

June 17, 2014

A meeting of the Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association (CINA) took place at the Corkscrew Sanctuary meeting room on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7 pm. Twenty-one people attended, including County Commissioner Tim Nance. President Bill McDaniel opened the meeting at 7 pm with the pledge of allegiance. With no agenda, he started the meeting off by introducing Tim Nance who presented more information on the MSTU proposal. A paper was passed around entitled "Executive Summary" of the Platt Road Improvement Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

Tim Nance on the MSTU Proposal

The last time I was here we discussed the MSTU proposal that was coming up soon. There was an emergency vehicle that couldn't get through Platt Road so the County went in and fixed it for \$10,000. The County is grumpy and wants to be paid back or put on an MSTU. The County staff suggested maybe the residents could do something about it themselves, like Rock Road which started their own MSTU. The County staff said if the residents don't come up with \$10,000 the County will impose the MSTU. This was to be done by April. Mr. Wilson suggested that CINA could help and the Tabraue's did something, but the County still wants to be paid back. They didn't form an MSTU. I'm here to ask you if you want to give a presentation to the County Commissioners, in lieu of forming an MSTU? If not, three Commissioners will vote to impose an MSTU. If I were you I would ask that this agenda item be postponed until July 8, the next meeting. (This month's meeting will be ___)

Doug Wilson: We have a process in place but it doesn't fit into what you are suggesting. We have a plan. Would this suffice?

Tim Nance: I don't know. You need to go into the County Commissioners meeting and make the presentation. Show what work you've done. Bring examples. Show what work you plan to do. Bring people who will stand up. Be persuasive. Tuesday, July 8 is the next meeting.

Discussion summary: Nance will go in and ask them to move the agenda item from Tuesday this month because it's too late for this month, to next month. Doug will email Nance the plan tonight. Nance will go to the CC meeting Tuesday, June 24 and ask them to postpone it to July 8. Nance thinks you've done an excellent job.

Nance, in answer to Eduardo Tabraue's question: My job is to persuade them to trust YOU. The County is afraid that if they do it for you they will have to do it for other neighborhoods. We have to have three commissioners to say yes. Don't be aggressive, be persuasive. If you respectfully ask for it, I'll be your advocate. If you want to do this I will get you a precise time.

Discussion summary: Doug Wilson can't be at the July 8 meeting because he has a federal trial that day. Bill McDaniel will be there.

Nance: The County doesn't want to impose things on you but 4 out of 5 commissioners are urban. They don't understand why anyone wants to live out in the rural area. The meeting starts at 7 am and goes to 5 pm. Tell me when you want to be there and I'll get a select time. The County Commissioners decided to get the \$10,000 back so it's just the Platt Road residents who are involved. There's a possibility they won't grant a continuance but they probably will.

Discussion summary: We're ready now. Somebody could be there on June 24, but it's too late. The Commissioners want to see it ahead of time. It's not a super hot issue so I don't see too much of a problem. The County doesn't want to put money into private roads.

Nance, in answer to the suggestion that the County staff could monitor roads in advance to pick up on how bad

private roads have gotten: There are at least five groups who are doing this, many don't have the initiative or equipment. The County will be happy to work with a group but they don't want to do it all. You are one of the most sophisticated of all the groups. Of all full-time residents in the County, only 30% make their living through working. The rest are retired and live off capital. Pelican Bay are not workers. Their commissioners are not workers. They are doing good things for us. They gave us a n EMS system. Bottom line, we have to get 3 commissioners to vote for us. When things cool down in the fall I want to come out and have a town hall meeting and give you an overview of everything. End of Tim Nance's presentation.

Fire Station Merger

Bill McDaniel moderated a discussion over the merger of North Naples and Big Corkscrew Fire Stations. A paper of the 4/24/14 meeting on the merger was passed around. Bill said this was old information and will get the new information to Doug. Tim Nance joined in the conversation. The majority of North Naples were interested in the cost. Bill sits in on the merger meetings, says they argue over minutia. Some think the delay of two years is desirable before going to the County Commissioners for approval, while others want the merger to happen now, including fire chief Rita Greenberg. Tim Nance supports discussion and leaves it open, is not pushing it one way or the other. If the ball threatens to go out of bounds, "I toss the ball back in the ring."

Assorted statements during the discussion included savings in the millions of dollars a year; both fire chiefs coming up for retirement; the need for more fire fighters. The recent meetings over the merger have been repetitious. Another meeting takes place next Monday, Bill will attend. We started Big Corkscrew Fire Department because we couldn't get into North Naples, if we wanted to save money we wouldn't have started Big Corkscrew Island Fire. Chief Rita Greenberg sent a one-page email showing why we need the merger. Benefits include 22 more fire fighters, 3 more trucks among other benefits. Comment: If there is a merger we will lose a certain percentage of resources of this community. Response: those arguments have been thwarted. Cost savings, 3 more brush trucks, the corridor around Twin Eagles will grow in population. I'll pass on the highlights of the merger from Chief Rita. Cost savings are not as important as the increase in services. Question: Do you know the number of EMT calls vs. number of fire calls? Answer: No. Do you know the budget for all Collier County - the money that comes in vs. going out? Bill's answer: We are in debt. I serve on several committees for better government in the greater Collier County area. We go to the platforms of elected politicians and grade them. The discussion concluded at 8:15 pm.

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 pm