

Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association
Regular meeting, June 15, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

CINA ISSUES

Bill called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug motioned to approve minutes from prior meeting, Kiryn seconded, vote taken and the motion passed.

Lisa shared a photo of sheets of plastic hanging from the trees on Sanctuary Road. She mentioned they have also seen them in the Sanctuary. They have taken some down that could be reached but the rest will be removed by crews that have been hired. She asked if anyone else had seen. Someone said they saw them at Sanctuary Rd and Immokalee RD and they seemed to come from Oakes Farms after they removed the coverings off their plants. There was speculation about where they came from. Bill asked Lisa to email him about this so that he can inform the County.

Lisa also reported that attendance at the Sanctuary had increased for the month of May.

Roberta asked about the dumping of trash on the old Wagon Wheel property. Bill said the owner is aware about it and that he offered Manny's help as per Manny's comment at the prior meeting. There were gate posts but those seem to be gone. Manny said he saw someone taking the hinges off the posts. Manny offered some logs to block the driveway. Bill said he would pass along the offer.

Doug mentioned they had a small alligator visit in their pool for a while.

Mike asked about the advertising signs – “buy junk cars” etc – and what can be done about them. Bill said you can dial 311 to report them and code enforcement will come pick them up. Bill said they are only allowed in private property, not in the right of way.

There was an open discussion on moving back to in person meetings. Lisa reported that she would check with the Sanctuary and report back but that it

should be OK and that she would attend to open the meeting room. Kiryn will email Lisa and Bill to coordinate and confirm. Once confirmed Kiryn will relay to the group. Bill offered to coordinate as a hybrid meeting for those who cannot or do not want to attend in person. Most of those in attendance were in support of returning to in person meetings.

COUNTY ISSUES

Maria asked about the 6/8 commissioner meeting and the ordinance to make Collier County a “Bill of Rights Sanctuary County”. Bill explained that it would re-state the bill of rights and protection of the constitution for the citizens of Collier County.

The issue was not discussed at the 6/8 meeting but was to next week’s meeting 6/22. It’s a 2-step process where it would be to be voted and passed next week, and then in July meeting there is another vote to adopt it. *(Note: at the time minutes were published, the 6/22 meeting had passed and the vote was 3-2 to consider approving the ordinance at the 7/13 meeting.)*

The Sherriff is in support of this. Doug asked what is the need for it. Bill said some think it’s needed and some think it’s not.

Allie mentioned 42 counties have resolutions to be sanctuary counties. Bill agreed, that even Collier has a resolution, however Collier would be the first to make it an ordinance.

Maria said at the 6/8 BOCC meeting there was a lot of discussion on the proposed developments in the Estates and that the roads that are not going to be able to service these developments. Many people in Golden Gate are not in support of the developments. She asked if there is any way that people in Collier can stop these developments from moving forward.

Bill explained that the property rights lay with the people who own the land, so they make the decision to develop, as long as it’s within the current growth management plan for the county, it will likely go forward. The current zoning/growth plan for Collier allow for approximately 800,000 – 1 million people. Our last census shows 370,000 people, so we are not even half way there. Bill’s comment was that we cannot stop growth, but we can manage it by watching where it goes, providing incentives (to develop, or to not develop), having requirements for developers (preserves, green spaces, providing land for schools, wildlife crossings, etc). We can also plan for the infrastructure to

support the growth. Currently Collier is working on acquiring the right of way for the Vanderbilt extension which will go all the way thru to Everglades Blvd.

Doug said he has been impressed with the growth management plan in Collier. He noted that the entire state has been involved in this doing the items Bill mentioned – preserves, green spaces, etc. He thought we should be grateful for the planned growth and not unchecked urban sprawl. Bill agreed and mentioned that the infrastructure is lacking for those that are already here not just those that are coming.

Bill said in the fall is when we will see the rural villages come back to the BOCC for vote. They are a few years out for permits.

Kiryn asked about Immokalee Rd intersection improvements that were under study. Bill said they are still in the study and it covers intersections from Livingston to Logan. He also mentioned Immokalee Rd will be 4 laned up to rural villages and the “new” Immokalee Rd will run thru the villages and back out.

Bill updated that Mark Isackson has now officially started in the position as County Manager. Bill feels Mark has done an amazing job in the short time he’s been in the job and has seen a positive, can-do attitude with both him and the staff.

No one else had any comments, so Doug moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded and Bill closed the meeting.