

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LEHIGH ACRES
Lee County Sheriff Community Meeting Room, Lehigh Acres, FL
Minutes from NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President, Rick Anglickis
Invocation: Dewitt Green
Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Martin

ATTENDANCE: Rick Anglickis, Will Bronson, Joan Cunningham, Charles Edwards, Frank Mann, Theresa Park, Bob Saul, Linda Saul, Diane Turrill, , Mohamed Yasin

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Will Bronson, Carol Cherigo, Dewitt Green, Tyler Woodby, Diane Zigrossi, Orville Hall

ABSENT: George Kloers

A QUORUM was established with 12 members present.

AGENDA: Motion to approve made by Theresa Parks, 2nd by Linda Saul.
Approved unanimously

MINUTES: Charles Edward made a motion to approve, seconded by Joan Cunningham. Approved unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bill Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Mohamed Yasin seconded the motion. Approved unanimously

GUEST SPEAKERS: Dr. Amanda Sterk - Author of *College UnMazed: Your Guide Through The Florida College & University System*. She was responsible for \$10 million in scholarships for her students last year. Approximately one hundred million dollars in scholarship funds were not used by students because they didn’t apply for them. *College Unmazed* is a guidebook for students beginning in grade 9. Her website is unmazeme.com. Her book is available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

She also reported on an impact initiative called FutureMakers Coalition that seeks to increase post-secondary degree attainment by assembling a group of education, civic, business and government leaders to make local goals and outcome to support the families we serve cradle to career. The website is futuremakerscolition.org. The mission of FutureMakers to increase college attendance by focusing on early childhood education.

Mark Lipton, Democrat political candidate running for the seat currently held by Matt Caldwell. He is a retired attorney, has worked with Union and Pension Plans and is from North Fort Myers.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: None

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Mohamed Yasin. Discussed email from Edgar Brown regarding directional signs on I-75 and Daniels Parkway not only leading people to Lehigh Acres but also introducing to tourists that Lehigh Acres exists. Rick Anglickis will discuss with Ron Gogoi.

Street Lighting committee is working on their fiscal budget for next year and in what locations street lights are needed.

ARB has five projects under review.

INCORPORATING LEHIGH, INC.: Joan Cunningham announced we have an invoice from BJM Consulting for approximately \$3,000.00 for the feasibility study and the funds aren't available.

Joan also reported on the Town Hall meeting stating she had heard from several people that the meeting was informational, it was a good start for the committee to have a hands on meeting to see where improvements can be made.

NEW BUSINESS: To accommodate the ARB meeting time conflict with the Community Council meeting time, Mohamed Yasin made a motion to change the Community Council meeting time to 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Charles Edwards and carried unanimously. The Community Council will be another avenue for businesses to present requests for new construction, making changes to existing business structures, etc. The business community would make a donation to the Community Council rather than be charged a fee. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Council Nominating Committee: Dewitt Green, Bill Martin, Chuck Edwards - Chairman

Commissioner Frank Mann reported cleanup after Hurricane Irma is ahead of schedule because the number of people involved in the clean up was doubled.

Annisa Karim from Parks and Recreation reported updates on park opening details are available daily on the Parks and Recreation web site. Veterans Park and Trail Head Parks have been vandalized with spray paint.

Mohamed Yasin made a motion, seconded by Bob Saul suggesting that Parks and Recreation look at building an indoor racquet ball court. Ms. Karim will bring the suggestion to the next advisory board meeting.

Dewitt Green made a motion to have Parks and Recreation look at building an ADA park. The motion was seconded by Chares Edwards. Both motions were unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held December 18, 2017.

The January meeting will be held on January 15, 2018. Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Turrill
Recording Secretary