

August 15, 2017

A meeting of the Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association (CINA) took place at the Corkscrew Sanctuary meeting room on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. Twelve members were in attendance, plus guest speaker Fire Chief James Cunningham. President Bill McDaniel opened the meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting hall had been sectioned off when we arrived and the alarm bell went off until someone was called to shut it down. The meeting took place in the smaller second section instead of the larger room.

1) Pledge of Allegiance

President Bill McDaniel opened the meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

2) Approval of June Minutes

The minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting had been sent out ahead of time by email. Paper copies were passed around to re-read. The minutes were approved on motion to do so, unanimously.

3) Speeding on Immokalee Road

The subject of cars speeding on Immokalee Road came up again. It was discussed at the April meeting and a motion was made to send a letter of complaint to the Sheriff's Department asking for help in reducing traffic, but that wasn't done. Discussion followed about who was responsible for writing it, and was it still a problem? Yes, it is still a problem. Bill said to send a letter to me and I'll let the Sheriff know that there are problems. Doug said he would write the letter and suggested a change in the motion to read accordingly. The amended motion was made and passed for the letter to be signed by Bill.

4) Outreach to Increase Membership

Doug said that at the August 2016 meeting, he had presented suggestions for updating CINA membership by reaching out to both new and expired members. A motion had been passed at that meeting to give approval, but Doug explained that, while he had put a Facebook page up, he had not yet assembled his resources to update email and property owner information, the goal being to deliver new information to neighbors and the public. Perhaps an online payment system and posting of minutes online. Doug again asked for permission to spend some money as a town hall organization. Following is a restatement of the August 2016 motion. The decision was to reaffirm that motion.

August 2016 Motion: That the CINA board of directors be authorized as follows: 1. To renew efforts to recruit new CINA members, 2. To expand dissemination to members and non-members of public information regarding news and issues of interest to our neighborhood, through email, our website, and social media, 3. To merge those two activities to maximum mutual benefit, and 4. To expend reasonable amounts of money to accomplish the above. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nancy Wilson reported that there was \$3,748.11 in the CINA bank account at Florida Community Bank.

6) Problem with Trash Pickup

Debbie Gartzke said they had received a letter from Waste Management stating that their road, Limpkin, was unfit to drive on for collection. Also other roads, including Platt. The letter cited overhanging branches or the road being too small. Bill said it's the same all through Collier. There are over 200 miles of roads to support during the rainy season. A

county-wide MSTU is coming, he said. Collier County can't legally send road-grading equipment down a private road. Fire, EMS and Sheriff have to make determinations which roads are exempt. Rob: We are going to be taxed even if we put money in to improve the roads. Bill: Yes, and so will the neighbors who didn't pay for your road. This is going to happen in the fall. It will come through the commissioners. If the board passes the resolution to get an MSTU, then it starts in 2019. Debbi: We don't get trash pickup after September until we improve the roads. Robbie: Find out what specifically they want you to do. Debbie: The letter says after September 4 they won't pick up. She talked to 12 neighbors, mostly owners, about it. Were at the end of Limpkin Road. We have to carry our cans 9/10th of a mile to Immokalee Road. Maureen: Eduardo organized neighbors. If you can get neighbors to help [by donating money to fix the road]. Debbie: We stopped donating because its not working. I think it's the trash truck that's doing it [making the holes in the road]. Bill: It needs gravel and base. He offered, "I'll put my emergency services staff to work on it. All of you send pictures of your road and my staff will decide which is worse to begin work on first. A lot more people move when I wave my magic wand."

7) Fire Chief Jamie Cunningham

Jamie Cunningham, Fire Chief of North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District, gave a rapid, dynamic report on the latest brush fire season. He had presented at the April CINA meeting that a ban on burning was planned but the ban lasted only two weeks. He said in North Collier they set up a response team. He reported (in his own words) there was not a fire over 10 acres because of our response team during the dry season. We kept moving our resources around and reassigned resources. We get three or four calls a day about smoke. Its air conditioning over heating. During the rainy season lightening strikes start fires. Two of the largest fires were in Naples. We spent \$225,000 in the first fire on fire suppression, \$125,000 on the second fire. Thats why we have reserves. The fire at Jones Mine - we are advising them to rotate their piles to mitigate fires. They are not compliant. They're not supposed to have that many piles there. The problem is they're not rotating them. The fire lit up 24 hours after they received a fire notice. They determined it was started intentionally. Human interaction. It was impossible that could have started naturally. They got a bill for our costs fighting their fire, but were working with them so it wont reoccur. It was five acres. The challenge was how high the piles were. Problem was, they had an ancillary use permit because of a nursery there. There's a lease conditional use. We do have regulations in place, horticultural debris. There was internal combustion. They're now taking temperature readings and hosing it down. The people really wanted to comply. They were nice and easy to work with. The top management were good. It was not just laziness. There was conflict between North Collier and Florida Forestry Services. Florida Forestry is boss. They have top authority, but their trucks were too spread out. We couldn't override their authority. Once we knew the fire wasn't going outside of the five-mile boundary we redistributed resources. We're on a budget plan now.

Secondly, Chief Cunningham talked about the budget process in a rapid-fire delivery of dollar amounts, ending by saying the funding component is going well. In his own words, We put away long-term reserves, like to repair or replace a fire truck. A truck is supposed to last ten years, then go into reserve five years. Some trucks did not have a commercial chassis to begin with. We designated \$1.9 million for replacement. From 9 fire chiefs currently, there will [eventually] be 5 or 6. He concluded with, "Fires are down." Website: <http://www.northcollierfire.com/> His email: jcunningham@northcollierfire.com.

A motion was made to send a letter of commendation to the Fire Department.

Motion: That CINA send a letter of commendation to the Fire Department for their excellent services. Motion passed.

7) Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made at 8:30, but President Bill stayed on past that to give an update report on things that have been happening in his role as County Commissioner to our district.