

# Community Council of Lehigh Acres

Lee County Sheriff Community Meeting Room  
Lehigh Acres, FL  
Minutes from March 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by: President Rick at 6:37 p.m.

## ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Rick Anglickis, Will Bronson, Joan Cunningham, Ron Gogoi, Dewitt Green, George Kloers, Donna Lizotte, Bill Martin, Theresa Park, Bob Saul, Linda Saul, Diane Turrill, Gary Warchol, Tyler Woodby, Diane Zigrossi

ABSENT: Mike Burgers

EXCUSED ABSENT: Carol Cherigo, Charles Edwards, Tod Garrison, Orville Hall, Laurie Sternowski, Mohamed Yasin

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EXCUSED TARDY:

**A QUORUM** was established with 15 present at the start with no increase.

**APPROVED AGENDA:** Motion made and approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: ON AGENDA** - None

## MEMBER COMMENTS ON AGENDA:

Water conditions in Golfwood I added by Bob Saul as item 5.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Guest speaker Kris Cella of HDR and representatives of the design company assigned to improving the intersection of Lee Blvd and Gunnery Roads gave an informative presentation on the pros and cons of various solutions to the intersections traffic problems. A study of four alternatives to the safety of this intersection are currently being studied. They include:

**1. Continuous Flow Intersection:** this type of intersection removes the conflicting left turns by placing the turning vehicles several feet in advance of the main intersection. Continuous flow intersections eliminate the left turn arrow signal phase completely, allowing the left turn movement and Lee Blvd thru movement occurring at the same time, reducing intersection delay. On the north and south bound streets (Gunnery) right turns are ushered through slip lanes that merge onto Lee Blvd downstream of the intersection.

**2. Median U-Turn Intersections** guide all traffic except left turning vehicles, through the main intersection. Left turning vehicles turn through U-turn openings in the median beyond the main intersection. The method eliminates the left turn at the main intersection simplifying signal timings by eliminating the need for a left turn arrow and provides more green time and less congestion to the major direction.

**3. Quadrant Lanes:** Eliminate the need for left turn lanes by using queue lanes for left turns. The main lanes in the intersection of Lee Blvd and Gunnery will operate on a two-phase signal system. Lee Blvd is the main artery on the two-phase signal system. Gunnery will continue to be the secondary roadway and will operate on a three-phase signal system.

**4. Queue Lanes:** Takes the existing 3 lanes on each side of Lee Blvd down to two lanes and adding two queue left turn lanes. Queue lanes will provide a more continuous flow reducing the number of traffic light phases. They will aid moving more cars per hour through the intersection and reduces vehicle conflict points.

**5. Queue Jumping:** One disadvantage to Queue Lanes is Queue Jumping. This occurs when a driver from the back of the queue drives quickly to the front of the queue line and jumps in between vehicles close to making the left turn. A very dangerous situation and one that happens frequently.

**6. Fly Over:** A fly over is a bridge crossing two major intersections such as the fly over at Highway 41 and Colonial Blvd. It provides for continuous flow of traffic cutting down the need for traffic lights and congestion. It may be cost prohibitive for the Lee/Gunnery Intersection.

Most important items being investigated are how these improvements will affect school traffic, bike traffic and pedestrian traffic as the main concern for the improved intersection is safety to all.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Motion to approve by Linda Saul, Seconded by Diane Zigrossi. Passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Motion to approve by Gary Warshol, Seconded by Bill Martin. Passed unanimously.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:**

Alva High School – Theresa Park reported the residents of Alva are not in favor of the high school.

No Report from the Incorporation committee.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:**

Joan Cunningham of the Community Safety Committee reported the Citizen will add a weekly Council's Corner editorial to their paper. The article does not have to be about safety, community events and issues are welcome.

Tyler Woodby reported the Able Canal pathway is progressing well. Theresa Park reported the Spring Festival Parade turned out very well for the time they had to put it together. Theresa will write a letter to the Spring Festival Committee on a job well done.

**Library Park:** Theresa Park reported Lakes Park is the only park that has handicap facilities for people with disabilities. She will visit the park for an inside look at what they have available and put together ideas for the Library Park.

**Orange Grove Park and Pinewood:** Rick Anglickis reported the two condominium complexes do not pay water taxes at this time. Matt Caldwell is putting together a bill that would require them to pay the water taxes. Tyler Woodby made a motion to send a resolution and a signed petition to State Representatives not to pass Mr. Caldwell's proposal. Motion was seconded by Dewitt Green. Rick Anglickis will draft a resolution.

**New Business** Bob Saul reported the water condition at his home in Golfwood I as unsatisfactory. He had it tested by an independent water conditioning company for purification. He stated the results and had a purification system installed. Donna Lizotte, our representative from FGUA, brought Mike Curry to the meeting. Mike explained the testing procedures and regulations FGUA must meet to meet State standards.

**New Member:** Will Bronson briefly described his biography and future plans. Tyler Woodby made a motion to vote and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Martin. A vote was taken and all agreed to accept Mr. Bronson as a new member. Frank Mann will be attending next month's meeting and will swear him in.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Diane Zigrossi completed the new membership application and will email to everyone. All members are encouraged to attend the ribbon cutting for the State Road 82 widening project at 10:00 a.m. on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Tyler Woodby reported he will be attending the LAMSID meetings beginning next month.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Turrill

