situations were as a result of the roads receiving grading too frequently or were being improperly graded. It has been observed by some committee members that there is quite a bit of top gravel in the bar ditches that remains there after the grader has worked some of the roads and others, after only a day or two, wind up in worse condition than before the grader worked the road. It was decided we should schedule a meeting with Robert Martinez to discuss current County maintenance prioritization guidelines and procedures. Nolan will follow-up on this.

The next meeting will be announced once a date has been scheduled with Robert.

Nolan adjourned the meeting at 7:05PM.

Submitted by Nolan Zisman