

Community Council of Lehigh Acres
Monthly Meeting Agenda

Lee County Sheriff Office, Bravo District Substation Annex
1300 Homestead Road
Community Room
April 18, 2011

Call to Order:

- On April 16, 2011 the meeting of the Lehigh Acres Community Council was called to order at Lee County Sheriff Office, Bravo District Substation Annex, 1300 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida by President Edd Weiner presiding. Edd requested in Gary's absence that Larry Gutridge give the invocation and lead the pledge.

Roll Call:

- President Edd Weiner announced that a quorum was present. Tami Baker made motion to approve agenda and Linda Carter seconded the motion.
- Motion to approve Secretary's minutes with exceptions, correct spelling of Mr. Anglickis's name, corrected the spelling on page 2 and page 3 of Linda Carter's name, and misspelling of "reminded us to watch" correction of Orville Hall absence in March was approved by President Weiner. Motion to approve Secretary's Report with corrections motion by Orville Hall and seconded by Beth Love. Motion approved.
- Members present included: Edd Weiner, Damon Shelor, Mohamed Yasin, Dendle Miller, Jere Carrick, Diane Champion, Tami Baker, Basil Miller, Brian Krzmarzick, Rick Anglickis, Jim Kreger, Blair Stitt, Linda & Robert Saul, Beth Love, William Nottling, Barb Kerby, Bill Martin, Debbie Derums, Larry Gutridge, Linda Carter, Orville Hall. Guest County Commissioner Frank Mann.
- Members excused included: Odell Jack, Carl Moore, Gary Warchol
- Members absent were: Ahmed El-Gendy, Keith Freeman, Mike Bonacolta, Stanley Stine, Michael Cook, Mike Anderson, Ron Gogoi, Rose Oliverio, Don Poidevin. (Members need to remember to sign in on sign in sheet so that it can be recorded correctly).

Guest Speaker: Andrea Benda

- "Lee County Volunteers in Medicine"

Citizens Comments:

- President Weiner asked for any Citizens Comments on the agenda items. There were none.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of March 31st 2011 was \$1,525.82 Motion to approve by Linda Carter and seconded by Diane Champion. The motion passed.

President's Comments:

- Land Development Code meeting that was held on April 9th stated that May 14th will be the last Land Development Code meeting. The staff will be bringing final draft This is last meeting before final written format and forwarded to Commissioners to vote on. Everything we put in is generic only to Lehigh.
- Mr. Anglickis updated us on recommendations passed to move Homestead widening to 2016 from 2035 and is ready to be funded. It was stated that they are in the process of the acquisition of right away for Alabama to Sunrise and working on acquisition between Sunrise to Milwaukee Mr. Anglickis's brought everyone up to date on acquisition of property and status of projects. Mr. Anglickis said they are working to move forward on Milwaukee to 82. We are making progress getting help from MPO.
- Linda asked about side walks and no changes are in the process as of now. Jeri asked about moving the side walk to the side where the businesses are located. Damon spoke about pedestrian and bicyclers in regards to the side walks.
- Damon wants to make sure there is publicity for the Land Development Code meeting. Edd is going to ask about the possibility of another meeting in June. Jim Kreger said maybe the location deterred attendance. Edd will discuss and update.
- Lighting Board meet last Friday and will be setting up lighting by zone. Individuals can still call in and request lighting. Culverts were discussed by Edd, Damon and Rick Anglickis.

Guest Speaker: Andrea Benda – Lee County Volunteers in Medicine

- Andrea discussed the “Lee County Volunteers in Medicine” It is a national model across the United State for Clinics. There will be a Grand Opening for the Clinic. Clinic will serve member of Lee County individuals with no insurance and individuals below the poverty level. If they don't meet the requirement will try to assist them in finding care. First time only, not repetitive care. Linda Carter will post on website. There will be no Pediatric or Dental in the beginning. The clinic will serve ages 19-65. Clinic will arrange if a specialty is needed, such as orthopedic, ect. To participate must show proof of residency in Lee County. There are brochures that were printed for individuals who speak Creole and Spanish. Hand outs were given out with the website. The clinic meets the need of each individual community. Focus on high quality care and how individual are treated. Clinics always are going to treat not only just in the health care but the caring of how the individuals are taken care of. Hours of the clinic will be 5-9 in the evening by appointment. Appointment can be set made from 9:00 to 9:00 for the individuals to be seen between the hours of 5:00 to 9:00. Clinic hopes to open end of April first of May. Location of clinic 1154 Lee Blvd in Lehigh Acres. Eligibility was discuss and Andrea said the state will come down and train her and volunteers on this.

Committee Reports:

First Vice Presidents Reports:

- Jeri commented on how much it cost when individuals do not have insurance who go to the emergency room or call 911. The clinic will reduce the emergency room visits and reduce cost to the tax payers and the hospital.
- Jeri spoke about the success of the Spring Festival, sponsoring Viva Lehigh on April 30th, and the beginning of Arts of the Inland, to bring in culture. Expanding the use of our Veterans Parks and the Nature Walks through Harns Marsh.
- The clean ups have been successful. Recent clean up in Westminster area went well. Frank Mann and others are a voice for Lehigh and the Lehigh Development is going well.
- Jeri talked about how sometimes it can be disheartening but with community involvement that it can and does make a difference
- Debbie Derum spoke about the 5 year accreditation review of Veterans Park. Less than 100 parks in the country that are accredited. Veterans Park has be accredited since 2001. Admiral Lehigh public meeting May 5th at Veterans Park. Championship Basket ball game will be on April 19th at 6:00. Sheriff Scott will be attending

Second Vice President

- Mohamed spoke about Linda needing names of new community chairs and their committees to update the website. Linda also wanted updated list of Friends of the Council, renewals are due. Tammy provided email addressed for the Community Council and the Executive Board's email address. Barbara and Mohamed will work on publicity.

Community Reports:

- LACI: Larry Gutridge said we are making progress and have added to the number of neighborhood watch groups. People who live in the community have become involved in their own surrounding. Larry spoke about in the past 30 days many burglars and thieves have been taken off the streets and crime stats down overall.

- Damon Shelor spoke about clean up event “Keep Lehigh Beautiful” is annual event on April 16th that Lehigh participates in. Rotary will work on clean up on Williams, area off of Sunshine, and 14th Street. Clean ups were done at Spring Festival by student who participate in Rotary Upward Bound Program and from the Sheriff Departments work program. Damon spoke about Tree planting at Harns Marsh, volunteers are needed to plant 50 trees. Relay for Lehigh goal of \$43000.00 we were a little shy but donations still coming in. Wrap up Party for Relay for Life May 16th at Majestic. Edd commented that the 4H will be working on landscaping of round about at Sunshine and that there have been no accident at round about to date.
- LACPP: Rezoning of 2 parcels on Lee Blvd. (former KenMark property} from RS-1 to CS-2. Meeting will be held to discuss.

Unfinished Business:

- Day Care concerns were discussed on Sunset and Dewitt. Resident asked county to change to residential use but not rezoning. Comp Plan encourages in home day care in residential area. Property must have zone changes for existing day care to raise number of children up to 15. Client is not asking that property be rezoned to commercial zoning.

New Business:

- Who is collecting funds for Friends of the Council as Gary is absent. Tami stated she would. Mohamed made a motion to contribute to Volunteers in Medicine \$200.00 from the Council. Seconded by Linda. Discussion occurred and the motion was amended to a 5 year, \$200 per year commitment. Motion passed .Barb Kerby spoke about Grant for FGCA she has emailed letters to Council Members. The letters of support need to be signed and sent back to Barb as soon as possible. If grant is approved this grant will reduce cost to residents of Lehigh Acres.

Citizen Concerns:

- None

Board Members Comments:

- None

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by Edd Weiner, seconded by Dendle Miller, meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dendle Miller

