

GPICA General Meeting Minutes, November 7th, 2017

156 Attending

- 1.) WELCOME by Roger Wood Pres.: Greetings and Refreshments. Pledge of allegiance.
 - a.) Sign in and note if you are a paid member. Membership; \$10. per person.
DONATIONS to support and pay for the INCORPORATION will gladly be accepted.
 - b.) We survived Hurricane Irma with mostly tree blow down. Cape Coral had a lot of sea wall failures not covered by insurance. Bonita Springs had huge flooding, because they are mostly in a floodplain. They are doing a study to remedy. Maybe all that will give support to reconstructing the North and South Spreader Canal Storm Water Treatment Facilities.

- 2.) GENERAL MEETING:
 - a.) MINUTES: Nancy Hindenach excused absence. Draft of Minutes are on the Table.
 - b.) TREASURES REPORT: Bryan Crane. BJM Consulting paid \$9,075. for September.

- 3.) PRESENTATION by Ryan Faust of Bates Architects and Brent Evans of Creighton Development for a Development Order for a 7- Eleven Gas Station and Convenience Store. It is proposed on on the South side of Pine Island Road East of Nikkis Lane.

Exterior elevations were shown on the projection screen. It was for a CBS Masonry building with a metal mansard roof. Many attendees objected to the appearance, and photo copies were submitted of the Sanibel 7-Eleven. After discussion Brent Evans agreed to revise the elevations and resubmit them at next months meeting. The changes were: 1.) Enlarge and kick out the Front Entry More. 2.) Add a kicked out Rear Entry. 3.) Score the stucco to simulate horizontal siding. 4.) Add stucco accent corner boards and window trim to simulate "Cottage Style". 5.) Make a more attractive color than beige.

An informal straw poll was take. About 2/3 of the attendees favored another gas station on Pine Island. About 1/3 of the attendees disapproved of another gas station because of traffic concerns. Brent Evans stated that the site plan will have right and left turning lanes shown on the site plan. The present site is already zoned for that use.

- 4.) POWERPOINT PRESENTATION by Noel Andress on Incorporating, "The Village of Matlacha-Pine Island". The future of the Incorporation was discussed, and a petition was passed for signatures of all residents who support Incorporating.

A local self ruled Government is being planned on the basis that the all municipal services would continue to be provided by Lee County. These are: Schools, Sheriff Patrols, Courts, Construction Permits, Roads, Garbage, Library, Parks, and Sewage Treatment. Water, Fire and Emergency Services would remain as presently provided. Only the Minimum Government would be formed to control our destiny.

Questions were asked and Answers were given. A complaint was registered by a person who is against the Incorporation that the GPICA had an invalid mail in vote to proceed with Incorporation. An independent accounting firm should have counted and certified the ballots, and that ballots were thrown out. Also, that decisions are being made in secret, and the public is not informed of the results. We answered that Information was on the vote mailer, Eagle articles and on our website. It will be provided to anyone who asks. Jamie Skofstad of Safety Harbor Insurance stated she thought the Insurance rates might change by Incorporating. She was asked to make a presentation to the GPICA BoD and Incorporation Committee.