

## **PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church Room 230**

**May 15, 2018 -- 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

Members of the community attending: 8 attendees representing 6 homes

Meet and Greet 6:00-6:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Sal DeAngelo from North Collier Fire District.

North Collier Fire Dept was formed by the combination of North Naples and Big Corkscrew Districts. They are requesting a Non-Ad Valorem assessment fee in addition to the current Ad Valorem tax. The Item will be on the ballot at the August 28, 2018 election. The new fee, if it passes at the election, will be an additional \$254 per home, per year (regardless of house size) in the North Collier Fire District in addition to the current Ad Valorem tax. According to Sal Deangelo, The Non-Ad Valorem assessment cannot be imposed by the fire department unless it passes the vote. He also said that approximately 75% of the homes in North Naples will pay more than they are now and the homes in Big Corkscrew area will pay less than they are now. Call volume in Big Corkscrew is greater than in North Naples due to brush fires. Fire Commissioners set the millage rate for the Ad Valorem fire district tax since the fire districts are independent from Collier County.

Please see attached info sheet about Town Hall meetings to get information in person about the proposal on the upcoming election on August 28, 2018.

PRCA President Caroline Martino called the Board Meeting to order at 7:30 PM .

Bob introduced Brad Schiffer who was attending the PRCA meeting. Brad is running for County Commissioner against current Commissioner Andy Solis. The Election is the same date as the fire issue - August 28, 2018.

Caroline called for a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting as written. Bob made the motion, Joan seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

**Directory and Website:** Caroline mentioned Next Door as an additional means of communication between PRCA residents. The directory on the website is password protected for member access. There is a Pet Directory and there will be a Business Directory.

Al reminded people to give us their current email address. He asked for volunteers - maybe people who have “critters” - for the pet directory since the Board Members are all doing a lot. Nobody from the membership attendees volunteered. Joan, VP of the Board, volunteered.

**Membership/Welcome:** Caroline said that the Welcome Committee Meeting will be within the next week. (Al, Elona, Caroline.)

**District II:** Al and Bob. Sheriff reports : Speed bumps were mentioned to help address many communities problems with speeding but the residents don't want speed bumps. There are still bears in Palm River. Traffic has eased up. Bob mentioned

RoboCalls and Phishing emails. If you get weird emails showing strange names such as @comcast.net suffixes (or bank or other real sounding suffixes) - report it to the company and they will block those source email addresses. Eg : abuse@comcast to report phony Comcast emails. Code Enforcement will take a more pro-active approach instead of waiting for complaints to be reported by residents. Since code violations can no longer be made anonymously Caroline reminded everyone that if you are a paid member, you can report a complaint to PRCA and a Board member will report the complaint to Code Enforcement.

**Landscape/Signs:** Joan has received info from Carol as to a vender for new Pine Ridge Community signs. Traffic sign info will go to Andy Solis so the County can replace them. Joan asked people to inform her of any missing or damaged signs in Pine Ridge.

Caroline said that the Center Street Cut Through has been completed by the County.

**Trail Blvd Sidewalk:** Al said the construction crews keep having trouble with cutting pipes and wires. Work is continuing.

**Past President:** Bob said that the County Commissioners have to vote on a zoning change request for Pine Ridge Commons. Through a zoning change, the developer wants to build a large number of apartments and wants to have the ability to change some of the 275,000 sq ft of commercial space to additional residential units. People should go to the Planning Commission meeting to let them know their feelings about this issue. Many people have said that they are concerned about the already bad traffic issue in the area becoming worse if there were an increased number of units. Bob will post on Next Door, the date of the Planning Commission meeting. A new development at Vanderbilt Beach Road at Gulf Shore Dr will further worsen the already bad traffic problems in our

area. Northgate Village representatives attended a previous Planning Commission meeting addressing this issue. Joan requested that a group of people attend the meetings to express our concerns. Bob mentioned that people from all the affected developments on Goodlette should attend. Pine Ridge people should email our Commissioner to express concerns. Caroline mentioned that the sign on Goodlette about the public meetings is unreadable since it is parallel to Goodlette Rd as you drive by. June 26, 2018 is the BCC Meeting for their vote to approve or disapprove the zoning change.

**Treasurer Report:** Carol reported that we are in a good financial position. Carol's records show 268 paid members YTD, an increase over 2017's 238 YTD. Al reported that he has received more memberships from 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing, bringing us to 274 paid members.

Pippa Jolly volunteered to help with the Community Party planning. We are considering several venues and time.

Bob asked for Missy's (Naples Therapeutic Riding Center) telephone number to discuss possible PRCA party there.

Next meeting June 19, 2018. 6 PM for Meet and Greet - Speaker will be Jerry Kurtz from Collier County Stormwater Management.

There will be no meetings in July and August 2018.

Motion to adjourn Bob, second Alan. Approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Submitted by Margot Kaufman PRCA Secretary

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**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
PROPOSED NON-AD VALOREM FIRE FEE  
AT A TOWN HALL**



*On April 12, 2018, the Board of Fire Commissioners for the North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District unanimously voted to proceed with letting the voters of the District decide whether or not to implement a non-ad valorem assessment fee to supplement the current funding structure solely based on ad valorem (or property) taxes. The vote will occur on August 28, 2018. The following Town Halls have been scheduled for the public to attend and learn more about the proposed fire fee. We encourage all residents and business owners to attend one of the meetings and be informed before the August 28th vote.*

**JOIN US AT A TOWN HALL**

<p><b>May 10, 2018</b> 7:00 p.m. North Collier Regional Park (Exhibit Hall) 15000 Livingston Rd Naples, FL 34109</p>	<p><b>July 11, 2018</b> 7:00 p.m. North Collier Fire Rescue Station 10 13240 Immokalee Road Naples, FL 34120</p>
<p><b>May 30, 2018</b> 7:00 p.m. Palmetto Ridge High School (Auditorium) 1655 Victory Lane Naples, FL 34120</p>	<p><b>July 26, 2018</b> 6:30 p.m. Collier County Public Library Headquarters (Sugden Theater) 2385 Orange Blossom Dr Naples, FL 34109</p>
<p><b>June 7, 2018</b> 10:00 a.m. First Florida Integrity Bank at Pine Ridge <b>(TAILORED FOR BUSINESS OWNERS)</b> 3580 Pine Ridge Road Naples, FL 34105</p>	<p><b>Aug 7, 2018</b> 7:00 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue N Naples, FL 34108</p>
<p><b>June 19, 2018</b> 7:00 p.m. Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church 1225 Piper Blvd. Naples, FL 34110</p>	<p><b>Aug 9, 2018</b> 7:00 p.m. St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church 7100 Airport-Pulling Road N Naples, FL 34109</p>

**TELEPHONIC TOWN HALLS**

The District has also planned for two (2) telephonic Town Halls where those who are not here locally can call into a Town Hall to have their questions answered by the Board of Commissioners and Management Staff. The dates for these town halls have not yet been determined, but will be posted on our website once they are confirmed.