

Minutes of Council Meeting July 19, 2010

Call to Order On, July 19, 2010, the meeting of the Lehigh Acres Community Council was called to order at Living Waters Christian Fellowship Church, 500 N. Sunshine Blvd. Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971, at 6:35 PM by President Damon Shelor, presiding. , Larry Gutridge gave the invocation. Damon Shelor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

President Shelor announced that a quorum was present. Members present included Damon Shelor, Diane Champion, George Szymanski, Mohamed Yasin, William Nottling, Jere Carrick, Tami Baker, Karen Makowski, Dendle Miller, Gary Warchol, Mike Bonacolta, Mike Anderson, Larry Gutridge, Rick Anglickis, Bill Martin, Beth Love, Ahmed El-Gendy, Robert Saul, Barbara Kirby, Debbie Derums, Blair Stitt and Rose Oliverio. Members excused included Willard Baker, Ron Gogoi, Donald Poidevin, , Orville Hall. Members absent were Michael Cook, Ralph Hemmingway, Jeff Spiro, Keith Butler, Alston Dias, Carlo Lane, Patrick Dawson, Carl Moore, , Keith Freeman and Stanley Stine.

Guests included Basil Miller.

The proposed agenda was approved with changes on a motion by Gary Warchol, seconded by Bill Martin. The motion passed.

Citizen Comments

President Shelor asked for any Citizen comments on the agenda items. There were none.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 19st meeting were reviewed. Changes made were that Blair Stitt was present at May meeting. Bill Martin made a motion to accept the minutes. Diane Champion seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Friends of the Council has raised \$1060 so far this year.

Balance as of July 19 is \$1432.90. Motion to approve by Bill Martin, second by Tami Baker. Passed unanimously.

Presidents Comments -President Shelor's comments included:

Please plan on attending the July 24th Land Development Code Kick-off at the Library from noon -2PM.

Willard Baker has been moved to a long term care facility for critically ill patients.

Committee Reports –

First Vice President -Neighborhood restoration is going on where teenagers are doing repairs and helping people who can't afford to pay. / Code Enforcement report given in packet.

Second Vice President - Beth Love needs assistance with Bylaws and Elections/ Publicity went out for Aug 5th Candidate Forum to the newspapers, TV stations and the Hospital/.

Unfinished Business –

- **Lehigh Acres Comprehensive Planning Corp.:** Plan on attending the meeting July 24th at the Library. There is talk of the LACPC disbanding since they have reached their goal of getting the Lehigh Acres Comp Plan approved. The Community Council could take the lead on being the Advisory Board. This would include such items as what to put next to what, architectural standards, writing chapter 33 land use, curbs, sidewalks, etc. Jere Carrick said we should look to the way Estero runs as a model. He said, “We all have to pull together to get this thing done.” Rick Anglickis said to modify the Community Development committee, and use current by-laws. Also, to make sure that they include people who have the expertise in the pertinent areas of Zoning, Engineering, Architecture, Development and Construction. Karen Makowski reminded everyone the our bylaws do allow committees to include Board Members as well as people in the Community. Jere Carrick asked for volunteers to work on an organizational meeting that would include the public to choose their representatives. Damon Shelor asked if there was anyone who opposed the Community Council creating a home for the Advisory Board with regard to changing or molding the bylaws to allow the group to move forward. No one opposed. Damon and Edd are to speak with Beth and look at the bylaws. Motion by Jere Carrick, 2nd by Gary Warchol, motion passed.

- **Weed and Seed Update –** Moving ahead slowly. Still waiting for funding. There is a Block Party July 24th from 9Am-1PM at Veterans Park for all neighborhood watches. Public is welcome. There are 50 neighborhood watches in existence in Lehigh.
- **Politics in the Park –** October 16th from 11AM-2PM at Veterans Park Rec Center. We already have the signs. Rose Oliverio offered \$250 personal donation for the Candidate Forum and/or Politics in the Park.
- Candidate Forum is Aug 5th at Lehigh Senior High from 6PM-9PM. We have 57 Candidates scheduled to attend. Please plan on attending. Karen passed around a volunteer sheet to choose what time you would be available. New signs for the event were requested. Tami Baker was given a limitation of \$350. Motion by Rick, second by Karen. Motion passed.

New Business –

- Council Elections 2010 – Mid Aug meeting to get ready for elections. Notice with application will out twice in 1 month. The election is in November. Ballots will be published twice. Linda has the candidate application on the web-site.
- Community Garden – looking for volunteers and donated land. It will take approx 150 man hours plus maintenance. Do we want to take this on? It was decided that we would promote it but, not sponsor or volunteer as a team.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.