

March 2006 Minutes

Meeting was called to order @ 6:40 PM by President Bo Turbville.

Invocation was given by Frank LaRosa - a moment of silence was given in remembrance of James Fleming who passed away.

Pledge of allegiance to our flag was given.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Willard Baker.

Members present: President Bo Turbville; Vice President Mike Welsh; Treasurer Pat Vealey; Secretary Willard Baker; Frank LaRosa; Liz Eilf; John Miller; Linda Carter; Damon Shelor; Ed Weiner; Keith Richter; Charlie DeFelice Excused; Azelma Simmons - absent.

Public Comment on Agenda Items only (minutes per person)

Citizen Commented that they are still having problems with Building codes on duplexes at West Minister area.

Frank Lohlein commented on Harns Marsh.

Approval of Agenda:

President Turbville moved Request for the LACPC to release the Adopted Road (Lee Boulevard to allow groups to keep it clean to be last - Motion by Ed Weiner to accept the Agenda as amended - Second by Linda Carter - Motion passed.

Approval of January Minutes - Ed Weiner made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2006 - Motion seconded by Pat Vealey - Motion passed.

Approval of February Minutes - Linda Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2006 - Motion seconded by Keith Richter - Motion passed.

Reports from Officers:

President Bo Turbville passed out letter he received on Prairie Creek which contained everything we did & did not like about the development.. It was from Bean, Whitaker, Lutz, & Karch, Inc.

Treasurer's Report by Pat Vealey: Opening Balance \$2,730.23 - Interest earned \$.33 - No Expenditures - Closing Balance \$2,730.56 - Motion by Damon Shelor to accept the Treasurer's Report - Motion seconded by Ed einer - Motion passed.

New Business:

ECO Park Resolution:

Motion made by Linda Carter to request East County Water Control District to re-name the proposed ECO Park to Jim Fleming Park, since it was a project that Jim Fleming was working on - Motion seconded by Mike Welsh - Motion passed unanimously.

Open Seat by Frank LaRosa - Frank remarked that Jim Fleming was a great member of our board and was always looking out for the betterment of Lehigh Acres and his passing away was a great shock and he wanted to make a motion that we retire his seat on the L.A.C.P.C. Board and never fill the seat - Motion seconded by Keith Richter - Discussion - President Turbville requested that we table the motion until next month's meeting as everybody is very emotional about his passing away and we should wait awhile for their emotions to die down - Ed Weiner made a motion that we table the motion for 30 days - Motion seconded by Mike Welsh - Motion Passed - Frank LaRosa did not vote - Keith Richter voted against the motion.

Old Business: Discussion of the Planner Selection Committee:

The meeting will be held in Lehigh Acres, Friday, March 28 - All members will get a packet prior to meeting.

Commissioner John Albion arrived at our meeting @ 7:30PM.

Subcommittee Reports:

Community Involvement - Mike Welsh - His committee has decided to have their meetings as a round table so as to have a general discussions - they plan to have 2 per month - anybody may attend - the next meeting will be March 23rd. It will be held at new high school at the K-Mart bldg.

Finance & Grants - Keith Richter - No Report

Sidewalks & Bike Paths - Willard Baker - His meetings are combined with Architectural Review/Code Enforcement - The meetings are now going to be held on the second Monday of the month at the Library 6:30PM - There was no meeting this month because of the death of Jim Fleming.

Parks & Recreation by Frank LaRosa - Frank feels that we should be involved in the Harns Marsh area.

Law Enforcement/Public Safety - Damon Shelor - Damon is working on having Lee County Sheriff attend his meeting.

Conservation & Beautification - John Miller - His meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Health/Social Service/Civic - Liz Elif - No report

Open Public Report: (3 Minutes per person)

Commissioner John Albion remarked that he was pleased at how well this meeting was being run, compared to when he was here last year. We are now making real progress

Barbara J. remarked that we should watch our emotions on the death of Jim Fleming, we are very sad, but remember the By/Laws are for every one on every situation & to think about it before making decisions.

Board Comment:

Damon Shelor remarked that a lot of the issues, that are every day issues, should be presented to the Lehigh Acres Community Council - We were formed to make a framework for the future of Lehigh Acres - Community Council is made up of citizens which tackle every day issues and some of the members were on committees for Lee County, appointed by the Lee County Commissioners.

Frank LaRosa commented that we shouldn't always go by the 3 minute rule in how long you may talk - He reported that we also could change our By/Laws to have 15 seats - keep the 13th seat empty in memory of Jim Fleming and fill the 15th seat.

Mike Welsh remarked that he owns property and takes personal offense in someone telling him what he can do on his property - He does not want us to end up like Cape Coral - He would like to see us as a 13 member board.

Linda Carter - She is working with our state government on Hurricane Preparedness in getting people out of their homes in emergencies - We need to look at alternate needs as some buildings are now

more than 2 stories & we need to make them handicap accessible.

Ed Weiner - April 20th will be a town hall meeting on 951 Group.

Adjournment: Pat Vealey made a motion the meeting be adjourned - Motion seconded by Willard Baker - Meeting adjourned 8:50PM

Willard W. Baker
Secretary