

October 21, 2014

A meeting of the Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association (CINA) took place at the Corkscrew Sanctuary meeting room on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7 pm. Thirteen people attended, including one guest. President Bill McDaniel opened the meeting at 7 pm with the pledge of allegiance. The agenda showed six topics: MSTU for Platt Road, Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park, Fire district merger, amendments to CINA bylaws, Update on trash pickup, rumble strip re-painting.

Motion: A motion was made that the minutes of August 19, 2014 be approved with no corrections or amendments. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

MSTU for Platt Road

Doug Wilson reported on the County Commissioners meeting where the proposed MSTU for Platt Road was to be decided. The Commissioners voted not to stop the MSTU from going forward, with one alternative: Do the Platt Road residents want to avoid an MSTU by agreeing to repay, over two years, the money the county spent on repairing their road? The average total per property is \$210. What should CINA do about this issue, if anything? Before discussion, Bill thanked Doug for going to the meeting. Maureen said it turned out good, and that Fire Chief Rita was there and spoke up for us. Doug at first thought it would go our way but the County wants their money back. Doug reported that he did not argue the legality of their imposing the MSTU at first, but later tried to and had no opening. The secretary then sent an email to the Platt Road residents hoping for feedback but received none. Is there any from Platt Road tonight? (no) If there were some opposition he would fight but now it's try to work out a way to get all property owners down there to pay it bck so no law suit. or (3) file a law suit but it is expensive. But I won't do that unless teh Platt Road residents were enthusiastic. That does not appear to be so. So do we as an organization want to do anything? I say no. I recommend we let the County know as an organization that we are waiting further developments.

Doug reported that Commissioner Tim Nance suggested to the Board that the Board should work with us to develop a model for the future because this will continue to happen. There was a vote to accept Tim's suggestion but they voted it down, 4 to 1. Discussion continued over the legality of imposing an MSTU on residents after repairing the road, but Doug said it's a gray area legally. They have not shown any legal proof of authority. An easement is a property owner's responsibility to maintain it. Dan Samohovetz said that people can't get to Sanctuary East from Sanctuary West, because someone has put a fence across it. Bill suggested to hold that discussion for later. A question was asked, how much would a lawsuit cost? Doug replied \$400 to file if no depositions. If attorney does pro bono, which I would do, the additional expenses would be an appeal. If we did sue there would be newspapers involved. It would become precedent-setting that the County can't go throwing MSTUs on anyone anytime they wan to.

Bill McDaniel reported on the history of how CINA was started in the first place - to collect money for an MSTU 10 or 12 years ago. The inequality of neighbors to contribute to road maintenance continues. People who own land and don't live here don't do their part. We have no representatives from Platt Road here tonight. We can't talk on the issue. Equality is necessary to have everyone contribute. I'd like to see a lawsuit just to force them to give us that. Eduardo Tabraue agreed - Of all the people on Platt Road, only two came out to help repair. Others who have equipment didn't come out. Doug said, Let's let sleeping dogs lie on the MSTU issue. It is up to the Platt Road people.

Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park

Doug Wilson reported on the Golden Gate meeting re: the new proposed Park that Collier County proposes to put in near the Fairgrounds on Immokalee Road. The County has been talking about a 62-acre park since 2006 but nothing has been done. A soccer promoter has come forward with a plan to help fund it. What does the soccer promoter plan

to do with 25% of the park acres? That is a concern for the neighborhood. Commissioner Nance opposing the soccer stadium but proposes a joint park project with the school district to allow more amenities and recreational options. Doug spoke with Jim Flanagan, Nance's assistant. The power points are the same as those presented in 2005. Out of that presentation, what does the community want now, 10 years later? One concern is user fee. There is a big push on for the soccer field which would take 42% of the total acreage allotted, and have national competitions and people flying in from all over the country. Locals don't want it. Question about money? Flanagan said it's not time to talk about money. I said "Oh, no! We want to talk money now. They didn't even have a pool on the plan. We have to follow this closely so the Parks Department doesn't swallow the Soccer Man music. It's not going to happen any time soon. It's County property located east of the Fair Grounds. Access it from Immokalee and from the other road (unsure of name). The County is talking about imposing user fees. The County will pay for the amenities. The County suggested a conference center.

Bill McDaniel said, They want to build a small park with a lot of things on it. Doug said, We need to monitor this. Golden Gate is talking about reworking roads around Randall and feeding into Oil Well Road. There's going to be increased pressure on roads, and we'll be in deficit in 10 years. Immokalee will be overloaded and gridlocked. Doug: I'll follow that and keep you informed. Bill: I'm talking with these folks all the time. The goal for our community is 750,000 people. It's now at 350,000. It could top out at 900,000. There is no room to expand Immokalee, which is 6 lanes already. There will be gridlock.

Fire District Merger and Board Candidates

Doug: We have to vote on December 7. You have to decide if you're for it or against it. A question was raised about the candidates for the Board. Bill: Let's not talk about our candidates. The merger will be voted on by the people. It's not up to the candidates. It's up to the people.

Amendments to CINA Bylaws

The Secretary passed out a paper with the proposed changes in the Bylaws. He explained it is merely a housekeeping thing to make it easier to do certain things. The first proposed amendment is in Section I. Membership. The new wording would read as follows:

Section I. Membership

1. Any resident or property owner who resides or owns real property within the boundaries of the Corporation is entitled to become a member. If there is doubt about an applicant's residence or ownership, evidence of same may be requested by the Secretary.

2. Annual membership dues shall be \$10.00.

The second proposed amendment is in Section V. Voting. The new wording would read as follows:

Section V. Voting

Absentee ballots may be cast by requesting an absentee ballot from the Secretary, and returning the completed ballot to the Secretary before the day of the meeting at which the votes are to be counted. If an absentee ballot is cast and the member so voting wishes to change his/her vote before the votes are counted, s/he may do so in person at the meeting at which the vote is counted by announcing that it is a revised vote, or by delivering a revised vote to the Secretary which is marked "REVISED".

Motion: It was moved to approve the Bylaw changes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Recycle/trash pickup

At the last meeting it was brought up that the trash trucks were picking the recycle barrels and putting them in with the trash. Bill McDaniel went to Waste Management about it and found that Waste Management was having a similar issue going on. Not sure what benefit the driver gets from picking up recycle but it is happening. Waste Management said it would contact Progressive, but Bill hasn't heard back. It is Progressive in Immokalee doing it. Waste Management won't come out this far. Maureen saw it happen on Rookery Lane but not on Sanctuary. She followed the truck and saw them. Bill will follow up and get to the bottom of this.

Rumble strip re-painting

At the last meeting Maureen Bonness reported that the rumble strips on Immokalee are so loud when cars go over them that she can hear them from her house. It is constant day and night. Discussion followed. Other neighbors also hear them. They re-stripped them recently. We question the need for them at all. It was suggested that we send a letter to our County Commissioner and ask him to see if he can get them removed. Go to the top of the food chain so its documented. Doug will do this.

Motion: It was moved that a letter be written to Commissioner Nance to ask him if he can get the rumble strips removed at the curve on Immokalee Road. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion: It was moved that Maureen Bonness draft the letter to Commissioner Nance regarding removal of the rumble strips.

New Business

Dan's subject about the fence that prevents pass-through from West Sanctuary to East Sanctuary. Mike Duever: When they did the re-paving of Sanctuary parking lot, they wanted to put a road in Sanctuary Road from Red Hawk Lane to (sorry, didn't get all of this). There was further discussion of this issue. There are four Sanctuary Roads. Maureen: We could request a re-naming of the Sanctuary Road.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be a Christmas party instead of a meeting, held at Bill McDaniel's hunting cabin, December 16, 2014, starting at 6 pm.