Lee County Board Of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. 20050373

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

Take action on the Sunset recommendations for 35 Advisory Committees, Boards or Commissions of the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Administrative Code AC-2-3.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Completes the Sunset review for 35 Advisory Committees, Boards or Commissions for the Board of County Commissioners as required by Administrative Code AC-2-3.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

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4. Departmental Category:6				5. Meeting Date: 04-05-2005			
6. Agenda:	7. Requ	irement/Purpose	: (specify)	8. Request Initiate			
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Administrative		Ordinance		Department	Public Resources		
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Affordable Housing	No response received	Continue
Animal Care Trust Fund	Continue	Continue
Art in Public Places	Inactive since 2000	Inactive
Bay Oaks	Continue	Continue
Bicycle Pedestrian	No response received	Continue
Black Affairs	Continue	No response received
Charleston Park Local NDC	Continue	No response received
Coastal Advisory Council	No response received	Continue
Colonial Boulevard Extension Improvement	Sunset	Inactive
Community Action Agency/NDC	Continue	No response received
Conservation Land Acquisition	Continue	No recommendation made
Construction Board of Adj. and Appeals	Continue	No response received
Construction Licensing Board	Continue	Continue
Disaster Advisory Council	No response received	Continue
Eagle Technical	Continue	Continue

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Liaison Recommendation

Chairperson Recommendation

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Palmona Park Local NDC Continue No response received

Parks and Recreation Services No response received Continue

Partnering for Results Proposal Continue No recommendation made
Pine Manor Local NDC Continue No response received
Plumbing Board of Adi, and Appeals Continue Continue

Plumbing Board of Adj. and Appeals Continue Continue
Roadway Landscape Continue No response received

Suncoast Estates Local NDC Continue Continue
Sunset Cove Waterways Sunset Inactive
Waterways Advisory Continue Continue

Well Construction Continue No response received

COMMITTEE LIAISON DISTRIBUTION LIST SUNSET REVIEWS 2004

COMMITTEERECOMMENDATION

AFFORDABLE HOUSING	GLORIA SAJGO	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
ANIMAL CARE TRUST FUND	SCOTT TREBATOSKI	CONTINUE
BAY OAKS ADVISORY	SKIP FRANKLIN	CONTINUE
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN	MIKE TISCH	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
BLACK AFFAIRS	PETE WINTON	CONTINUE
CHARLESTON PARK LOCAL NDC	RON MILLER	CONTINUE
COASTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL	ROBERT NEAL	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY/NDC	SUSAN OLIVER	CONTINUE
CLASAC	LYNDA RILEY	CONTINUE
CONSTRUCTION BD OF ADJ/APPEALS	BOB STEWART	CONTINUE
CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD	MARY NYE	CONTINUE
DISASTER ADVISORY COUNCIL	GERALD CAMPBELL	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
PAGLE TECHNICALCONTINUE	BECKY SWEIGERT	CONTINUE
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REVIEW	KAMALA CORBETT	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
EXTENSION SERVICES	SUSAN HEDGE	CONTINUE
HARLEM HEIGHTS LOCAL NDC	RON MILLER	CONTINUE
HISPANIC AFFAIRS	COMMISSIONER JUDAH	CONTINUE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	GLORIA SAJGO	CONTINUE
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE	REBECCA TATLOCK	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY	PAUL O'CONNOR	CONTINUE
MECHANICAL BD OF ADJ/APPEALS	BOB STEWART	CONTINUE
NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD	SCOTT COOVERT	CONTINUE
PAGE PARK LOCAL NDC	RON MILLER	CONTINUE
PALMONA PARK LOCAL NDC	RON MILLER	CONTINUE
PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES	JOHN YARBROUGH	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
PARTNERING FOR RESULTS	DIANA CHILDERS	CONTINUE
PINE MANOR LOCAL NDC	RON MILLER	CONTINUE
PLUMBING BD OF ADJ/APPEALS	BOB STEWART	CONTINUE
ROADWAY LANDSCAPE	PAT MOORE	CONTINUE
SUNCOAST ESTATES LOCAL NDC	RON MILLER	CONTINUE
WATERWAYS ADVISORY	CHRIS KOEPFER	CONTINUE
WELL CONSTRUCTION	RAND EDELSTEIN, JR.	CONTINUE

ANIMAL CARE TRUST FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

PROVIDES A VEHICLE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM PUBLIC THAT MAINTAINS THE USE OF TUNOS FOR ASSISTING ANIMAL SERVICE AND OTHER COMMUNITY ANIMAL ISSUES. (IN THE PAST DONATIONS WENT TO GENERM FINO)

STAFF LIAISON: SCOTT TREBATOSKI, DIRECTOR OF AWMAN SERVICES

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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STAFF COMMENTS;

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONTINUE ANIMAL CARE TRUST FUND & ITS OVERSIGHT COUNTES

BAY OAKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose:

To serve Lee County Parks & Recreation and the Town Council of Fort Myers Beach in an advisory capacity, engaging in and providing effective citizens requests and recommendations.

STAFF LIAISON:

Skip Franklin/Dan Bergstresser

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Bay Oaks Advisory Committee meets monthly in order for the communication between Town, County and Bay Oaks to always remain open and helpful to all concerns.

The Bay Oaks Advisory Committee has been very supportive of our BOSS (Bay Oaks Social Seniors) program making recommendations to the Town Council of Ft. Myers Beach to help with the cost of a full or part time programmer for seniors. The Town of Ft. Myers Beach, through a grant the Town applied for, implemented this with a part time Senior Programmer's position totally funded. The BOSS program has grown to over 130 members.

The Committee gives us input from the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve, helping us to make decisions in the protection of our preserves.

The Committee makes recommendations for the Bay Oaks Recreation Center with semi-annual walk through meetings and advising the Town and communicating with the County on capital improvement projects and suggestions: Expanding the Center, Re-paving outside basketball court, Florida natural landscaping and improvements.

They help institute fundraisers when monies are needed for various reasons supporting the patrons of Bay Oaks in order to give equal opportunities to all who wish to participate in its activities.

BAY OAKS STAFF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

We not only feel the Bay Oaks Advisory Committee should continue to operate and function in the same capacity as established in the Inter-Local Agreement between Lee County Government and the Town of Fort Myers Beach, but we thank them for giving us their time and support. Any time a committee is as dedicated as the Bay Oaks Advisory Committee is to the success of Bay Oaks it not only benefits us but also The Town of Fort Myers Beach. In order to run any successful programs, it is import to see and hear what suggestions the community has, and for us, to let the community know what is happening to prevent any miscommunication.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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From:

Elizabeth Walker

To:

Geren, Patricia

Date: Subject: 3/18/05 7:55AM Sunset Committees

Kathy,

Two additional committees to be sunset are: Colonial Blvd. Extension Road and the Sunset Cove Waterways . Thanks..

Elizabeth Walker Director, Public Resources walkerl@leegov.com Phone: 239-335-2269

Fax No: 239-335-2449

CC:

Carney, Shirley; Sabatini, Denise

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY/NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

The purpose is to satisfy the tri-partite Board requirements of the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) State Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Program and to meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Consolidated Plan, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the County Neighborhood District (ND) Program, by creating a citizens advisory committee, which shall submit recommendations to the Board of County Commissioner (BoCC), regarding the allocation of HUD entitlement, as well as County Neighborhood District and State CSBG funds. The citizens advisory committee is called the Community Action Agency/Neighborhood District Committee (CAA/NDC) or the Committee.

STAFF LIAISON:

Susan Oliver Roger Mercado

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

This committee meets on a bi monthly basis to review projects completed, expenditures and neighborhood issues. The committee reviews the Community Action Work Plan for the expenditure of Community Services Block Grant funds and receives quarterly reports on the Lee Education and Employment outcomes.

The Committees approves funding requests from the Neighborhood Districts and forwards these to the Board of County Commissioners. The Committee reviews and approves HUD's Annual Action Plan and the HUD Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). This document evaluates the progress made during the year toward the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan objectives and is submitted to HUD.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The Committees also gives the Neighborhood District Committee Chairs the opportunity to come together as a group in making decisions that affect their communities. The Committee fulfills the requirement of an Advisory Council that the Department of Human Services, as a Community Action Agency, has.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

This committee should be continued.

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CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

<u>PURPOSE</u>: To advise the county and public in the implementation of the Conservation 20/20 program. Their duties include the establishment of program parameters, recommending ordinance amendments or modifications, and coordinating with and assisting Lee County staff in acquiring and managing the program lands. The objectives of the Conservation 20/20 program are to acquire, conserve and manage environmentally critical or sensitive lands for the protection of natural flood plains, marshes or estuaries; for surface water management and water supply, for the restoration of altered ecosystems; and to provide wildlife management areas and recreation opportunities.

STAFF LIAISONS:

<u>CLASAC and Criteria & Ranking Sub-Committee Liaison</u>: Lynda Riley, Conservation Lands Program Coordinator, Division of County Lands

Management Sub-Committee Liaison: Anik Smith, Land Stewardship Supervisor

<u>COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS</u>: The committee continues to be very active. The full committee and two subcommittees each continue to meet monthly to review new nominations, review the ordinance for possible amendments or modifications, and to assist the Land Stewardship Team with the development of Land Stewardship Plans and management policies.

Please see the attached annual report for a summary of the program accomplishments.

STAFF COMMENTS: In the coming months, staff will present a recommended amendment to the Board of County Commissioners to Resolution No. 01-01-35, which establishes program parameters. The amendment proposes to expedite the selection process by authorizing staff to pursue properties for acquisition based on the recommendation of the Conservation Lands Acquisition & Stewardship Advisory Committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: The committee should continue to meet to assist staff and advise the Board of County Commissioners on Conservation 20/20 program issues.

2004 ANNUAL REPORT ON LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION 20/20 PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

Purpose of program: To acquire, restore, and maintain conservation lands

How program was started: By straw vote ballot referendum, November 1996

How project lands are identified: Nominations are submitted by willing sellers

How project lands are selected: Selected by 15-member appointed citizen advisory committee

(Conservation Lands Acquisition & Stewardship Advisory Committee) using Board of County Commissioners adopted criteria

Indications of popular support for program: 54 % voter approval of a straw ballot referendum in 1996 election. In 2003, a public outreach program indicated widespread support to continue the program. The Board of County Commissioners voted to continue the program annually without the need to conduct another straw ballot referendum.

Year started: 1997

Funding source: 0.5 mil per annum ad valorem taxes

Total funds available: Total taxes collected to date = \$101,159,013 + interest + grants =

\$115,196,929.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Funds expended to date: \$86,488,873, including \$17,072,481 set aside for management Acquisition and/or management partners to date: Florida Communities Trust, South Florida Water Management District, Dept. of Corrections Labor, Calusa Land Trust, City of Cape Coral, City of Sanibel, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, National Oceanic Atmospheric Agency Coastal Impact Assistance Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Charlotte Harbor Buffer Preserve Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Estero Bay Buffer Preserve Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Invasive Plant Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, United States Department of Agriculture The Area wide Management Evaluation of melaleuca, University of Florida at Gainesville, Randall Research Center, Department of Forestry

Funds/in kind services provided by partners to date: Reimbursement or contributory funds for acquisition; contributory funds for land restoration; many internal and external in kind services, including program administration, labor and research projects for exotic plant removal, preparation of biological surveys, preparation of stewardship plans, hydrological restoration projects, and labor and equipment for prescribed burns. Significant portion of overhead expenses for county staff paid out of general fund.

Number of acres acquired: 11,220 Number of projects acquired: 55

Number of projects currently on acquisition list: 13

Examples of specific resources protected by the program: Over 6,500-acres of 100-year floodplain, over 4,100 acres of coastal high hazard area, over 3,100 acres of prime drinking water aquifer recharge areas, over 5,000 acres of wetlands, and 38 miles of natural shoreline protected. Ninety percent of acquired properties contain natural and man-made flow-ways that will be protected and enhanced. Properties provide wildlife habitat for many listed species and protect nearly all representative plant communities in Lee County, including Rare and Unique Uplands and mature pine flatwoods.

How the program contributes to the restoration or protection of south Florida's ecosystems: Acquires, restores, and maintains lands important for flood control, flow-way protection, water quality, drinking water supply, wildlife habitat, and passive recreational uses.

<u>Program contact information</u>: Lynda Riley, Conservation 20/20 Program Coordinator, (239) 479-8505, Lee County Division of County Lands, P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902. Email: <u>rileylt@leegov.com</u> Website: <u>www.lee-county.com/countylands/Cons2020/cons2020.htm</u>

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LEE COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS

(Sunset Review Reply)

PURPOSE:

This Board hears appeals challenging the decisions of the Lee County Building Official and rules on requests for variances from the Building Code.

STAFF LIAISON:

Bob Stewart, Building Official

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

This board heard 3 cases since the 2002 Sunset Review in which 3 variances were granted and there were no denials.

STAFF COMMENTS:

This Board is required by law and is essential to the application and enforcement of the Standard Building Code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that this Board be retained.

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CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE;

Review applications and grant or deny a Lee County Certificate of Competency.

Hear and decide complaints against holders of Lee County Certificates.

Hear and decide complaints against State licensed contractors in accordance with F.S. Chapter 489. Recommend discipline to State CILB regarding any complaints against Sate licensed contractors.

STAFF LIAISON:

Mary Nye, Code Enforcement

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS;

409 Applications approved/denied in 2003 5 Formal Discipline Hearings in 2003

STAFF COMMENTS:

The Board is required under F. S. Chapter 489 if the County wishes to continue licensing contractors.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Continue the Board

EAGLE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The Eagle Technical Advisory Committee (ETAC) was established by adoption of the Lee County Southern Bald Eagle Protection Ordinance No. 86-15 (as amended) and is now required by the Lee County Land Development Code, section 14-116 and does not have a sunset provision.

ETAC's purpose is to provide expert advice and recommendations to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), the Department of Community Development (DCD), and the public on matters pertaining to the protection and management of the southern bald eagle in South Florida.

STAFF LIAISON: Division of Environmental Sciences:

Becky Sweigert, Senior Environmental Planner

<u>COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</u> The Eagle Technical Advisory Committee has compiled a nest location map to assist other governmental agencies and public managers in managing the development of land surrounding the eagle territory.

ETAC meets one time each month from September to May (breeding season) and as needed between June and August. The committee's activities include 1) identifying locations of eagle nests 2) monitor the reproductive success of eagle nests 3) monitor eagle flight territory and flight activity near each nest 4) recommend management practices in reaction to development in the vicinity of an eagle nest 5) coordinate with Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and 6) provide educational information to Lee County citizens.

ETAC annually identifies and monitors eagle nests within Lee County giving it the most current biological information available on which to base their recommendations. ETAC has provided advice to developers, private property owners and other citizens on matters pertaining to bald eagles and the management of the territory surrounding a nest site. The annual monitoring reports are filed and maintained by the Division of Environmental Sciences. The extensive monitoring information ETAC has compiled is a great source of information for other state and federal agencies, developers and private citizens.

STAFF COMMENTS: There are approximately 52 active southern bald eagle nests in 60 territories as of the 2003-2004 breeding season. The number and location of nests changes frequently. ETAC monitors and records these changes using ground truthing and flight surveys during the breeding season from October 1 to May 15 each year. This biological information provides the basis for ETAC's recommendations to state and federal agencies, the BOCC and Lee County citizens.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Division of Environmental Sciences recommends the continuation of the Eagle Technical Advisory Committee. This past year, an increased number of private citizens and developers have attended ETAC meetings to seek input on proposed bald eagle management plans. Rapid growth and development which leads to the loss of suitable habitat for future eagles makes the input from ETAC more valuable. ETAC provides an open forum for co-operative planning efforts between committee members, the development community and private citizens wanting to both utilize their property and preserve Lee County bald eagles. The monitoring efforts are an ongoing process which provides reliable information to BOCC, County staff and citizens of Lee County, present and future.

EXTENSION SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

PURPOSE:

The Historic Preservation Board oversees the implementation of the Historic Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 22 of the LDC). It is a decision making body; its decisions are appealed to the Hearing Examiner.

STAFF LIAISON:

Gloria Sajgo

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Historic Preservation Board reviews numerous designation reports, certificates of appropriateness and grant applications each year. The Historic Preservation Board also provides valuable input with regards to historic preservation policy matters.

STAFF COMMENTS:

This is a valuable committee that acts as a decision making body with regards to the implementation of the historic preservation ordinance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that this committee continue in existence.

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LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

PURPOSE:

The Local Planning Agency monitors and reviews amendments to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan (The Lee Plan). The Local Planning Agency is the first committee to hear Comprehensive Plan Amendments, take public input and formulate recommendations. Their recommendations are then forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration in the amendment process.

The Local Planning Agency reviews and makes recommendations on the Capital Improvements Program, the county's five year capital budget.

The Local Planning Agency also reviews amendments to Lee County Ordinances which deal with land use. They determine whether or not the amendment or ordinance is consistent with the Lee Plan and forward their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Florida Statute 163.3174 requires that the county have a Local Planning Agency to perform these functions.

STAFF LIAISON:

Paul O'Connor, Director, Division of Planning is the current staff person. The Community Development Internal Services staff is responsible for minutes, advertising and working with the attorney's office on ordinance amendment scheduling for the Local Planning Agency.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Local Planning Agency met nine (9) times in 2003 and five (5) times so far in 2004. They reviewed and made recommendations on two ordinances dealing with Communication Towers and Road Impact Fees. They reviewed and provided input on proposed Land Development Code Amendments. This agency performed a consistency review of the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2004/2008 and 2005/2009. They provided input regarding flow-ways and open space/vegetation. Finally, they reviewed and provided recommendations on nineteen (19) comprehensive plan amendments, which included a Community Sector Plan proposal.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The committee has performed an important role in providing a forum for public participation in the review of proposed county regulation and policy.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Continue the Committee.

2004 Sunset Review Reply

LEE COUNTY MECHANICAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

This Board hears appeals challenging the decisions of the Lee County Mechanical Official and rules on requests for variances from the Mechanical Code.

STAFF LIAISON:

Bob Stewart, Building Official

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

This committee has heard very few appeals in the last few years but provides a very necessary function.

STAFF COMMENTS:

This Board is required by law and is essential to the application and enforcement of the Standard Mechanical Code in Lee County.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that this Board be retained.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

To promote, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lee County, The Nuisance Abatement Board hears cases that are referred to it by the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The Board determines if certain places or premises are a public nuisance by engaging in repeated unlawful activities related to the sale or delivery of controlled substances, prostitution, youth and street gang activity, gambling, illegal sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages, or lewd or lascivious behavior. If the property owner does not abate the nuisance, the Board may impose fines, costs and other relief permitted by law.

STAFF LIAISON:

Scott S. Coovert, Assistant County Attorney

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Lee County Sheriffs Office Nuisance Abatement Coordinator has successfully abated several nuisances informing property owners that they would have to appear before the Nuisance Abatement Board unless the unlawful activity is abated. All property owners have complied or worked with the Lee County Sheriffs Office Nuisance Abatement Coordinator to abate the unlawful activity.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Continue Board

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

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PARTNERING FOR RESULTS PROPOSAL REVIEW PANEL TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Partnering for Results Proposal Review Panel (PRPRP) is to evaluate Human Service proposals in an objective and fair manner. The panel is required to abide by the following guiding principles:

- Evaluate all proposals in accordance with the proposal rating criteria set forth in the Request for Proposals.
- Base recommendations on the allocated resources established by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Use target percentages for each outcome as a funding guideline. Modifications to such targets may only be made by a majority vote of the review panel.
- Consider how the proposals provide for the most comprehensive service delivery countywide.

It is the intent of this Partnering for Results Proposal Review Panel to provide information and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners to assist the Board in purchasing services that provide the highest quality of services which address the targeted outcome priorities in a cost-effective manner.

STAFF LIAISON: Diana Childers, Contracts Specialist

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Panel members reviewed proposals submitted to Dept. of Human Services. Teams reviewed proposals from non-profit agencies requesting funding for programs that address the following priority outcomes: Supportive Housing/Living, Economic Opportunity, Activities for Youth, and Basic Assistance. Thirty-seven proposals were submitted for a total funding request of \$3,334,241. Total funds available for allocation was \$3,134,394. To balance the funding amounts for each outcome, the Review Panel made recommendations to not fund five proposals and recommended partial funding for seven proposals. All other proposals were recommended for full funding. The Board of County Commissioners will make final approval of these recommendations in September during the Public Hearings.

STAFF COMMENTS: This is an annual funding process where each year citizens apply to serve on the Review Panel. The Board of County commissioners appoint a total of 20 members. The Department of Human Services invites individuals from Public and Private organizations and also Lead Agencies and County representatives that may have knowledge of non-profits applying for funding. The Partnering for Results Proposal Review Panel shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and shall serve without compensation. The committee shall be solely an advisory committee and shall have no governmental powers. Members of the Partnering for Results Proposal Review Panel shall follow such rules of procedure, method of choosing officers, setting of meetings in accomplishing its duties as provided in the Lee County Administrative Code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: This Review Panel should be continued.

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LEE COUNTY PLUMBING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Sunset Review Reply)

PURPOSE:

This Board hears appeals challenging the decisions of the Lee County Plumbing Official and rules on requests for variances from the Plumbing Code.

STAFF LIAISON:

Bob Stewart, Building Official

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

This committee has heard very few appeals in the last few years but provides a very necessary function.

STAFF COMMENTS:

This Board is required by law and is essential to the application and enforcement of the Standard Plumbing Code in Lee County.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that this Board be retained.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Operations Division

Memo

To:

Kathy Geren, Administrative Specialist, Public Resources

From:

Pat Moore, DOT

OM-061-04

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Date:

July 22, 2004

Re:

Sunset Review of the Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee

The staff comments and recommendations that you requested for the sunset review of the Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee are listed below.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The purpose of the committee is to provide recommendations and suggestions to the Board of County Commissioners on certain roadway landscaping projects, certain projects applying for funds from the Landscaping Funds Program, and roadway landscape maintenance funding within Lee County. Recommendations should reflect consistency with LeeScape, the Lee County Roadway Landscaping Master Plan, Lee County Roadway Landscaping Policy Administrative Code Number 11-11, and the Lee County Landscaping Funds Program Administrative Code Number 11-08.

STAFF LIASON: Pat Moore - Department of Transportation

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 1. Involvement in the preparation of LeeScape, the County's Roadway Landscaping Master Plan. The BoCC approved this plan on October 27, 1998.
- 2. Involvement in the preparation of the Second Edition of LeeScape. The BoCC approved this edition on August 28, 2001.
- 3. Since the master plans approval, the committee has reviewed proposed roadway landscaping projects for prioritization of CIP landscaping funds.
- 4. The committee has developed prioritization criteria, which is used annually to rank potential landscaping projects for funding. The recommended projects are then forwarded to the BoCC for approval, and then prepared for design and construction approval by the BoCC.
- The RLAC participated in the following completed projects:
 - a. Daniels Parkway between Jetport Commerce Parkway and Chamberlain Parkway
 - b. College Parkway between McGregor Boulevard and U.S. 41
 - c. Corkscrew Road from Sandy Lane to U.S. 41 core and intensified
 - d. Daniels Parkway from Jetport Commerce Parkway to Six Mile Cypress/Ben C. Pratt Parkway
 - e. Three Oaks from Corkscrew Rd. to Williams Rd.

- 6. The RLAC participated in following projects during the design process:
 - a. Alico Road @ I-75
 - b. Alico Rd. from I-75 to U.S. 41
 - c. Bayshore @ I-75
 - d. Bonita Beach Rd. I-75 to Vanderbilt Dr.
 - e. Business 41 from Littleton Rd. to Pine Island Rd.
 - f. Cypress Lake Dr. from U.S. 41 to Summerlin Rd.
 - g. Daniels Pkwy. @ I-75
 - h. Daniels Parkway from Six Mile Cypress/Ben C. Pratt Parkway to U.S. 41
 - i. Estero Pkwy. (Koreshan Blvd.) from U.S. 41 to Three Oaks Pkwy.
 - j. Estero Pkwy. Ext. (Koreshan Blvd.) from Three Oaks Pkwy. to Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy.
 - k. Fowler Street from Colonial Boulevard to U.S. 41
 - 1. Livingston Rd. from the Bonita Beach Rd. to Collier County Line
 - m. Lee Blvd. from Homestead Rd. to Leeland Height Blvd.
 - n. Summerlin Rd. from Gladiolus Dr. to San Carlos Blvd.
 - o. Three Oaks Pkwy, from Daniels Pkwy, to Alico Rd.
 - p. Treeline Rd. from Daniels Rd. to Alico Rd.
 - q. Treeline Rd. from Sun City Blvd. to Daniels Pkwy.
 - r. U.S. 41 from College Pkwy. to San Carlos Blvd.
 - s. U.S. 41 from Corkscrew Rd. to Old 41
 - t. Veterans Pkwy, from Chiquita Blvd, to Pine Island Rd.
- 7. The committee is involved in the plan review process of new roadway construction projects with funding for landscaping. This includes about forty on-going projects. Examples of up-coming construction projects are listed under item six above.
- 8. The committee has worked with staff and the BoCC to move landscaping and irrigation money into the five year CIP budget cycle for roadway construction. This process dedicates funds for the design and construction of landscaping and irrigation up front, when the project first begins. This procedure will significantly reduce the installation costs, provide for a more successful project, and reduce the on-going maintenance expenses.
- 9. The committee has assisted staff and the BoCC's in improving the appearance of Lee County through increased landscape maintenance efforts. This includes street sweeping, mowing and litter control. These efforts include County roads as well as taking a look at the County maintaining certain state roadways.
- 10. The committee is involved in the reviewed of proposed roadway landscaping projects seeking County grant funding through the Landscaping Funds Program. The committee's recommendations are then forwarded to the BoCC for approval. Just recently, the committee sent its recommendation to the board on a grant request received from the Tanglewood Residents Association, and will soon send one on Silvery Ln.
- 11. The committee was also involved in the Community Redevelopment Agency's landscaping projects. This included such CRA projects as Bayshore Road, Palm Beach Boulevard/S.R. 80, Edison Bridge/Business 41 and Lee Boulevard.

STAFF COMMENTS: The committee is now in the process of implementing LeeScape, the Lee County Roadway Landscape Master Plan. This should become an increasing responsibility as the public becomes more aware of the core level of services provided by the County, and the opportunities for enhancement improvements beyond that level. Also, the committee performs an important role in the process of reviewing candidate projects, further developing the definition of core level landscaping, and reviewing projects for grant funding.

<u>STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:</u> the committee provides a service to the BoCC and community. It should be continued as structured.

 Paul W. Wingard, P.E., Deputy Director, DOT Don V. Chamblee, P.E., Operations Manager, DOT RLAC

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From:

Elizabeth Walker

To:

Geren, Patricia

Date: Subject: 3/18/05 7:55AM Sunset Committees

Kathy,

Two additional committees to be sunset are: Colonial Blvd. Extension Road and the <u>Sunset Cove</u> <u>Waterways</u>. Thanks..

Elizabeth Walker Director, Public Resources walkerl@leegov.com Phone: 239-335-2269

Fax No: 239-335-2449

CC:

Carney, Shirley; Sabatini, Denise

WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE COMMENT TO THE BOCK PERTAINING
TO ISSUES SURROUNDING THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF LEE COUNTY. TO
REVIEW REQUESTS, TO THE COUNTY ON REQUESTS TO VACATE GASEMENTS
AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

AMPLIES. TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO STAFF ON PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE WOIND WHITERMAY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROBRAM.

STAFFLIAISON: CHRIS KOEPFER

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: REVIEW AND RANK GRANT APPLICATIONS
TO THE WCIND WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT + NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT
PROGRAMS. RENDER NUMEROUS OPINIONS ON EASEMENT VACATION REQUESTS
TO THE BOCC. PROVIDE PLRETION TO COUNTY STAFF ON ISSUES
COMMENT
PERTAINING TO WATER ACCESS AND PUBLIC USE OF WATER IN LEE
COUNTY.

STAFF COMMENTS; THE WAC PROVIDES A NEEDSO CONDUIT TO THE PUBLIC FOR COUNTY STAFF. THE WAC PROVIDES INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR ON ISSUES CONCERNING WATERWAY ACCESS, BURTING RECREATION AND BURTING SAFETY, AND MANATES ISSUES.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: CONTINUE.

WELL CONSTRUCTION BOARD TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

Established by the Lee County Well Code Ordinance 00-15, the Well Construction Advisory Board is comprised of three drilling contractor members appointed by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, one Florida Department of Health member, one South Florida Water Management District member and the Director of the Well Permitting Program as an exofficio member. The Well Construction Advisory Board advises the Well Permitting Program Director concerning the administration of the Well Code Ordinance and the regulation of the drilling industry and other such duties as may be established by the Ordinance. The Well Construction Advisory Board hears appeals of denial of permits, orders to plug or rehabilitate wells. The Advisory Board advises the Natural Resources Division on licensed applicants, content of licensing examination, quality of workmanship when a complaint is placed on a licensee and well construction problems. The Advisory Board makes necessary amendments to the Well Code Ordinance. The Advisory Board serves as a facilitating liaison between the drilling contractors and the Well Permitting Program. The Advisory Board provides multiple perspective input on issues ranging from Ordinance revision to enforcement action appeals.

STAFF LIASON:

Rand Edelstein Jr., P.G., Director Well Permitting Program, Groundwater Unit, Natural Resources Division

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Well Construction Advisory Board currently meets on a monthly basis, previously meetings were held on at least a quarterly basis. Recent accomplishments include the following:

- Presentation and development of acceptance by regulated contractors of the proposed Well Construction Permitting Fee increase;
- Development and implementation of Continuing Education presentations at the Advisory Board Meetings, providing the opportunity for drilling contractors to receive the State Drilling License required Continuing Education Credits; and
- Support of enforcement initiative activities.

Past accomplishments of the Well Construction Advisory Board include the following:

- Reviewed and developed Well Code Ordinance revisions;
- Developed technical specifications for groundwater resource development and management;
- Reviewed and developed recommended well construction practices for groundwater resource protection and health protection;
- Promulgated and provided input for South Florida Water Management District rule and policy revisions;
- Provided input on drilling contractor Continuing Education rule requirement development;
- Reviewed and provided input on Florida Building Code, Plumbing Code revision development;

Future activities planned for the Well Construction Advisory Board include the following:

- Review and development of recommendations for Well Code Ordinance modifications as necessary;
- Continued offering of Continuing Education training to educate drilling contractors; and
- Review and develop recommendations on well construction practices and groundwater resource management.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The Well Construction Advisory Board serves a vital function in protecting Lee County's precious groundwater resource by providing a solid communication link between the regulated drilling contractors and the regulatory programs and agencies (Lee County Well Permitting Program, South Florida Water Management District and the Florida Department of Health). This Advisory Board is necessary to facilitate acceptance and implementation of the Lee County Well Code Ordinance 00-15 by the regulated drilling contractors. The Well Construction Advisory Board's facilitation of implementation of the Lee County Well Code Ordinance insures protection of the health and welfare of all Lee County residents during a time of exponential county growth.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the importance and function of the Well Construction Advisory Board, staff recommends this board for continuation. The Well Construction Advisory Board should not be sunset or restructured.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON DISTRIBUTION LIST SUNSET REVIEWS 2004

COMMITTEE

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CHARLESTON PARK LOCAL NDC	NETTIE ROUNDT
COASTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL	ALISON HAGERI
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WATERWAYS ADVISORY	ROGER BRADLE
WELL CONSTRUCTION	DAVID HALL

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ALISON HAGERUP	CONTINUE
RICHARD SAPP	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
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JOE RIDER	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
A. B. COOK	CONTINUE
JOHN WILSON	CONTINUE
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THOMAS A. DELNAY	CONTINUE
KEITH TROWBRIDGE	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED
JAMES W. GILLESPIE	CONTINUE

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NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Animal Care Trust Fund Oversight Committee

Our committee meets at various intervals throughout the year to get informed about progress at Lee Co. Animal Services. We use our meeting times to not only focus on what needs to be done but we take immediate action through our voting to actually get things done. We have made important financial decisions regarding the tens of thousands of dollars in the Animal Care Trust Fund. As a group we have voted on many important items crucial to taking care of the thousands of animals coming into Animal Services. We have voted on and paid for pet packages to entice adoptions, equipment needed to care the animals and provided money for big events to get the public involved. We also share long-term goals about reducing the pet population and allot money in that direction to solve the bigger problem with unwanted pets. Our committee has proved to be an important part in the process of handling Lee County's need to help the animals so many citizens so readily get rid of, by becoming the voice and vehicle of action the animals don't have.

I recommend the Animal Care Trust Fund Oversight Committee continue. It is an important part of Lee County's efforts to reduce the unwanted pet population. This is a problem that not only impacts people concerned about animals but also strains the finances of the county as the burden of caring for unwanted pets falls on the taxpayers. As a group, our committee is doing our part to find a bigger resolution. Our committee, made up of various members of the community, is the right mix to properly think through the problems at hand and get things done.

I appreciate your time.

Samantha Syoem Samantha Syoen

President/Chairperson Animal Care Trust Fund Oversight Committee

BAY OAKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Bay Oaks Advisory Committee meets monthly in order for the communication between Town, County and Bay Oaks to always remain open and helpful to all concerns.

The Bay Oaks Advisory Committee has been very supportive of our BOSS (Bay Oaks Social Seniors) program making recommendations to the Town Council of Ft. Myers Beach to help with the cost of a full or part time programmer for seniors. The Town of Ft. Myers Beach, through a grant the Town applied for, implemented this with a part time Senior Programmer's position totally funded. The BOSS program has grown to over 130 members.

The Committee gives us input from the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve, helping us to make decisions in the protection of our preserves.

The Committee makes recommendations for the Bay Oaks Recreation Center with semi-annual walk through meetings and advising the Town and communicating with the County on capital improvement projects and suggestions: Expanding the Center, Re-paving outside basketball court, Florida natural landscaping and improvements.

They help institute fundraisers when monies are needed for various reasons supporting the patrons of Bay Oaks in order to give equal opportunities to all who wish to participate in its activities.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members of the BAY OAKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE request that I include the following comments/recommendations:

The year old Senior Program has grown from very few to over 130 members enjoying ongoing weekly activities.

The User Survey shows that it is clear the facility is enjoyed by all ages & types from both on & off Ft. Myers Beach.

The facility now enjoys cable TV, both the conduit & monthly service was donated.

Potential expansion of the facility to help with additional office space, storage & classroom space is being reviewed.

On a monthly basis, our Committee learns about the current activities of other local committees, such as the Community Resource Advisory Board, the Newton Committee & the Friends of the Matanzas Pass Preserve. We also work closely with staff learning about the Teen & Senior Programs as well as the Capitol Improvement Projects along with the numerous activities that go on daily at the Bay Oaks Center.

It is the Committee's strong recommendation that we be allowed to continue in our current capacity as the BAY OAKS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

NAME: Kolor

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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on Carridy ROW.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

See attached Letter (No Doubt BPAC needs to continue!)

NAME: Day Moser

Dan Moser 1449 Linhart Avenue Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 334-6417

Board of County Commissioners Lee County, Florida PO Box 398 Fort Myers, Florida 33902

July 20, 2004

Dear Commissioners:

Regarding Lee County Department of Transportation Director's June 15, 2004, response to my May 20, 2004, list of concerns, I'd like to let you know that I appreciate Mr. Gilbertson's time and effort in preparing it. However, as I had hoped would not be the case, I found most of the detailed answers to be little more than excuses for not adequately addressing non-motorists' needs and instead only justification for a general policy of meeting minimal standards for those modes.

I could address each response and point out what I consider weaknesses and inconsistencies in most, but the bottom line is that Mr. Gilbertson offered little hope that a more equitable approach to resolving ongoing bike/ped issues will result. This is especially disturbing when one considers that Lee County is listed by the Surface Transportation Policy Project as one of the most dangerous places in the country to be a pedestrian and that cycling for either recreation or necessity is often less than pleasant or safe due to problems created by an approach dominated by the automobile. Ironically, even with such a skewed focus, Lee County's overall traffic crash/injury/fatality rate is unacceptably high year after year, a fact that is indicative of a deeprooted problem with the way our transportation system has been planned and is being developed. It's unfortunate that all of the skill, talent, and experience among the staff of the department is so narrowly utilized rather than taken advantage of to create a better-balanced transportation system. I've had the opportunity to work with a number of them and find most to likely be very willing and able to approach their jobs in a more balanced manner as it relates to the various modes.

If LCDOT and Lee County were truly attempting to create a transportation network that serves all users, and one that adds to our area's quality of life rather than detract from it, there would be much more planning and resources committed to expanding transit, calming traffic rather than attempting to increase speeds on many of our roads, and otherwise creating conditions that make bicycling and walking real alternatives to driving. The annual bike/ped retrofit budget – although seemingly significant - is woefully inadequate as compared to what's actually needed to make the environment what it could and should be. Similarly, LeeTran, a vital resource and service that has enormous potential to help reduce our almost total dependence on the automobile, is being hindered from making the significant impact it could because of the failure to adequately fund and expand it. Both bike/ped accommodation and transit should be considered fundamental core services equal to that given to automobiles.

On a positive note, I'd like to pass along my thanks to Mr. Gilbertson for finally designating someone to represent LCDOT on our Trails & Greenways Master Plan effort. Andy Getch is well qualified and familiar with the needs of this soon to be completed work-in-progress. I don't, however, agree with Mr. Gilbertson's statement that LCDOT was never formally invited. Unless he required a notarized letter to that effect the fact is that since day one (January, 2003) LCDOT had been asked many times to participate on the steering committee or in any manner they wished but they never took part in this County-led effort. The department's reluctance to join in this important undertaking did not go unnoticed by participants.

In conclusion, rather than being sent a list of justifications for why LCDOT fails to do what's necessary to make Lee County a better, safer place for non-motorists I was hoping instead to at least have received a commitment to work towards achieving that end. That seems a reasonable expectation, but I guess I expected too much. Perhaps it's time to take a fresh look at the future of transportation in Lee County.

Sincerely,

Dan Moser

Chairman, Lee County BPAC

Cc: Mr. Don Stilwell

Mr. Scott Gilbertson

Mr. Jim Lavender

Mr. Andy Getch Mr. Mike Tisch

BPAC Members



CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT

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July 27, 2004

Kathy Geren Public Resources P.O. Box 398 Fort Myers, FL 33902

RE: COASTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Reviewed and advised BOCC and staff on all coastal projects within county
- Reviewed and compiled annual long range beach erosion control budget plan, submitted to BOCC and FLDEP
- Reviewed all projects submitted to TDC for the annual Beach and Shoreline CIP, acted in advisory capacity on all beach and shoreline related requests
- In process of obtaining permits and grant funding for beach nourishment projects for Estero, Gasparilla Island, Captiva, northern Sanibel, Bowman's Beach, southern North Captiva and Blind Pass
- Bonita Beach constructed and Lover's Key under construction

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Coastal Advisory Council serves as an advisory board to the BOCC and TDC on all beach related issues. It is a very hardworking and active board, and since its creation in 1995 has, with the support of your hard working and dedicated staff, taken Lee County from having no beach management program to one of the most active beach management programs in the state. Our long-range budget plan has been used as a model for other counties by the FLDEP. Beaches are Florida's #1 economic and environmental asset, and their ongoing management is as critical to the county as that of any other infrastructure. I recommend that the committee should be continued indefinitely.

Sincerely,

Alison Hagerup, Chairman



CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

See the attached Report created by Lynda Riley.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Direct additional resources to Staff for restoration/management plan development and implementation.

NAME: Frederid J. Belin II

Frederick T. Barber III

CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:	
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Lee County Ordinances.	

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Continue Board activitées for Public Consumer protection.

a.B. Cook

Disaster Advisory Committee

Committee Activities and Accomplishments:

Discussed Terrorism Response Annex & Continuity Operations Plan

Reviewed Draft Communications Tower Ordinance

Discussed Sanibel Bridge problems

Discussed Debris Model

Discussed New Building Code and International Building Codes

Discussed Statewide Hurricane ZEKE Exercise Scenario

Discussed Red Cross Shelters

Reviewed the Regional Planning Council's 100 Year Flood Plain Analysis

Discussed Flooding Issues

Approved projects to be added to the Local Mitigation Strategy Projects List

Prepared information for preparation steps for building sites.

Reviewed Tropical Storm Gabrielle Funding/Reimbursement

Discussed Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 Mitigation Planning Requirements.

Reviewed New Flood Brochure related to Real Estate Agents

Reviewed Land Development Code

Discussed vulnerabilities of hazards

Committee Member Comments/Recommendations:

Disaster Advisory Committee to be continued.

Name: John D. Wilson, Chairman

EAGLE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PLEASE SEE PATROHED SHEET.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

NAME: JOHN Mehren

Every year, ETAC offers valuable advice to developers and homeowners encroaching on established Southern Bald Eagle nesting territories. Due to Lee County's rapid growth, more eagle nesting habitat is impinged upon every year. Permit applicants and those proposing development projects within the primary or secondary zones of active eagle nests benefit from the expert opinions of ETAC members and are directed to use management practices that serve the biological needs of our national symbol, the Bald Eagle. Because the average person is not familiar with the technical aspects of accommodating this sensitive species, the combined experience of ETAC's members is a valuable resource to the community, and an accessible link between Lee County residents and the State and Federal agencies responsible for protecting eagles and other protected species.

EXTENSION SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:	
PROVIDET OVERALL DIRECTION AND OVERSIGHT	TO THE
SEVERAL EXTENSION PROGRAMS,	

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

NAME: MIKE ROSOFR

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Lee County Local Planning Agency met nine (9) times in 2003 and five (5) times so far in 2004. The LPA reviewed and made recommendations on two ordinances dealing with Communication Towers and Road Impact They reviewed and provided input on proposed Land Development Code Amendments. The LPA performed a consistency review of the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2004/2008 and 2005/2009. They provided input regarding flowways and open space/vegetation. They also reviewed and provided input regarding nineteen (19) comprehensive plan amendments which included a Community Sector Plan.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee has performed an important role for developing and updating a comprehensive growth plan for Lee County. The BOCC might consider extending the terms of LPA members from one (1) year to staggered terms of two (2) years and three (3) years because of the complexity of the issues and the learning curve necessary for in depth knowledge of growth management issues.

NAME: Noch Andress
Chairman Lee County
Local Planning Agency

NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD TITLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The NAB meets in January of each year and, if necessary, each quarter. The committee relies on information submitted by Richard Barnes, the Lee County Sheriff's Office Nuisance Abatement Coordinator. Detective Barnes issues status reports that determine whether the NAB meets to enforce Lee County's Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. The overwhelming majority of potential cases are resolved by voluntary compliance. I think this demonstrates the NAB's success. I recommend that the NAB continue as structured.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

I solicited comments and recommendations from all active members of the NAB. I received a July 27, 2004 letter from member Fred Pollard (District 2 Alternate), a copy of which is attached. As chair, I recommend that the NAB continue "as is."

NAME: W. GUS BELCHER, II,

Chair Chair Seldu II

Fred Pollard

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July 27, 2004

Mr. William G. Belcher, II P.O. Drawer 2199 Fort Myers FL 33902-2199

RE: NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD

Dear Mr. Belcher;

As of July 23, 2004, I am in receipt of the July 6th letter regarding the possible sunset, restructuring or continuation of the Lee County Nuisance Abatement Board. I would like to respond with some reasons as to why the Nuisance Abatement Board (NAB) should continue after some restructuring.

As I am new to the Board, I feel unqualified to answer the question of accomplishments. The accomplishments for the Board this past year may be few; however, the Justification for this Board being in the hands of Lee County citizens is essential.

If we look at the rapid growth of Lee County's population and housing, it is easier to understand how some issues have come to light. In 2002, my family moved to Lee County and I became a landlord/property manager. I began suffering many "run-ins" with drug dealer tenants, which my former property manger had overlooked. Once I realized that my own properties had drug issues we began evicting the offenders. This can be verified through Lee County courthouse records. The cost for evictions, repairs and delays has been enormous. For the first year we resided in Lee County, I repeatedly asked for assistance from the Sheriff's deputies who worked Pine Manor. The deputies would respond with "I am busy, catch me next time". I have offered empty units for the deputies' use in catching drug dealers and there have been no takers. We evict tenants when we find out they are dealing drugs, and another landlord down the street rents to them. One deputy even told us not to evict a known drug dealer because she was being investigated. We waited six months, during which time our property was damaged and we lost good tenants due to her intimidation. We asked the Sheriff's department repeatedly for assistance, and none was given. We finally asked her to leave under threat of eviction and she moved out...and down the street. Even after the drug dealers are out, they continue to intimidate other tenants as long they can.

We talked to deputies and other property owners and the story was the same. Everyone would say "this is the way it is" and accept the fact that nothing could or would change. The deputies are busy fighting crime and the property owners are trying to get their rents paid. After closer study, it is plain to see that the real issues are simple. The deputies are arresting or investigating the same people over and over, constantly risking their lives and costing taxpayer dollars. Some of the landlords unknowingly rent to drug dealers and are afraid to evict or are greedy and don't want empty units. I will be the first to say I now understand how a property owner can change from being a landlord to that of a slumlord; he/she just gives up.

I drafted an idea and began presenting it to our local government. Commissioner St. Cerny and others reviewed the information and asked me to meet with Sheriff Shoap and the Nuisance Abatement Board. I learned that the Nuisance abatement board exists to handle many of the issues I presented. I also learned that the NAB cases are fed from the part time NAB coordinator Detective Richard Barns and the cases that may be brought to the Board are the responsibility of the Sheriffs department including the legal cost of defending the evidence. I also found, to my dismay, that very little information had been supplied to the NAB.

After meeting with the Sheriff and some of his staff it was apparent that the Sheriff is frustrated with the lack of support from the judicial system and may feel that the restriction of financial encumbrances of properties seized is forcing him to weigh his budget against the health and safety of the community. The Sheriff also said that the NAB was once under his jurisdiction.

The result of this non-working relationship seems to be self evident. At this time it is not in the best interest of the Sheriff's department to bring cases to the NAB and risk a costly legal defense which must be paid by the Sheriff's budget. Another observation is that the Sheriff's part time NAB coordinator is too busy to review data or the data is

not being sent to him internally. It is obvious to me, that within the confines of my own properties where several past arrests and raids have taken place, the matter should have been brought to the attention of the Nuisance Abatement Board. At the very least, the Sheriff's department should have notified us of the illegal activity taking place, especially when there had been arrests. One time the Sheriff's deputies busted open the front door to one of our units, and we found out by chance a week later when we did a routine check of the property.

During the past six months, I have tried to bring many Pine Manor issues to the attention of the Sheriff's office and Lee County Human Resources. I have researched issues with the Pine Manor community center, our tenants, and some of the residents living in the community. Recently, I have been speaking to other property owners outside of Pine Manor with the same types of issues and complaints. From Alva to Bonita Springs, I have found a strong desire for our community to take action with regard to white collar crime and drug dealers. The issue of drug dealing is a criminal concern and should be under the jurisdiction of local law enforcement. The issue of having or allowing illegal activity in order to make money is a form of white collar crime and definitely an issue for the Nuisance Abatement Board. The NAB should also focus on other health and safety issues as well.

The founders of the current board have a good agenda; however, I would like to recommend some adjustments:

- 1. All Board members should attend a monthly community meeting in their district with a Lee County H.R. representative. We need to listen to our community and answer to the community!
- 2. Each Nuisance Abatement Board (NAB) member should review criminal activity in his/her district supplied by the Sheriffs department even if it is only the incident reports. This will allow our board members to have a better understanding of the community issues.
- 3. One member of the NAB should be appointed by the district commissioner and the second member should be provided by the community center in each district and overseen by Lee County H.R.
- 4. A full time NAB Coordinator from the Sheriff's department would be appropriate for a growing county of our size. This would allow for ease research for each of the districts.
- 5. The NAB meetings should be monthly to allow for a proactive process of reviewing sheriff reports and to review community concerns.
- 6. With the help of the district community centers that already exist, a network could be made to oversee that property owners and managers adhere to policy and community standards. It may even be possible to have more seasoned property owners mentor out-of-state owners or failing slumlords.

With representatives from various community association personnel such as County H.R., County legal, and law enforcement, we should be able to better serve our community with a full functioning Nuisance Abatement Board that has a centered approach. As cases are heard and fines levied, some of the monies could be used to better staff the community centers.

At this point in time, we have sadly missed the needs of the communities. The potential risk for lawsuits from residents and property owners are at an all time high! If property owners collect enough evidence and present this evidence to the federal courts, this could seriously escalate to intervention we don't want or need.

However, if we regroup and band together with a common goal in mind, we can make our communities safer for all. Just look at the potential to save money and uplift neighborhoods as we drive out the drug dealers by going after the landlords who rent to them. By taking it one property at a time and requiring higher standards of all who live and work here, together we can make Lee County a better place.

Very truly yours

Fred W. Pollard

PAGE PARK LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1 inprovement to the Community Center \$70,000

2 Budget For the community Center, so its Self Supporting.

3 Community For Levelopment.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee Should be continued because:

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NAME: Schoon J. Rocke

PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

We are the "eyes & ears" of every park and recreation facility in Lee County. Each member that serves on the advisory board reports monthly any significant activity, needed changes and specific requests from their respective districts directly to staff who are in attendance at each monthly meeting.

The advisory board has approved several grant proposals; has assisted in helping Lee County Parks & Recreation Department achieve acreditation status for our LCPRD.

We will be reviewing the proposed budget for all of Lee County Parks & Recreation facilities. Presently in debate regarding implimenting a new "sticker pass" program for beach use only for either all of Lee County or Bonita Springs residents using Bonita Beach. Additional meetings scheduled with Tourist Development Council as well as Commissioner Judah on this subject.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Have all BOCC appoint available vacancies to the advisory board when a position on the board becomes available when advised by chairman Robert Wagner. I strongly recommend that advisory board continue.

NAME:

R. Robert Wagne

Chairman

PARTNERING FOR RESULTS PROPOSAL REVIEW PANEL TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The only change I would recommend would be the name of the panel and I wish I had a good suggestion. Somehow it doesn't connect with what we do. It is not easy to remember. Not a big deal, just a suggestion.

NAME:

B.Pat O'Rourke

08-03-04-Continue or suncet:

PLUMBING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Comittee has not met in lost Year

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

I constantly advise my clients, Architects, Contractors, etc., that there is an alternative to what I feel the Law (FBC Plbg 2001) sags, and he can appeal a gray or contenious area of the law (code). However; due to the good work of Nick Powell and Probert Perkins a soitable comprimise has been worked out in all cases. The Board (Plumbing Appeals) is sill necessary and a good alternative to the legal courts.

NAME: Theres A. Oal Noy P.E.

SUNCOAST ESTATES LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHMENTS GOALS PROJECTS

- 1) Provided funds that over 55 children to Summer Programs administered by the Lee County Boys & Girls Club
- 2) Purchased vandal proof All weather bus shelters (to be installed Aug/Sept) allowing use by both student & commuter
- 3) Forged an agreement with LeeTran that they provide upkeep & that routes remain unchanged regardless of study and/or income so that ridership can build Note: The Suncoast Task Force, Inc. pays for security lights above the 3 bus stops previously installed under a program from LeeTran's Community Services that erects one annually in Suncoast.
- 4) searching and conducting title/environmental/zoning studies for the right piece of PROPERTY so that a community center be built and house groups such as the United Way, Human Services of Lee County and many other orgs and programs can flourish
- 5) leading Pomona Park in example and guidance to better themselves
- 6) Have started a GED training and pre-testing program to exploit Edison College's local grants and Pell Grants and train Medical Assistants, Legal Clerks, EMT's, and a very hot occupation now, Golf Course care and management, a serious up and coming field that begs for eligible (re: GED!) people from whom are the pro quo of the demographics of Suncoast Estates
- 7) Will fund a program that will hire officers from the local law enforcement sector that can use additional income and provide additional visible and reactive and hopefully proactive to the needs of the community on the three weekend evenings
- 8) Will fund the education, via seminars and workshops, for any volunteer that will serve in the community using those skills learned
- 9) Will 'found' a nationally recognized youth group, either Boys & Girls Club with a local chapter or possibly a music or theater studies groups and civic minded civil service groups such as the Junior Fire Marshal's (US Dept of Forestry and Hartford Insurance funded action) that require virtually no cost in uniforms or dues, perfect for the struggling family or the Audubon Society whose membership instills pride and of conservation and appreciation of our lands making a far better citizen of Florida.

I RECOMMEND THAT THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD CONTINUE ITS COURSE AND ENDEVORES. FURTHERMORE...

THE LEE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES STAFF IS <u>MOST OUTSTANDING</u> FOR THEIR SKILLS, PATIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE.

James W. Gillespie, Chairperson, Suncoast Estates NDC

WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TITLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Review and princitize applications for West Coast Inland Navigation District tax fund in areas of Law Enforcement, Navigation Improve-ments, Environmental Education and Boating Safety and Recreation. Review and advise Commissioners on Luc County Boating Improve-ment Fund projects.

3 Review and recommend to Commissioners disposition of citizen's property vacation requests for all properties having water access.

(4) Recommend changes to her County Ordinanes, proceedures, plans, etc. that affect the use and presumition of Lee County waterways for public use

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