

Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Bill called the meeting to order and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, flag provided by our Official Flag Holder, Nancy.

Doug moved to approve the prior meeting minutes. Maria seconded and the motion passed.

Bill asked Lisa for an update on the plastic that was in the trees near the Sanctuary. Lisa reported that she called 311 and someone looked at it and it has been resolved though she doesn't know how.

Lisa introduced Steve Nellis, Chair of the Advisory Board at the Sanctuary who she invited to sit in on the call and learn more about CINA.

Bill reported that Sheriff Rambosk will be the guest at his next Monthly Night with your Commissioner. Kiryn will send information on the meeting dates and time and how to register to receive the Zoom invitations and view recordings of the prior meetings.

Maureen reported that she assisted her neighbor in getting a bear resistant garbage can. She said that it has worked to keep the bears from getting into their trash. Kiryn will send information on how other residents can get one.

Nancy had expressed interest in resigning from the board so Doug opened up to see if anyone was interested in taking her place. Mike Petscher said he is interested. He reported that he was born and raised in the community and would like to volunteer for the position. No one else expressed interest in the position. Kiryn nominated Mike for the position and Maria seconded. Motion passed, however we will vote again at the next meeting as we did not have a quorum present.

Kiryn brought up updating Website and making a Facebook page, and possibly a mailer to get more interest in CINA from other neighbors. Doug mentioned he had previously gotten \$500 approved for a mailer but it was never sent / spent. Kiryn will get with Doug and Nancy on website access and then connect with Mike to help with website update and FB page. Kiryn will also look into pricing for mailers, and then coordinate with Doug and/or Mike for assistance.

Bill asked for Treasurer's report be added to the agenda going forward, to include bank balance, income and expenses since last report, current number of members and change in number of members since last report. Bill also asked the Treasure to check when the last time CINA made a donation to the Sanctuary, so that we can discuss at the October meeting if we should make another donation.

Doug mentioned he would vote to donate money to improve the Sanctuary's Wi-Fi. Lisa said they are working on getting better service but it's a long process. Doug mentioned that the new infrastructure bill has allocations for funds to get internet to rural areas, and thought maybe the Association and Sanctuary could work together to get a grant from those funds to run lines in our area. Lisa asked Bill if he has any comment on internet infrastructure in district 5 in general. Bill said there is no plan for those improvements currently and that rate of return versus running the lines due to our low density of homes does not make it feasible for utility companies to invest in.

Bill mentioned the MCORES project for the toll road from Lakeland that Collier County was working on with the State and said that they were looking into using it to bring some infrastructure to the rural areas, but unfortunately MCORES was cancelled. Bill said Doug is correct there could be something in the new infrastructure bill for rural internet, but cautioned that the timeline on something like that could be years for the approvals, and then the money to actually appear and then construction. Other federal funds he's worked on getting for the County have taken a long time to appear, or if they were given quickly, there were often a lot of rules to follow or conditions to be able to actually use the funds.

Bill reported that Collier County has \$25 million available to help people with rental assistance and mortgage payment assistance. If you or someone you know needs help they should apply. The stay on foreclosures and evictions is coming to an end, so if someone needs help with rental/mortgage payments they should apply as soon as possible. They can contact Bill's office for help to apply.

Bill reported that with the BOCC on summer break he doesn't have much of an update on County business. BOCC meetings will start back in September. Early September will be budget meetings to approve the budget for the new fiscal year which starts in October, and then regular meetings resume after that.

Bill met with the developers of the Immokalee Rural Villages. The developers have some provisions they would like to change in the site plans. Bill would like to invite them to October meeting to show us. There is some discussion of extending the Golden Gate Canal north under Immokalee Rd and hooking into Hogan Island's water system. The theory is that this would allow water to be moved up into Sanctuary when it's low.

Lisa agreed it would be helpful to have developers come to another meeting, as she saw many changes since the last version. Lisa reported that the Sanctuary is meeting with the developers at the end of August to discuss wildlife issues. Bill will follow up and see if they can attend CINA's October meeting. Maureen agreed that she would like to see the new plans and more details on the extension of the canal and asked if the developers have any information they could send ahead of the meeting for our review. Lisa agreed with Maureen and commented that there would need to be a lot of information and analysis to ensure that the canal idea would actually help and not cause additional problems.

Lisa asked Bill to expand about the idea of tying the canal into Hogan Island. Bill said that Hogan's Island will have a hydric barrier - 200 ft wide canal around the whole development – and that is where they are considering tying the Golden Gate Canal into once it goes under Immokalee Rd.

Bill asked if there was any additional business. With none, a motion to adjourn was given and seconded and the meeting was closed.