

August 16, 2016

The August CINA meeting on August 16, 2016 was presided over by President Bill McDaniel who is running for County Commissioner for our District, District 5, in the November election. Twelve members were present, along with two speakers from the Collier Mosquito Control. The director and second director, David Farmer and Patrick Lynn respectively, gave a much-appreciated presentation on mosquito control, how they operate, under what rules, and how they make decisions where to spray. It was an extensive fact-filled lecture on mosquitoes, including information about the Zika outbreak.

David and Patrick explained they follow strict guidelines on where to spray. Any changes in policy must go through Tallahassee. There is an extensive science behind mosquito control, they said. They do not spray according to the calendar or day of week. A number of factors, like wind, rain and how many dead mosquitoes are counted in traps they set, all factor into the equation. They check the traps every day.

Mosquito control and air conditioning are the two most important reasons why people can live in South Florida, they said. We live in a swamp.

Other business that took place at the meeting was the announcement by Secretary Doug Wilson that two proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation had passed by a unanimous vote of the Board. CINA members can now legally pass any measure that comes up during a meeting, whereas before this amendment, any issue that came up during a meeting required a full-membership vote of those not present before implementing it. If less than a quorum is present at the meeting (15 members) the item must be ratified (affirmed) at the next meeting, with the agenda sent out ahead of time. This gives members a chance to register objections if they don't like the action, and perhaps will lead to more members attending meetings and be part of the governing voice of the neighborhood. Membership is \$10 a year per person.

Among other discussions were complaints about trash trucks picking up recycle barrels along with trash barrels in the neighborhood, at least on some occasions, which led to the question, Why are we bothering to separate bottles and cans from trash if they're putting it all into the same pot? It was decided by a raise of hands (the town hall voting method) that the president would write a letter of formal grievance to our County Commissioner.

Further business: the Secretary asked for authorization, and received it, to post a Facebook page for CINA, to allow more sharing and commentary of news and issues through social media. Also to expand outreach to the public by disseminating more information on the CINA website, a function of this Neighborhood News page.

Last but certainly not least, Maria Tabraue invited CINA members to attend the 100th birthday party of an elderly resident, Orin Smith. Orin will reach his 100th year on September 15. The celebration will take place at the home of John Hinson and hosted by the Church on Immokalee, Sunday, September 18, 2016