

Community Council of Lehigh Acres
Monthly Meeting Agenda
Lee County Sheriff Office, Bravo District Substation Annex
1300 Homestead Road
Community Room
May 16, 2011

Call to Order:

On May 16, 2011 the meeting of the Lehigh Acres Community Council was called to order at 6:30 by Damon Shelor presiding in the absence of President Edd Weiner.

Invocation:

Gary Warchol gave the invocation.

Pledge:

Jim Kreger led the pledge

Establish a Quorum:

Damon Shelor announced there was a quorum present.

Members Present:

Damon Shelor, Jim Kreger, Carl Moore, Tami Baker, Odell Jack, Basil Miller, Mohamed Yasin, Rick Anglickis, Beth Love, Jere Carrick, Representative from Parks and Rec substituted for Debbie Derums, Dendle Miller, Ron Gogio, Larry Gutridge, Gary Warchol.

Members Excused:

Edd Weiner, Debbie Derums, Diane Champion, Linda Saul, Barbara Kerby, Linda Carter, Don Poidevin, Blair Stitt, Orville Hall, Brian Krzmarzick, Robert Saul, William Nottling

Members absent:

Bill Martin, Mike Anderson, Rose Oliverio, Almed El-Gendy,

Special guest:

Commissioner Frank Mann.

Approve Agenda:

Beth Love made a motion to approve agenda, seconded by Jere Carrick. Motion approved.

Secretary Report:

Jim Kreger made motion to approve the Secretary's Report, seconded by Tami Baker. Motion approved.

Citizens Comments:

Damon Shelor asked for any Citizens Comments on the agenda items. There were none.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve made by Jim Kreger, seconded by Jere Carrick. Motion Passed

President's Comments:

Edd Weiner absence due to illness.

- Presidents Comments: Damon asked that Jere and Rick update council.

Jere commented on last MPO meeting that it was a pleasant meeting. Citizens to look at several areas in the community and make suggestions. Jere discussed how things will move forward. MPO Board was represented by Rick Anglickis, and he discussed the Homestead Road widening project. Rick and Ron Gogio commented on 2035 plan, Homestead to Alabama and Alabama to Sunrise. This is dependent on funding. Milwaukee moved to 2020-2025. Ron discussed Homestead Road plan steps to be taken were modeling traffic, stage investigation, environmental, funding, right of way planning, last step to approve. Discussed extension of Alico Road to Sunshine. Commissioners will meet to discuss the development of roads. Damon spoke of Daniels to Airport entrance- Chamberlain and Daniels. Ron was not sure of changes such as 6 lanes and additions of more turning lanes. Talk of lot assembly, nothing has been settled. Commercial lots are needed legal and money issues need to be worked out. Commissioner Mann is encouraged about funds from Section 1 to be set aside for future development but legal and money issues need to be worked out. There is about 8-10 million left, Lehigh Acres Chamber Group is working to help move forward on this. Commissioner Mann will do what he can to make sure money is set aside for Leigh Acres. Examples of how this will work was discussed on changing residential to commercial.

First Vice President:

- Last meeting on May 14th, County will assign work groups. It is very important to attend meetings to know what is going on and to have a voice. Street lights were discussed, 257 lights are being worked on by LCEC and FPL placing in high crimes areas (formally known as weed and seed) money left over will be designated for other placements chosen specifically in areas to reduce crime. LACPP is working on final tweaks such as development centers for our business development district and town center of how we want it to look. Next meeting is a couple of months down the road. You can check on line for time and updates on community developments. A meeting was held on May 5th to discuss the Admiral Lehigh Park development and there was a good turn out. There will be walking paths, land scaping, parking areas and there will be dogs allowed on leashes, this is a passive park, no ball fields. There will be picnic areas and 3 small Pavilions. It will be on a first come first serve basis. Time limit of park will be from dawn to dusk. Comments were made about the lighting being a concern for the parking lot and rest rooms areas. This park will be considered a "Quiet Park" in a safe environment to support and bring the neighborhood together. Plans are to start park development in August and plan to end in December. Parks must be accredited every 5 years, last 10 years Veterans Park has been accredited. To be accredited a park must meet 144 requirements, less than 100 accredited parks in the country. Beth Love commented on Viva Lehigh and the noise. Considerations will be given to future events. Concerns about event will be addressed.

Second Vice President:

Website Linda and Mohamed are working on. It should be open to member to send to Executive Board. Outside usage of website will be monitored and routed to appropriate individuals. Damon is working on it and has ran test. Barbara and Mohamed are working on getting publicity for the council and community events that pertain to the betterment of Lehigh Acres.

Community Reports:

- LACI

Andrea Adam is the community coordinator for events and Congress for Christ. A Congress for Christ Day will be held in September. Youth events are being worked on, as involvement of the youth in programs and in the community will keep them occupied and improve the community. Damon again mention street lights efforts to focus resources available where needed the most such as in high crimes areas . Sharon Lane from the Boys and Girls Club is working on funding to bring a Boys and Girls Club to Lehigh Acres. One of the first concerns is to find a location for the Boys and Girls Club to be housed. There will be a Youth Camp held for 7 weeks for \$160.00. The Summer Camp at Veteran Parks will be \$65.00 per week for 6 weeks. Limited spots for both. Discussion about cleaning up after events was also brought up. 8 cleans ups have been done by LACI this activity support and brings the community together. The beautification of " Round About at Sunshine" was discussed. The area will be Xeriscaped by a volunteer group. Plants native to Florida will be used. Utility company will mark utilities to prevent issues. People see beautification of such areas and take notice. Former Weed and Seed initiative has brought neighborhoods together. Neighborhood watch groups continues and training has been provided to individuals on code violations. Having knowledge of what to look for and who to call will expedite the code enforcement issues. Teen Night will be held May 20th at Veterans Park.

- LACPP- Good meetings people volunteered to help. Four people applying for openings. One of the people who applied was an 86 years old architect, a gentleman who had helped design the Miami Airport. We are not getting all the projects that we had wished. Citizens need to come together to voice their concerns and opinions about what is commercial and residential. Citizens need to take a stand.

Unfinished Business:

- Barbara Kerby of FGUA needs letters back as soon as possible to get grant to lower the cost to the citizens for projects. Motion by Rick to send a letter from the Council and Mohamed seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:

None

Citizen Concerns:

None

Board Members Comments:

Jere spoke about the needs of school children being sent home with no food and no parents at home and what can be done about it. Damon mentioned there are many scholarships available and there are scholarships also offered for broad spectrum of guide lines not just grade averages. Rick mentioned the "Home Town Hero" awards. The Post Office food drive was very successful.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Please remember to bring can goods to the Council meetings

