

Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association
Regular meeting 10/19/2021
@ Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Bill McDaniel who lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the August meeting – it was seconded, vote taken and motion passed.

At the last meeting Mike Petscher was voted in as the new board member to replace Nancy. We did not have a quorum at the prior meeting, so Mike's appointment had to be voted on again. It was so moved to elect Mike Petscher to replace Nancy. The motion was seconded, vote taken and the motion passed.

Kiryn gave an update on the Social Media and move to get more members. The FaceBook page is up and running with about 10 members. Kiryn and Mike will be working on updating the website and looking into doing a postcard or mailer to the area.

We had a presentation by the engineer for the Immokalee Rural Villages to give us an update on some changes that have been made to the proposed plan since the last time they presented to CINA. Bob Mulhere from Hole Montes and the Owner's rep Don Schrottenboer described the following changes:

- The Sending Lands Area, which is what abuts CINA has not changed.
- In the Sending Lands, there is approximately 80 acres that is currently farm lands. They are committing to restore that to be wet prairie lands (for wading birds, etc)
- Originally Collier County Public Schools asked for a bus barn and the County asked for road and bridge maintenance area. These have been eliminated from the plans. In lieu of providing for those areas, the developer will pay full impact fees (would have received a discount on impact fees for providing the land for these items).
- Due to these items being eliminated, there will be an increase in native vegetation along the East side of Immokalee Rd.
- The entrance at the South has been shifted further south due to proposed traffic lights in the area.
- The roadway from Immokalee Rd curving back up to Immokalee Rd is still in the plan.
- The Sending Area at the South of the development are larger than previously proposed.
- The Sending lands changed slightly because of agreement with another development.
- Tract R at the North End – they are working with Audubon to determine the best use of this area. For now they are agreeing to prohibit development in that tract for 10 years while it's evaluated. Possible to be a wildlife crossing, but that maybe not be the best option given there will eventually be a 4 lane highway there. For now, agreeing to prohibit development until can determine best use.
- Mike Petscher asked if the new road connected from Immokalee Rd to Immokalee Rd will be developed in such a way as to force traffic to go that way instead of on the existing Immokalee Rd. Answer was that the way the road will connect to Immokalee is still under review. The new roadway will be wide enough to for 4 lanes but will start as only 2 by the developer with the

County adding the other 2 roads at a later date. A roundabout has been discussed, but at this time no decision has been made.

- It was noted that Barron Collier has submitted a proposed village in Hogan Island – on the North Side of Immokalee Rd. So the new road would eventually cross Immokalee Rd to connect up to that village.
- Mike Petscher asked about any proposed low income housing as it no longer appeared to be on the site plan. Answer was that they are required to provide a certain amount of “workforce housing” – that area was previously towards the top of the plan but has been moved.
- The red area on the plan will be the Village Center of mixed use residential and commercial. About 50,000 SF will be commercial. Part of the red area would also be for the “workforce housing” in either apartments/multifamily.
- There are 5 acres set aside in the red area on the plan for a new fire rescue station.
- There are still several steps before anything is finalized, including review by DEP and SFWMD.
- None of the changes will materially affect CINA.
- It was mentioned they would be added some raw water wells for the County so it was asked why the County asked for those. Answer was that they will collect water for the water treatment facility behind the fairgrounds.

The Site Plan they presented is also included as an attachment to this email.

To track the application with the County:

- Go to <https://cvportal.colliercountyfl.gov/CityViewWeb/>
- Under Planning Department, click “Status and Fees”
- Enter the planning permit number: PL20180002661
- Under Documents & Images will be all documents related to this project

Doug provided the Treasurer’s report. The bank balance was \$4,621.95 and no expenses incurred since the last meeting. There are approximately 250 parcels within the CINA boundaries. We had approximately 43 paid members at last count.

Doug reported that \$500 was previously approved for outreach to encourage more participation in CINA, but has not yet been spent. This could be used for the mailers.

There was a discussion about donation to the Sanctuary. It was motioned to donate \$500. Motion was seconded and passed.

Bill asked about doing the Christmas party. It is scheduled for Tuesday 12/21 at 7PM in lieu of the regular meeting. It will be at Bill’s house. He will provide drinks and paper products (plates, etc). Everyone else should bring a light dish to share.

Bill provided some updates on County business:

Mosquito control is trying to expand their boundary, however there have been concerns expressed by environmental lands. At the October BOCC meeting the Mosquito Control District will come back for

the BOCC to vote to show their support for the boundary change. The BOCC would not be the final approval, this would still have to go to the legislature, but having the BOCC support would be helpful to getting it passed. If they expand, it would include out to Ave Maria and all the way to SR29. Their area is currently 400 square miles – looking to increase to 800 square miles. The areas that are added would see this added to their property taxes.

Audubon and the Florida Wildlife Federation both have concerns about what products used.

Bill requested input and questions he should ask the Mosquito Control District at the BOCC meeting. Responses were:

- What chemicals are used, and what impact will they have on the conservation lands?
- Why were the areas that would be added not given any notice of the proposed changes?
- Mosquito larvae are part of the food chain – they affect all the way up (frogs, bats, birds, etc). There is no know research as to what long term effects killing off the larvae would cause.
- Bee and butterflies could be affected.
- A poll of those in attendance indicated most, if given the choice, would choose not to be sprayed, although a few were OK with it.
- Why would they choose to treat natural / preserve areas, which would not include their tax basis?

The Randall Curve property is also under discussion with the BOCC. It is 47 acres that was originally planned to be a park, then the bus barn. Now it is going to be about 70SF commercial and 400 apartment units (up to 4 stories). Shy Wolf gets some of the area, and the County gets 10 acres which they will let Shy Wolf use until needed by the County for other uses.

The acquisitions to build Vanderbilt Beach Rd extension out to 16th are completed. This will also include a bridge at 16th. There will be lights at Randall and 8th and Randall and 16th.

Next year's budget will propose for Vanderbilt to continue out to Everglades and to 4-lane Everglades from Oil Well down to Golden Gate Blvd.

There were a few questions/comments from attendees:

Can we get 45 MPH signs in our area? Bill said to send him the request via email with the location where to put the signs.

Can upcoming road work be done at night? Unknown at this time.

Does the county pay taxes on the land they own? No.

Mike Petscher said that the Sales Tax money was approved to use for the light at Immokalee and 47th.

Valencia Lakes behind Publix is to give easement to put a light on Randall.

About 3 years ago Bill brought forward a Municipal Service Benefit Taxing Unit (MSTBU) that would get private roads serviced. It failed last time, but he plans to propose again in January. Some private roads have had major failures and expenses as the residents don't work together to maintain the roads and they just get progressively worse. This causes problems when emergency services cannot reach homes. The fire and police have 4x4 vehicles but ambulances do not. It would add a small amount to property taxes for properties on private roads. The funds would be used first to get all private roads up to being passable by an ambulance. This would take about 3 years to get thru the 110 miles of private roads in Collier County. After that the funds would be used to maintain the roads going forward. There would be an option to opt out of the program – for example if there is a single owner on all lots on the road, or there are no houses on the road.

Call 311 for potholes! If they don't fix, call Bill.

A motion to adjourn was made, second and passed. The meeting closed at 8:35 PM.