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SOLVING THE REDISTRICTING PROBLEM

Redistricting is a fact of life in Collier County, in Florida, and in every state in the country. This year, mandated by federal law, population information gathered in the 2010 US Census is being used to create new boundaries and borders for school and electoral districts. Historically, the Voting Rights Act, passed in 1965, created a constitutional obligation [One-Person, One-Vote] that requires each district be substantially equal in total population. The result is that census figures, published every ten years, require redistricting.

Every level of government, including the Florida State Legislature and the United States House of Representatives, is affected. Here in Collier County, the potential changes to borders of districts which elect County Commissioners and boundaries of school districts, were illustrated in five different maps presented at public meetings in August and September.

The county population grew from 251, 377 in 2000 to 321, 520 in 2010. While the numbers for two of those electoral districts [#3, #5] must be reduced and the numbers for the three other districts [#1, #2, #4] need to be increased, there still will be five electoral districts in Collier County. There are guidelines mandated for these decisions and they may be examined by accessing the home page of the county's web site, www.colliergov.net.

Basically, those recommended guidelines are intended to: ensure geographical contiguity; encourage compactness; retain communities of similar interest; respect existing districts; provide incumbency protection; and abide by an equal population clause. Most of all, every aspect of the Voting Rights Act must be considered in working towards a solution. Taken seriously by municipalities, our Election Board, consulting the 2010 census figures, presented five choices for workable and lawful possibilities to the BCC.

On September 13, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners voted to accept Map # 1A, modified as the BCC discussed ramifications of the proposed changes. Now, slightly altered Map # 1 A, will be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department for approval.

Sandy Linneman, Editor

PUBLIC FORUM

ALTERNATIVES FOR ELECTING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 1, 2011 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Moorings Presbyterian Church

2010 COLLIER COUNTY PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Aqualane Shores Association

Ave Maria POA, Inc.

Banyan Woods Master HOA

Bear's Paw Country Club, Inc.

Berkshire Lakes Master
Association

Briarwood POA

Calusa Bay Master
Association

Champions of Lely Resort
Condominium

East Naples Civic Association

Golden Gates Area Civic
Association

Gulf Shore Assoc. of
Condominiums

Harbour Drive/Gulf Shore
Assoc.

Imperial Golf Estates

Island HOA

Kings Lake HOA

Lakewood Community
Services

SUPER MAP FOR NAPLES

Naples, moving into the 21st century, is using new technology which promises to affect us all. Using Geographic Information Systems [GIS], the city is collating relevant data about properties within the city. A map is being prepared which is intended to document factual and precise technical and physical information about Naples.

Thousands of pertinent records from sources such as the property assessor, the clerk of courts, and the utilities department, are being collected, verified, and then, filed on the city's computer system. The resultant map, for use by city employees only, will assist searches for clear and documented details necessary in order to help and protect city residents.

Robert Middleton, Naples Utilities Director, is enthusiastic about the new map; accessible in office or, in the field, by using a laptop. Locating and identifying property boundaries, easements, plus water and sewer lines, will implement dependable assistance for residents. Quickly locating a sewer manhole, a fire hydrant, or even a water meter, increases the effectiveness of city employees in serving the community.

Accessing precise legal descriptions of property will allow projects to progress speedily and will ensure decisions made in the field are accurate. The map, created to be a reliable and accurate source of information, is sure to be referenced frequently.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The cost and schedule to address congestion at two intersections in North Naples was addressed recently by the Board of County Commissioners.

Anthony Khawaja, engineer of traffic operations for growth management, explained that longer turn lanes, giving more room to keep intersections clear, are expected to be completed before the beginning of tourist season.

Renewing the two sites, on Pine Ridge Road and Livingston Road and on Vanderbilt Beach Road and Goodlette-Frank Road, will also give the county a chance to modify sidewalk crossing ramps as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The project, awarded to Bonness Inc., low bidder of the four submitted, will include construction, resurfacing, asphalt paving, curbs and gutters, plus relocation of light poles and fiber-optic cables. The total cost, authorized by the BCC, will be \$223,434 for Pine Ridge-Livingston and \$129,090 for Vanderbilt Beach-Goodlette-Frank.

PROPERTY OWNER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 9:00 am – noon
2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples
Conference Room 609/610

GATEWAY TRIANGLE PROJECT

The Gateway Triangle storm water project was recently approved by the Board of County Commissioners after an agreement was reached with residents to include a retention pond in the second phase of this project.

The Gateway Triangle, bordered by Davis Boulevard, U.S. 41 East, and Airport-Pulling Road, had requested drainage problems in the area be addressed by the BCC. Phase 1 of the project had been scheduled for completion before hurricane season. A delay occurred when it was discovered staff had approved construction on private property.

Connie Deane, spokeswoman for the county's growth management division, when interviewed, said "the original plans called for a directional bore under U.S. 41 but the soil strata and underground conditions prevented the installation of the drainage pipe in this manner." [NDN] Complaints by residents that the project was trespassing on private property resulted in the county making plans to alter a retention pond so more water would be able to be stored there.

The Brookside Homeowners Association, closely involved in resolving these difficulties, will continue to discuss negotiation regarding acquisition of right of way permission. Presently, the county's proposal is to "open a cut through the U.S. 41 East pavement and do accessory work so that an 18 inch storm drainage pipe connects from the Gateway Triangle to a storm water outfall on Palm Street." [NDN]

While additional funds [\$355,916.44] have now been transferred to Phase 2 of the project by the CCBC, \$112,500 is scheduled to remain in a contingency fund for the project.

2011 SPIRIT OF AMERICA SPEECH CONTEST

"FLORIDA'S ROLE IN WW II" is the title for a speech contest sponsored by Naples Backyard History and Toastmasters.

The purpose of this contest is to encourage the community to learn more of its cultural heritage and to remember the values of America's greatest generation.

The first phase of the competition will be held on Friday, September 23, 2011 and the second phase will be held on Friday, October 21, 2011. The location for both of these events will be Naples Backyard History Old Naples Museum, 1170 Third St. S, [side facing Broad Ave @ The Plaza] from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

The top three winners in September and in October will advance to the finals. The finals will be on November 11, 2011 at the Naples Municipal Airport Military Memorabilia Museum from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

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2010 COLLIER COUNTY PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEMBERS (Cont'd.)

Lely Island Estates HOA

Longshore Lake
Foundation

Mandalay HOA

Moon Lake HOA

Moorings POA

Pelican Bay Foundation

Pelican Bay POA

Pelican Marsh (Foundation
of)

Port Royal Association

Quail Creek Village
Foundation

Residences at Pelican
Isle (The)

Rivard Villas

Royal Harbor
Association

Saturnia Lakes

Sawgrass of Naples

Village Walk HOA

Villas Raphael

New National Web Site

**Articles, Answers to FAQs, HOA laws by state
“Guide to Understanding Homeowner Associations”**

www.HOA-USA.com

UNABLE TO SAY NO !

When asked to share an idiosyncrasy, Sally Tiffany, our Collier County Presidents Council Administrator, confesses: I have a history of being unable to say “no.” We all know that about Sally! She is one of the most dedicated and industrious members of CCPC. Without her, we wonder how the group would survive.

Sally traces her roots from the Midwest, the heartland of our country. Born in Dixon, Illinois, she relates that when she was very young she had the opportunity to have some contact with a former Dixon resident -- Ronald Reagan. In 1950, because her father was President of the Chamber of Commerce, her family was invited to Reagan's California ranch to plan an event to be held in Dixon. Everyone in her family had pictures taken with the then 'movie star.' When Reagan came to town, needing to dress for his appearance, 'little Sally' was impressed he used the family's bathtub! When he was leading the parade later that week, she proudly rode behind him on her small black pony. Reagan 'remembered' her and sent a congratulatory telegram when she graduated from high school. Sally 'remembers' him as being 'real – kind, gracious, and good – nothing fake about the man.”

Sally continued her education at several fine schools. The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Northern Illinois University, Mount Mary College and the University of Illinois were venues where she completed her education. Later, like so many of us, that Midwestern weather did her in. Shortly after retiring, having taught for 23 years in the Milwaukee area, Sally and her husband, Guy, moved to Naples. But, once in Southwest Florida, never one to be laid-back nor lacking in energy, she quickly determined a life of leisure was not for her.

Since 2001, Sally has taken over the administrative duties of Greater Naples Better Government Committee, Collier County Presidents Council, and Gulf Shore Association of Condominiums. In addition, she now volunteers for Project Innovation as Talent Pillar Chair and is the current President of Greater Naples Better Government Committee, after having been President of Maplewood Home Owner Association.

Personally, Sally enjoys many things but reading mysteries and spending time with and communicating with family and close childhood friends are high on her agenda. She adds travel to her list of favorites and confesses to liking to escape it all from time to time by going to the beach -- without her cell phone.

Ever a civic enthusiast, Sally feels strongly Collier County should address building a diverse economical base. By doing what she is doing now -- “administrative work for community organizations and volunteering my time for what I deem to be worthwhile causes,” we can see she is working hard to contribute to that goal.