

**July 5, 2016 (June meeting postponed)**

**The June meeting was postponed to July 5 due to air conditioner failure. Secretary Doug Wilson chaired the meeting with 9 members in attendance plus guest Eric Watson of the new North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District.**

**The first item on the agenda was a report on the RFMUD (Rural Fringe Mixed Use District). Maureen Bonness reported that she had been following the issue at public workshops and reported on potential changes in zoning. The most significant recommendations that affect us are (1) to reward Neutral Land owners with Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) for preserving habitat or native vegetation, and (2) to extend the same advantages to Neutral Land owners who want to commit to agricultural uses. The Planning Commission will hear the recommendations in August, and the County Commissioners in September.**

**Secretary Doug Wilson, an attorney who drew up the Articles of Incorporation, explained proposed amendments to the Articles and the reason for the suggested changes. Since CINA meetings rarely have enough members to pass on issues raised due to lack of a quorum (15 members) the proposed amendments change the Articles so that issues can be passed on at meetings, even if only 5 members are present, but then it has to be ratified at the next meeting. Discussion ensued and it was announced that it would be sent to the entire membership for a vote.**

**Eric Watson of the new North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District next presented information about the Fire District's enhanced capabilities as a result of merging North Naples and Big Corkscrew Fire Stations. He assured everyone they are preparing in the event of a terrorist attack and working actively with the Sheriff's office in the event of such an attack. He added they are on the cutting edge, on the agenda is purchase of bullet-proof body armor which will be distributed to battalion chiefs. Questions and answers followed.**

**Eric Watson reported that our President, Bill McDaniel, who was circulating a petition to get his name on the ballot to run for County Commissioner for District 5 (our district) did qualify and is officially on the ballot. There is an August primary which is tantamount to election, he said. A political discussion followed.**