

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY  
EAST OF 951 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES HORIZON  
STUDY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MASTER PLAN  
COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, September 10, 2007

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County East of 951 Infrastructure and Services Horizon Study Public Participation Master Plan Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 7:00 PM in REGULAR SESSION at the Collier County Agricultural Extension Office, 14700 Immokalee Road, with the following members present:

Chairman: Bill McDaniel  
Vice Chair: Linda Hartman  
Kenneth Lynch  
Timothy Nance  
Russell Priddy  
Stephen Price  
Kris Van Lengen  
Mark Teaters  
Thomas Jones  
Christian Spilker  
Richard Rice  
Clarence Tears (excused)  
Douglas Rankin (excused)  
Michael Dedio (absent)  
Jeanne Alleman (absent)

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Bosi, Community Planning and  
Redevelopment Manager

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill McDaniel at 7:10PM.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**I. Roll Call**

Michael Bosi called the roll and a quorum was established.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

*Mr. Van Lengen moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Priddy. Carried unanimously, 11-0.*

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Corrections:

- (a) The time the meeting ended was changed from “7:35” to “8:35 PM”
- (b) The word “participation” was misspelled.

*Ms. Hartman moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on August 13, 2007 as amended. Second by Mr. Priddy. Carried unanimously, 11-0.*

**IV. Presentation by Fire Districts**

A joint presentation was made by Fire Chief Rita Greenberg of the Big Corkscrew Fire District, and Fire Chief Donald R. Peterson and Public Information Officer Victor Hill of the Golden Gate Fire District.

A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Committee.

<u>Big Corkscrew Fire District</u>	<u>Golden Gate</u>
6 Stations	4 stations
30 employees	73 employees
Coverage: 194 square miles	103 square miles
Population: 12,000 residents	80,000 residents

Fire District concerns:

- Location of equipment is critical as population and call volumes increase.
- Zoning changes, geography, road access and sufficient resources
- National Fire Protection Association standards:
  - standards must be complied with regarding staffing
  - response time frames
  - apparatus needs and equipment
- Designs of roads and construction of new home developments:
  - Median cuts that preclude turns
  - speed bumps
  - traffic calming devices
  - one-way entrances to communities

Insurance companies are now requiring that homes of certain value thresholds must

install hard-wired fire alarms to obtain insurance coverage. This was not mandated by the Fire Districts.

A plan outlining the benefits of mutual aid and resource sharing between the Fire Districts is being studied, as well as the possibility of incorporating joint stations on the Districts' borderlines, and EMS into certain fire stations.

**Mr. Price** asked about the potential benefit to tax payers of creating one unified Fire District.

Discussion ensued. It was pointed out that the possibility of consolidation is being studied, but it will be a lengthy process. A committee is being formed by the Fire Service Steering Committee and the Fire Chief's Association.

**Fire Chief Greenberg** stated that combining districts would not be cost effective for at least the first five years of service due to the need to equalize staffing, salaries, and equipment among the various Fire Districts.

An additional consideration is whether or not the concept of consolidation would be supported by the tax payers themselves due to the initial increase in costs which would impact their taxes, and concerns about the level of service to be provided after consolidation.

**Mr. Spilker** suggested the Committee could recommend to the BCC that the Fire Districts should be included as part of an initial design review committee concerning construction of roads and new home developments. This would allow the Fire Districts to voice their concerns about design plans that do not provide adequate access for fire equipment and to suggest possible solutions before construction began.

V. **Public Questions/Comments**

A comment was made about information supplied to the Fire Districts regarding dead-end roads and locations of bridges.

**Fire Chief Peterson** stated one of the biggest problems was access to the scene once equipment arrived at a home location due to blocked driveways and lack of turn-around space.

**Fire Chief Greenberg** stated many times the individual calling in a vehicle accident is unable to assess the type and/or severity of the injuries and, as a result, both fire and EMS are dispatched to the same scene.

A question was asked about the location of hydrants in relation to subdivisions and insurance rates. The accepted standard is for a development to be located within five miles of a fire station and to have a hydrant within 1,000 feet of the development.

A question was asked concerning rural service and whether fire and EMS equipment would travel over gravel and/or dirt roads.

**Fire Chief Peterson** stated the equipment could negotiate both gravel and dirt roads, but access to turnaround space was a problem. He stated that all calls would be serviced regardless of location.

A question was raised about clearing land around an existing rural home site and what was allowed. The Land Development Code allows an acre of land surrounding a home site to be cleared of brush and trees.

**Fire Chief Greenberg** suggested calling the Division of Forestry for assistance in determining how to clear land and how to recognize protected native vegetation.

**VI. Discussion of Questionnaire**

**Chairman McDaniel** stated the November meeting would focus solely on the questionnaires.

**Ms. Hartman** requested a change and suggested removing the language “over the canals” from Item #3.

**Mr. Molke** will present the results of the questionnaires at the November meeting.

**VII. New Committee Members**

**Chairman McDaniel** asked the Committee to hand in their selections for the two new Members to Mr. Bosi before leaving the meeting. He stated both Mr. Tears and Mr. Rankin had emailed their selections to Mr. Bosi who would compile the results and notify the Committee by email.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

**The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM.**

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by the order of the Chair at 9:10PM.**

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**Chairman Bill McDaniel**

These Minutes were approved by the Committee Chair on \_\_\_\_\_,  
as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.