

PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Covenant Presbyterian Church Room 230

MARCH 26, 2019 -- 6:00 - 7:45 PM

Board members present: Caroline Martino, Margot Kaufman, Bob Kaufman, Al Jones, Alan Brown, Carol Girardin, Joan Ginsberg

Members Absent: Elona Dreni

Members of the community attending: 30 community residents attended representing 24 properties.

Meet and Greet: 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Collier County Deputy County Manager Nick Casalanguida was scheduled to attend. However, he was unable to attend since the Collier County Board of County Commissioners meeting was running very long and ultimately didn't end until our meeting time.

Caroline Martino called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and introduced the board members to the attendees.

Directory and Website: Caroline said will update the website when more mailing responses arrive from residents.

District II: Al said that the Sheriff reiterated the importance of locking your vehicles and not leaving valuables in the vehicle.

Membership/Welcome: Al said that so far there are 146 paid memberships for 2019. He requested that people return the information sheet with their membership dues. Caroline said that we have not been able to work on the Welcome Committee. We

need volunteers to help. Al said that residents with children might want to start a “play group” for the children.

Landscape/Signs: Alan said he is working on getting the new PRCA signs.

Trail Blvd Sidewalk: The sidewalk project has been 3 years in the making with current extended, projected, completion expected to be by the end of March 2019. Since it is March 26 and it appears there is a lot yet to be done, it seems that projection completion date will probably change. FDOT owns the Rt 41 side of the median and Collier County owns the Trail Blvd. side of it. There are now extra swales and some of the existing ones have been or hopefully will be re-established. There are new drainage lines that go across Rt 41 to drain the swales. Joan said she has contacted Commissioner Solis and he said he would contact the state about the condition of the work site and perhaps get a new estimated completion date. Caroline said that the Board will continue to monitor the situation and address our commissioner if we feel there are any drainage areas that are not working properly. Residents can find Commissioner email addresses on our website (pineridge34108.com) in order to contact them with any concerns.

Past President Report: Nick Casalanguida was scheduled to address our Annual meeting but was unable to attend due to an extra long BCC meeting that ran into the evening today. We need to attend BCC meetings to express our concerns about the new construction in the area — Pine Ridge Commons, Naples One and Arthrex since we feel that traffic congestion will increase tremendously with the current plans.

Secretary Report: Margot requested that people please volunteer to serve on the Board. We especially need volunteers for Officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It’s a

fun way to help with local issues of interest and to meet many of our neighbors.

Treasurer Report: Carol said that the budget is on today's agenda sheet and will be on the website. We have over 500 homesites and we need volunteers!

Vice-President report: Please volunteer!

President Report: Caroline will update the website Resident Directory when more membership paperwork and dues have arrived. Communication from the board is from our email PRCA@pineridge34108.com and on Next Door. Our minutes are available to members on our website.

Old Business:

Georgia Hiller commented on the proposed big parking garage at the planned Pine Ridge Commons. She said that she will contact the County to get info on Naples One and swale issues in Pine Ridge Estates. Caroline mentioned that the County did a stormwater Study for Pine ridge Estates. The results are on our website. Georgia said that the county has a duty to maintain stormwater controls. Peter who lives on West Street said that the new Rt 41 roadway lights shine into his property. That is another concern to be addressed for the Trail Blvd project.

For people who have not read our ongoing emails, Caroline summarized the North Collier Fire District's proposal to sell Fire Station 40 to a developer and move to a new location further east on Pine Ridge Road. The PRCA Board has taken the position that we oppose the sale and move of Station 40, and request that the BCC purchase the old Station 40 so Collier County EMS along with City of Naples EMS can remain there and keep response times the same.

Another possibility is a land swap with a developer owned parcel on Panther Lane to house the EMS units.

Caroline thanked the Architectural Control Committee for their report on the rules of our community. The document is on our website. Our covenants, which state what can and cannot be done, are only enforceable by lawsuit. The appearance of Pine Ridge is changing. Many new homes are being built, either on a lot that never had a home on it or after tearing down an older home. The builders are clearing the lots of trees which is changing the character of the community.

Discussion was held about the Cane Toads that are all over Florida, and the possibility of eliminating or controlling their existence in our community. Peter asked if we had discussed the issue with the Conservancy — we have not. Individual homeowners could hire people to try to get rid of the toads on their property and the homeowners surrounding the lakes could have the visible eggs removed from the lakes...It is most likely impossible to eradicate them since the toads are all over the State. The toads were brought in to Florida to eat varmints in the sugar cane fields ... one “fix” caused another problem! The association could possibly get a price quote but it would be up to the individual property owners to have the work done if they wish to.

New Business: Nominations for Board membership were made. Joan Ginsberg will be retiring. Joanna Heath (via email) and Michael Finkel volunteered to join the current board members, Caroline Martino, Margot Kaufman, Carol Girardin, Bob Kaufman, Al Jones, Alan Brown and Elona Dreni as nominees. Joan made a motion to approve the slate for the Board. Motion was seconded. Vote by the membership to approve was unanimous.

Next Board meeting: April 16, 2019 Room 222, Covenant Church
or as changed if necessary.

Bob made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed
unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

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