

February 17, 2015

A meeting of the Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association (CINA) took place at the Corkscrew Sanctuary meeting room on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7 pm. Ten people attended. President Bill McDaniel opened the meeting at 7 pm with the pledge of allegiance. The secretary Doug Wilson was absent. No agenda was prepared. Copies of the October minutes of meeting were passed around.

Motion: A motion was made that the minutes of October 21, 2014 be approved with no corrections or amendments. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Report on BCC Decision on Regional Park 1/21/15

Mike Duever reported on the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on January 21, 2015. Seventeen people spoke. Most of them in opposition to having a soccer stadium at the new proposed park. Two people said they were in favor of the soccer stadium. Commissioner Tim Nance said he was opposed to any public park being used for commercial purposes. The resolution of the Commissioners was to turn down the offer. Commissioner Nance said he is in favor of soccer but as a private enterprise, not on public land. So the soccer stadium is off the radar. A detailed report on the meeting was sent out to CINA members on 2/14/15 from Doug Wilson, Secretary.

Maria Tabraue offered that you can watch the meeting on video at <http://www.coliergov.net/index.aspx?page=30>. The Commissioners did a wonderful job. The man promoting it said he is not making any money on it, although there is \$200,000 salary. People wanted to see figures on paper but he said, "No, I'm not going to."

Old Feud between Neighbors

Michele Antonia asked: In the Minutes it says that Sanctuary East is not accessible from Sanctuary West. Where is this? President Bill explained how someone built a fence across the right of way through a pasture making that right of way inaccessible. There has been a feud going on for years between neighbors. This was about 15 years ago. The fence is still there. One threatened legal action but nobody got a lawyer. Bill further explained what an easement is. Half of the easement is owned by one owner on one side, the other half is owned by the other side.

Shooting in the Neighborhood

Michele Antonia asked: I heard a lot of shooting in the neighborhood last Sunday. President Bill explained that there WAS a ban on shooting in the neighborhood, but some locals lobbied the State and the State repealed the law. So now it's OK to shoot in Golden Gate. The question was asked, Is there a way to protect against stray bullets? Answer: Pat Murray called Code Enforcement because she felt unsafe. She saw them drinking and shooting. She was told there is nothing you can do unless a bullet hits your house. Bill said, referring to himself, "We shoot into a pile. We're safe." If you are concerned about your safety, tell me and I'll put the word out.

Lost Dog

Mike Knight: Do you know who owns a Rottweiler? He showed up at the Sanctuary with no tag. I took him to Animal Control. Bill offered, If you lose a pet, you can go online and see a list of stray pets there. But I'll ask around. I know a man at The Springs who wants to get another Rottweiler.

Report on Fire Merger

President Bill McDaniel, who was involved in the fire department merger between North Naples and Big Corkscrew

Fire Stations, gave an in-depth report. He told both fire boards that, before going to the public, we the citizens need to be diligent and watch the Fire Commissioners, because there are eight now, and there will be five. I went to the first board meeting in January. They twice tried to deviate from the plan. I again repeated "be diligent". Watch out for "salary blending". Some board members say we can do with six. The Chief said 16, and the Union is asking for 23. There is no substitute for safety. It is actually going to take 23. Seventeen was in the plan.

Our prior chair made a motion to expend additional funds: one million dollars. We, meaning CINA, are concerned with service. North Naples is concerned about money. They're seeking to deviate. Bill continued to explain his concerns in detail. Somebody out here who has a home up for sale, told a real estate agent that we, meaning CINA, take care of the roads out here. At \$10 a year? No! (Laughter) Yes, we have a road maintenance committee but it's on a voluntary basis. Maria further pointed out that CINA is not a homeowners association, it's a neighborhood association.

The question was asked, Can we cancel the merger? Bill: No, it's done, and we have a board of eight. Bill announced that he is going to run for Commissioner again. He will keep us informed. He is involved and there is much going on - Big Cypress town, Garjulios Mine at the blinking traffic lights is now Big Island and 846 Mine. The State bought land across the street between Wild Turkey and out to Golden Gate Estates. It is going to be preserved as part of the Cruz Land Trust.

And there is the 846 Land Trust. One of them plans to make a new Immokalee Road which will snake out to Big Island. It will reduce traffic on old Immokalee Road. It's just talk right now. But developers gain new impact fees by doing this. The new Immokalee Road will travel through the new subdivision, snake up and reconnect with old Immokalee and cut out the curve. A lot is happening. He added that some agencies are going to be looking for board members - the Rural Fringe (RFMUD), Rural Land Stewardship area (RLS) among others are coming up for review. Bill will keep us informed. It's about density and numbers of units.

Rumble strips

Maureen is writing the letter to be sent to Commissioner Nance about removing the rumble strips on Immoakalee due to noise.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm