

Bokeelia Civic Association

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General Meeting

May 12, 2008

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Michael Dreikorn. There were approximately 35 people present.
2. Michael welcomed the community and introduced the BCA Officers.
3. Treasurers Report and Membership – Robert Montgomery reported that our membership was increasing and that dues were now due.
4. Farm Workers Housing Status – There was a hearing May 16th and a decision would be forthcoming by June.
5. Mango Mania – We shall need volunteers, a sign-up sheet is available at the end of the meeting.
6. October Program will be a Welcome Back and “Meet the Candidates” meeting. There will be three MPIFCD Commissioners up for reelection” Jim Cole, Bob Elder and John Peckinpaugh. We will also advise our planned programs for the year.
7. Station Three Grand Opening Celebration is planned for end of October. The BCA will be participating.
8. New Business
 - a. Shell Cut Marina proposed for Tortuga Canal off Barrancas. Asking to dredge end of canal for ramp, 13 slips, ferry to Islands, etc. Canal is very small. No official paperwork yet. Member Cathy Hendrickson stated that the canal is 40 ft. wide. Anyone wishing to comment for or against can contact William.d.DeFrance@usace.army.mil or phone 239-334-1975.

- b. Bob Janes is running for reelection to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners. He is being opposed by the Mayor of Cape Coral. The Primary is August 26th.
 - c. Town Hall Meeting, Friday, May 16th, Fishers of Men Lutheran Church, 10:00 a.m. called by Commission Bob Janes to discuss items of interest and may include status of proposed sewer on Main Street in Bokeelia and proposed Shell Cut Marina.
9. Business Plan: Michael Dreikorn discussed the Business Plan for BCA and the and questionnaire that will be sent in June. He asked that all members respond to the mailer on a timely basis.
10. Speaker Jim Lavender, Director of Public Works for Lee County provided drawings of the proposed improvements to the Bokeelia Boat Ramp and the landscaping diagrams. Also present was Joe DeBacker, Director of Greater Pine Island Parks & Recreation (283-4110, cell 229-7367, office on Maria Drive). Lavender stated that the improvements, including the widening and rebuilding of the ramp would start in August and be completed within six months. There will be 23 boat spaces, which should cut down on boat and trailer traffic. Chuck and Vince Tappager were present and said they were looking for a caretaker to live over the store. They would be working for Tappager and could not issue tickets. It should not be an elderly couple because of the stairs and would not be appropriate for those with young children. There is a large apartment. If interested call 283-0015.

Jim said that if boats are spotted speeding residents should note the vessel number, date and time and call Joe DeBacker. For parking complaints call DOT Traffic 694-7600 and they will receive a \$48 parking ticket. You must have a "DOT No Parking" sign on your property. Call DOT to get official sign.

It was suggested that the parking rates be increased from \$5 to \$15 to conform with other areas. It was also suggested that when improvements are complete that cameras be installed.

Vince Tappager noted that they have issued a lease for the bays for a small boat and engine repairs.

To get Manatee area signs call Steve Boutel at Public Works 533-8505.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted:
Marilyn Porthouse, Secretary