

Community Council of Lehigh Acres

Lee County Sheriff Community Meeting Room

Lehigh Acres, FL

Minutes from May 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Rick Anglickis at 6:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Martin.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Rick Anglickis, Will Bronson, Joan Cunningham, Charles Edwards, Tod Garrisonish, Ron Gogoi, James House, Annisa Karim, Bill Martin, Theresa Park, Bob Saul, Linda Saul, Diane Turrill, Mohamed Yasin

Excused Absent: Carol Chericgo, Dewitt Green, Diane Zigrossi

Excused Tardy: George Kloers, Tyler Woodby

A **QUORUM** was established with 14 members present at the start, two increased for a total of 16.

APPROVED AGENDA: A motion was made by Mohamed Yasin and seconded by Joan Cunningham to approve the agenda. Approve unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA: None

MEMBER COMMENTS ON AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS: Guest speaker Jessie Lavendar from Lee County Parks and Recreation presented information about the Joel Agri-Eco Park. The park will be located on a 30-acre site on Joel, one block east of 23rd Street.

The park will be one a kind in the South East United States which will be used as an educational area to grow edible plants. Anyone will be able to visit the park and learn how to grow edible plants. The park will include three miles of trails similar to those at Trail Head Park, restrooms, pavilions and a maintenance shed. There will be a parking lot which will include an area large enough for bus parking.

There will be no playgrounds and no fishing areas, the park will be used for educational purposes.

Phase One will include an agriculture demonstration area, shade areas for outdoor class rooms. The plans have just been submitted to LAMSID and the Army Corps of Engineers. The park will be built regardless of whether or not the school will be built. Mr. Lavendar reported LAMSID projects the park to begin construction in late 2018.

Annis Karim reported that there will be one of four employees from Lee County Parks and Recreation attending the monthly Council meetings. She will be one, the second is Dave Raybuck, the Senior Supervisor overseeing Lee County Parks in Lehigh. The third member is Jason Eash, the Supervisor for Veterans Recreation Center, Veterans Community Park and Lehigh Trailhead Park. They are in the process of hiring the fourth person. They will take turns attending the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joel Blvd vs. State Rd 82 and Griffin school sites. A concern was mentioned that the Lehigh students will have to cross a six-lane highway to attend the State Rd 82 school. Rick Anglickis suggested a mailing to the families of the Lake Camille and west area to the school board to explain the transportation issues to and from the school. Garrisonish commented that Lehigh Acres schools have always played catch up referring to the Lehigh Acres schools already near capacity. Rick reported he had a conversation with Pam LaRiviere, District 5, School Board member and suggested the board get in touch with professionals for the structuring of the curriculum in the State Rd 82 and the Alva schools. The Alva school has enough acreage to build a middle school in the future. Theresa Park reported Gateway Charter is having a problem getting parents to donate their time to the school and wondered if the same problem would exist with the State Rd 82 School.

The cost to build the school on State Rd 82 has not been disclosed, however the cost to put in the utilities at the Alva site is believed to be a distraction away from the State Road 82 costs and delivering the students to and from the school as it is believed the students attending the State Road 82 school will mostly be from Lehigh Acres.

Incorporation. Joan Cunningham will head the committee. Rick Anglickis, Mohamed Yasin, will be members of the committee. Bill Martin and Diane Turrill offered their help.

Resignations from Laurie Sternowski and Gary Warchol were announced.

Mohamed Yasin gave a report on some of the projects that ARB are looking at: 4545 Lee Blvd – zoning approval for Lee Circe South, to add a drive thru window. O'Rileys Auto Parts store will build two stores in Lehigh.

Website: Charles Edwards gave George Kloers a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to obtain website hosting through Go-Daddy.

Roads: County Commissioner, Frank Mann reported Lee County has approved a budget of \$5,000,000 per year for the next five years to build and resurface the roads in Lehigh Acres. Lee County is looking to the citizens of Leigh Acres to recommend roads that need to be paved or resurfaced.

Public Comments: None

Comments for the Good of the Order: Theresa Park - ADA Park will contact Jesse Lavendar for suggestions.

Charles Edwards: Concerned about the fires in Lehigh and the overgrown vacant lots. Officer Garrisonish reported if the grass on the vacant lot is high and is located next to a developed area, the lot owner must mow 50% of the lot. If there are palmetto trees, palm trees, etc. there is no requirement for the lot owner to maintain the lot.

Will Bronson handed everyone an information sheet and spoke of the Principles of a Bootstrap Worker Co-op Community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Turrill