

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Annual Report

May 2006 to April 2007

Accomplishments of the Public Works Committee are divided into Ongoing and Special Activities for reporting purposes.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Roads:

Major Roads – 88 miles:

All major roads are inspected and rated by the committee annually.

Collector/Neighborhood Streets – 276 miles:

One-third of all collector/neighborhood streets were inspected and rated. This allows all of the collector/neighborhood streets to be inspected and rated within a three year period.

Streets in Undeveloped Areas -- 84 miles:

No inspections are performed in this type of area.

Streets that have not been paved – 43 miles:

The first overlay is the responsibility of Cooper.

This information is used to help the Public Works Department in determine their resurfacing needs for the upcoming year

Building Maintenance:

The committee inspects all 70 POA buildings annually from a maintenance perspective. Items requiring maintenance are compiled by building number and a report is submitted to the Public Works Department for action.

The POA staff periodically advises the committee on the progress being made on the maintenance requests.

Building Construction:

The committee works with the Planning and Inspections Department in all phases of new POA construction from conception to acceptance. Committee members lend their expertise to the evaluation of concepts, proposals, plans and construction.

This past year the work involved these projects:

- 1, The remodeling and addition to the Coronado Fitness Center.
2. The new Fire Station construction.

Motor Vehicle Safety:

Each month the committee analyzes all vehicle accidents that take place in Hot Springs Village that have been reported to the police department. They are placed in a category by number of accidents, location and causes.

The committee keeps a record of locations with accidents and examines them for improvements that may help improve the safety in the area, such as the height of the shoulder drop off, tree limbs and any other factors. The committee makes recommendations to the Public Works Dept. regarding actions to reduce accidents.

Accident locations are plotted on a large Village map to identify trouble spots. This information is shared with the village 55 alive instructors and others who request it.

Special Activities:

The committee receives various requests from the residents of the Village regarding street condition, traffic signs and speed limits. We also receive questions regarding water and sewer leaks along with drainage problems. These requests are investigated and recommendations made to the Public Works Dept.

The committee studied a request to install restrooms along DeSoto Boulevard. We looked into the various types of buildings and the associated cost of each. After evaluating this we determined that this was not a feasible project at this time. Our recommendation was to list the restrooms available for public use on the new Village maps using the standard rest room symbol.

We worked with the governmental affairs committee and the Natural Resources 2 VI committee along with the Public Works Dept. in getting left turn lanes installed on HWY. 5 at the location of the Hot Springs Village East Gate and the entrance to Cooper Concrete. This was completed with the excellent cooperation of the AR. State Hwy. Dept.

We are currently working with the Public Works Dept. on the five year plan for DeSoto Boulevard:

1. Work with the Highway Dept. in completing the improvements at Highway Five and the East entrance to the village on DeSoto Blvd. by providing an appropriate right turn lane on the North side of Highway Five.
2. Initiate plans and specifications for expanded land capability, particularly on exiting the Village from the Front Gate and incorporating appropriate improvements at the gate house itself, coordinating the latter with the Director of Public Safety.
3. Work on an appropriately phased project of four-laning of DeSoto Blvd. from Highway Five to and through the East Gate House.