

GPICA Board Meeting MINUTES 11-16-2021

Present: Helen Fox, Nadine Slimak, Deb Swisher-Hicks, Shari Perkins, Mike Sweeney, Debbie Memoli, Connie D'Alessio, Noel Andress

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM over Zoom.
2. PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS: Helen suggested that we send a letter to the Lee County Commissioners asking that the GPICA be recommended as the venue for public information sessions when variances are requested. The letter would be sent out to the Lee County Community Development Director, Dave Loveland, all of the County Commissioners, and Lee County Manager, Roger Desjarlais.
3. ELECTION: Two new directors were elected: Connie D'Alessio and Cindy Bear. Six directors' terms end in 2022: Leoma, Jamie, and Claudia, who have all resigned, plus Shari, Nadine and Deb Swisher-Hicks. According to the new bi-laws, directors elected by the membership each serve a term of three years, with three Directors elected in year one, four in year two, and four in year three. Shari Perkins will explain to GPICA members how this works at the next general meeting. Six positions are available in February 2022, including Connie's, Cindy's, and one nominated from the floor. Three of those who fill these positions will have a three-year term and three will have two-year terms. Nadine moved to accept Shari's plan and Deborah Memoli seconded. Motion passed.
4. PAMELA KEYES FOLLOW UP: Nadine will reconvene the Septic to Sewer Task Force (Mike, Noel, Jeff Waller, Sue Dahood, Nadine), and ask John Hicks to attend. In her talk, Pam Keyes was assuming that the entire island would want to be linked up to a sewage system. If so, we would need to do a straw poll of residents and other property owners to report to Commissioners that Pine Island is in favor of septic conversion. We would also need much greater capacity in our Wastewater Treatment Plant than we currently have. However, we doubt this plan would be acceptable to residents, as it would be very expensive. Instead, we might identify areas on the island that need to be connected to the existing capacity of the WTP. We would ask the county for a grant to help with the costs.
5. OLD DEVELOPMENT ORDERS COMMITTEE. Deb Swisher-Hicks reported that she will reconvene the committee in January.
6. PALMETTO BERRY UPDATE. Shari Perkins made a motion to write a letter to the Commissioners and Connie D'Alessio seconded. The letter should focus on the proper management of the 2020 preserves on the island, and that Pine Islanders should be consulted about management decisions before they are carried out.
7. FLAMINGO BAY TOWER. Residents of Flamingo Bay are being consulted about bringing high speed internet into their community. Apparently, a tower can be constructed without a variance or zoning change since Noel has not received a notice about it. Shari mentioned that FX company brought high speed internet into Pine Island Cove, and that it is very popular and not intrusive.

8. OTHER BUSINESS: Nadine announced that the new membership portal is on the website now.

The meeting was adjourned at ~2:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Memoli and Helen Fox