

BOKEELIA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Notes of Presentation by

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What the Smart Growth Program is a mandate of understanding that the quality of life of its citizens benefit from growth.

In 1950 Lee County was the 18th largest county in Florida. 23,000 people from lot education level with a 70% dropout rate, economic development was selling swamp land to Yankees.

In the year 2000 there was 440,000 people. FGCU became the 10th State University and was the fastest growing university in the U.S. All this was done to improve the quality of life. Per capita income was higher. We would have 1.5 people if all lots were filled with people. It became a new world. In 2005 Lee county was the fastest growing county in the country. 22000 building permits were issued. In 2006 the bubble burst. Peak oil in 2005-06 was 8 billion dollars a year. Climate change ceased to be a joke.

How are we responding to the challenges now? Our Hurricane plans became the first in the world. But there were bottlenecks. The climate changed. Our world changed in 22 minutes. We were going to build roads but we had to pay back for the assistance. Shorelines were going to be different.

Energy – ½ of oil that overdrew in 1950. 1980 we weren't based on peak oil. Another case does not develop very well. What can we develop to replace it? Nuclear power – There is Turkey Point, wind farms, etc. Biomass – burning wood. We have one in Florida who burns garbage. The next several years are going to be very important. There are no direct trains. This is going to come by truck. We are going to be using funds.

We need to manage our debt. Eleven trillion is our National debt. Social Security is paid for. Because of our debt can we fix it? That is the way it is for the next four years. We are going to go back to work. We are going to have increased deficiencies. If we are going to borrow taxes are going to go up.

Globalization. We were progressive but what is a Yankee? For \$10 Lehigh would sell you a lot. 2003 was the best year for Lehigh. Houses could be built for \$70,000 to \$80,000.

Amendment 4 – Perpetual land, Regional food production (two crops per year). Regional fuel production with Jatropha plant - a greasy vegetable oil (vegetable fuel). 1000 trees per acre made 100 gallons of fuel. A square mile produces 10,000 gallons of oil.

Then there are solar panels, create jobs, and have to redevelop urban areas.

Water Supply – Fuel preparation, reduce the population. FUEL is the answer to everything. It will take a half century to bring our fuel production up.

The average age of baby boomers is 59.

According to the BOCC \$25 million has been set aside for investment in businesses who will relocate here. The companies will have to create jobs. JFK said in 10 years we will put a man on the moon. The result was Houston and Cape Canaveral. The ones who cheered were 26 years old. They were 18 years old when Kennedy made that pledge.

Energy and information services. There must be local work. We need top talent for business expansion. Consider retooling, relocation, etc. Suggest a Business Bureau.

Lee County is the second largest fish producer along with phosphates, which create discharges. There are oysters from Pensacola.

Output – Buracratic. You have to have your policy to apply with your Plan. Some will use output as a law suit. Coconut Point is a maximum use project. People who reside there have shopping, cleaners, can shop for milk, bread, thread, soup, and can do all this by bike or walking. This is what the communities of tomorrow will be. Avoid the expenditure for fuel.

Civic associations were discussed. The BCA had a meeting with 3 other civic associations. GPICA opted out of the functions of joining the combined organization.

The Bokeelia area needs a sector plan to be put in the Plan. Dreikorn asked if BCA tried again in this joint effort would Daltry consider being a mediator. He said he would. Daltry said neighborhood planning is very hard.

Daltry was thanked for his presentation.
Meeting started at 7:00 and ended at 9:20.