

Greater Pine Island Civic Association

Board Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2021

Meeting called to order 1:06 pm

Due to social distancing needs, the meeting was held over Zoom.

Present: Board President Helen Fox, Treasure Mike Sweeney Claudia Bringe, Shari Perkins, Deborah Swisher Hicks, President Emeritus Noel Andress, Vice President Nadine Slimak

Last Board Meeting review:

Deborah Swisher-Hicks read the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion to approve by Mike Sweeney, seconded by Claudia Bringe

Motion approved to accept Minutes of June 9, 2021

Publix Plaza Update:

(Calusa Cay CPD (DOS2014-00027) and Orchid Cove at Pine Island (DOS2005-00354-A05)

Public meeting held on June 29, 2021, 99 in person, 43 online attended.

On July 9, 2021, Nadine drafted a letter for Helen's signature to Lee County David Loveland, Director, Community Development and Mikki Rozdolski, Manager, Community Development Operations, indicating the Pine Island residents do not support the proposed zoning amendments.

Review and set agenda for upcoming August 3, 2021 General Meeting:

Noel Andress and Helen Fox will make a presentation called "Development 101".

Membership will be updated on Septic to Sewer Committee

Water Quality Issues

GPICA will draft a letter to Florida Department of Health, saying that we do not support additional packing plants on the island and we are quite concerned about our water quality due to septic and other pollution issues.

The lack of a sewer line going north of center can limit growth on Bocilla Island and throughout Bokeelia.

Septic to Sewer Committee update

Mike gave update on things learned and what's next.

Mike and Sue Dahod mapped out all package plants on PI

The Committee will prepare a letter to Pam Keyes asking for more information regarding package plants and how to position Pine Island at the front of the list of areas to transfer from septic to sewer.

Kayak Launch site (Pine Island Preserve at Matlacha Pass)

TDM Civil Engineering requested to present at an in-person meeting at the Pine Island Methodist Church in September. We will encourage those who cannot attend in person can do so by zoom. Motion to move September meeting to September 14 by Claudia, Nadine seconded; all were in favor.

Mango Mania update

The majority of comments from individuals about the GPICA were positive.

The PI Chamber of Commerce thanks us and says we are all in it together.

Next year, let's all take turns sitting at the booth.

Complaints from Island residents

Odor at the pumping station by Phillips Park. Helen contacted Lee County Utilities, which reported that everything was functioning and everything is fine. This is a master lift station, and odor coming from it will happen on occasion. However, they offered to look into an improvement to the technology that might work for us.

Private road and properties flooded during rain. A Bokeelia resident would like to hear from the county as to what can be corrected. We suggested they develop an MSTBU. Helen will contact the County about cleaning the culverts and diverting water from the main road that now floods the resident's private road and land.

Meeting with LEE Department of Transportation

The GPICA sent a letter to LEE Dot, thanking them for the repair of Pineland Road, and reminding them to look into the feasibility of traffic cameras in Matlacha and a road stripe and mirror on Pineland Rd, among other issues.

Bylaw review

By-law Review Committee will be convened to revise the bylaws and bring suggestions to the board.

Next Board Meeting set August 24, 1pm

Nadine motioned to adjourn Meeting, Claudia second. No-one opposed.

Deborah Swisher-Hicks
Co-Secretary