

COLLIER COUNTY PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting
Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Community Room
Friday, May 13, 2011 – 9 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Banyan Woods
Berkshire Lakes
Golden Gate Civic Association
Gulf Shore Association of Condominiums
Imperial Golf Estates
Lakewood Community Services
Lely Island Estates
Mandalay
Pelican Bay POA
Port Royal
Royal Harbor
Sawgrass of Naples
VillageWalk

Eric Watler
Bob Luparello & Fred Rogers
Patricia Spencer
Murray Hendel & Bob Raymond
Harlan Dam
Charles Cortright
Ken Drum
Phil & Harriet Vender
Dave Trecker
Donna Krall
Sandy Linneman
Charley Weyl
Stuart Wiles & Kathleen Adams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Murray Hendel at 9 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and self-introductions made.

GUEST SPEAKER – David Tetzlaff, Director, Naples Zoo

Following an introduction by Hendel, Tetzlaff talked about the history of the zoo, beginning in 1954 as a garden. He talked about what they currently have and revealed the master plan for the future, which includes various themes for different areas. Tetzlaff showed plans for an abandoned African ranch which will from \$8 to 10 million.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made and seconded to approve the March and April minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Charley Weyl reported a balance of \$2310 in the treasury.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative. VP Dave Trecker distributed and provided an overview of his report, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. In addition to his report, Trecker mentioned that two-week early voting has been reduced to one week.

Issues. In the absence of Vice Chair Linda Penniman, Dave Trecker reported that he and Penniman investigated what it would take to change the way County Commissioners are elected. They discovered that state statute allows you to go to at-large elections; however, such a change must be approved by the U.S. Justice Department and probably “will not fly.” The other option, keeping things as they are but adding two at-large members would be more feasible. Trecker recommended that CCPC sponsor an informational public forum in the fall, working with the League of Women Voters, Greater Naples Better Government Committee, and

perhaps the Chamber as co-sponsors. **Motion made and seconded to approve Dave Trecker moving forward on an informational public forum in the fall. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Fire District Consolidation Issue. Having spent many hours conducting research of the current status of the North Naples Fire District and the fire consolidation issue, Eric Watler reported that he and Fred Rogers feel that should CCPC wish to get involved in the matter, it would require more time and energy than either of them feel able to give to the subject. Chair Hendel stated that should nobody else feel inclined to pursue the matter, it will be dropped; and he thanked Watler and Rogers for their informative report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hendel announced a future lineup of speakers to include Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards and Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk. Also suggested as possible speakers were the new Superintendent of Schools and Abe Skinner. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of holding the December holiday party at the zoo in early December.

Hendel thanked Sandy Linneman for the recent newsletter and recognition of Membership Chair Bob Raymond in said publication.

A question was raised concerning the use of aerators in lakes and the affect they have had on lakes of CCPC members. An email asking for input will be send to the membership.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Tiffany
Recording Secretary