

Lehigh Acres Community Planning Corporation

Meeting Agenda

July 13, 2005

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Invocation:

Pledge: Vice Chairman Frank LaRosa

Roll Call: Secretary Willard Baker

- In Attendance: Willard Baker, Bo Turbeville, Charlie DeFelice, Liz Eilf, Patty Vealey, Wayne Elrod, Jim Fleming, Frank LaRosa, Damon Shelor, Keith Richter, Azelma Simmons, John Miller
- Unexcused Absence: John Dixon Morrow

Approval of June Minutes: Postponed until August

Public Comment on agenda items only: (1.5 minutes per person) (10 minutes total)

- Frank Lohlein – Discussed FGUA / Florida Gulf Utility Authority
- Robert Anderson – Requested the removal of Bo Turbeville due to an email submitted to the Board stating “he was polling the Board ... on the voting policy for upcoming Board vacancy”
 - Recommended that the Board go with the Big Plan (more comprehensive plan)
- Kevin Shea – Observes irregularities and illegalities
 - Urged the need for an independent and impartial attorney be selected to support the Board
 - Advised against any association with the Chamber of Commerce’s selection for an attorney
 - Stated the Board conducted the May meeting and installed officers – not according to the By-Laws

Board Comment on agenda items only: (1.5 minutes per person) (10 minutes total)

- John Miller – requested an Aug Agenda Item – for subcommittee’s to have the ability to purchase items on an expense account
- Keith Richter – Questioned the FGUA Board Member, Why FGUA?
- Frank LaRosa – stated he didn’t know why FGUA Board Member was on the agenda
- Damon Shelor – expressed concern of supporting FGUA member vs any other Lehigh Association to be a Board Member
 - Stated he would volunteer and step out as a Board Member and re-apply if needed to alleviate any concerns on the May installation of new Board Members
- Bo Turbeville – stated the County asked us to help with the “Goals set forth for the betterment of Lehigh Acres”

Reports from Officers:

- Treasurer’s Report – Patty Vealey
 - Patty stated there had been no money spent since the last report
 - **Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report** - Keith Richter / Charlie Defelice – Unanimous
 - Frank LaRosa stated there are still issues not resolved on previous spending
 - Requested an Agenda item for Aug to discuss the spending issues

- President's Report – Bo Turbeville
 - FGUA / Workshop (August 10th) 6:00 – 7:30
 - LACPC Meeting would follow from 7:45 ~ 9:00
 - (Frank Lohlein – asked if questions from the public would be allowed during the FGUA meeting, he received an answer of “yes” from the Chamber of Commerce)
 - FGUA / Board Member
 - LACPC – Board Member (August 10th)
 - This was explained to be a position being filled by BOCC, to be a County Employee and to be represent Lehigh, but would not necessarily have to be Charlie DeFelice
 - LACPC can make a suggestion but it will be BOCC's decision, this will not be voted on at this meeting
 - Keith Richter – stated it was rude to discuss Charlie DeFelice in the 3rd person
 - Frank LaRosa – stated he would pursue legal action
 - Charlie DeFelice stated he would have to give up his own personal time, he would not attend meetings on County time, he would not be paid, it would take time from his family
 - He is concerned about the changes and effect in Lehigh Acres
 - Public Awareness Meeting (August 11th) High School Auditorium 7:00
 - Friend's United - Mike Welch and Robert Anderson
 - FGUA would not be present during this meeting
- **Motion to accept Moises Gallegos Resignation** – Baker / DeFelice – Unanimous
- Position to be posted in the papers, information to be received using the PO Box

New Business:

- Vote on Attorney vs. Parliamentarian
 - Call for Attorney vs Parliamentarian was unanimous by the Board for an Attorney
 - An RFP is to be prepared – knowledge of Parliamentarian Procedures, and knowledgeable in Land Use to be of the skill set needed
 - Chamber of Commerce previously stated they would pay for an attorney for 5 months, was brought up by Frank LaRosa
 - Keith Richter questioned if they selected the attorney
 - Fleming, Richter, Turbeville, Eilf, Shelor, Miller, Vealey, LaRosa also supported the use of a Parliamentarian
 - Robert Anderson volunteered to assist as Parliamentarian when an attorney was not present, and would have Robert's Rule's on-hand to substantiate his statements
 - Wayne Elrod questioned what makes a Parliamentarian, Bo replied that they are normally certified
 - Robert Anderson also stated he would not be paid for his services
- Resolutions for Lee County
 - Bo Turbeville presented a proposed request to BOCC for a type of Moratorium to be granted on rezoning of land use during the period the Plan was being prepared
 - Charlie DeFelice suggested a Review Board option be added to make it more appealing that the Board was not asking for a hold on land use changes but the opportunity to review and add the Board's comments to the changes
 - Jim Fleming added that members of the Chamber of Commerce, CAIT, Developer's etc could all be on the Review Board
 - Jim Mudd stated he was unsure if BOCC would approve a 2yr moratorium, suggested requesting an Adhoc Advisory Board
 - Bo will revise the Resolution and email it to the Board as discussed, revising only for grammatical and typo corrections
 - **Motion to accept the proposed Resolution for BOCC as discussed** - Unanimous

- Voting Procedure discussion
 - Bo discussed the Ranking used in May's meeting vs the Nomination process previously used
 - Jim Fleming stated the ranking was unfair to the last applicants
 - Frank LaRosa claimed the voting change was illegal and in violation of Robert's Rules
 - Liz Eilf – stated the nomination was more fair
 - Patty Vealy questioned where in the By-Laws it states how voting is done, she had not found it written, then how could it be a violation
 - Wayne Elrod agreed with ranking
 - Charlie DeFelice felt the nomination process gave them attention for their merit, majority rule
 - Jim Fleming stated you must rank everyone, the rules shouldn't have changed
 - Frank LaRosa reminded that the popular vote is not always the winner; eg Electoral Votes wins!
 - Bo Turbeville stated he would not ask the recently installed member to resign unless the future attorney stated so
 - Damon Shelor expressed the original panel was selected by all, he felt the public should also be included in the voting
 - Keith Richter stated the previous procedure had worked well
 - Bo Turbeville reminded the Board this issue would be voted on during the Aug meeting
- Plans ~ Framework vs Comprehensive
 - Charlie DeFelice feels the community deserves the Large Comprehensive Plan
 - Robert Anderson suggested doing both plans
 - Jim Mudd stated the Framework plan will not address all the issues
 - **Motion approved to pursue the Comprehensive Large Plan – Unanimous**
 - Jim Mudd will not pursue RFQ / RFP
 - Jim Mudd stated the Large plan will cost more than the \$50,000 approved by BOCC, suggested getting BOCC's support before going out for bids for a Planner
 - Keith Richter stated he could get grants to make up the difference, Connie Mack has stated funds were available to assist

Sub-Committee Reports:

- Community Involvement (John Dixon Morrow)
- Finance and Grants (Keith Richter)
- Sidewalks/Bike Paths (Willard Baker)
- Roadways and Transportation; Infrastructure (Charlie DeFelice)
- Parks and Recreation/Schools (Frank LaRosa)
- Law Enforcement/Public Safety (Damon Shelor)
- Architectural Review/Code Enforcement (Vacant)
- Conservation and Beautification (John Miller)
- Community Healthcare/Charitable and Civic Organizations (Liz Eilf)
- Planning and Zoning (Wayne Elrod)

Open Public Comment: (1.5 minutes per person) (10 minutes total time)

- Frank Lohlein – questioned the presence of deputies during the April Meeting, and stated he had discovered John Miller had requested their presence.
 - Who paid for the deputies?
 - Felt the deputies presence intimidated people in attendance
- Barbara JoYen stated she felt that more people were comforted by the presence of deputies at that meeting since several meetings had gotten very heated, and that the meeting went well due to the deputies presence
 - Stated that the Parliamentarian should be Certified, personal feeling should be removed from the process, comments become too personal during meetings

Board Comment: (1.5 minutes per person) (10 minutes total time)

- **Motion for LACPC to petition BOCC to delay the vote of 951 for 4 months / DeFelice / Fleming (Richter opposed) motion approve**

Adjourn: 9:00