

**The ECCL Report
(Formerly the Executive Summary)
Estero Council of Community Leaders Meeting
May 13, 2015**

136th Monthly Meeting!

Don Eslick, Interim Chairman of the ECCL, started our 136th meeting by welcoming the first time visitors in attendance from participating communities. At this meeting, the new board members were nominated and subsequently elected by the members present. Bob Lienesch agreed to stay on as Finance Chair and Don Eslick agreed to serve as Interim Chairman for the remainder of the year. Others that were elected were **Pete Cangialosi**, Environmental Director, **Jim Tatooles**, Community Planning Director, **Bruce Harris**, Member Relations Director and myself, **Barbara Saxton** now Communications Director. Our ECCL board still has one vacancy for the **Transportation Director** and it is anticipated that the nominating committee will nominate some for that position very soon. Going around the room each new board member introduced themselves and gave a little summary of their background/experience.

New Board Member Biographies

Pete Cangialosi, Environmental Director (pcangialosi@comcast.net) Retired Environmental Engineer; Professional Engineer licensed in Minnesota and New York (both presently inactive), 2 years' volunteer experience with US Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Permitting Program (Enforcement) in Ft Myers, FL in 2013 and 2014. Currently trained as Volunteer Naturalist with Lee County Parks and Recreation at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, active in present HOA activities as Chairman of Lakes and Preserves Committee at The Preserve at Corkscrew

Barbara Saxton, Communications Director (info@barbarasaxton.com) CEO of Smart Choices an innovative and cutting edge company addressing the cost of healthcare, 30-year veteran of both the financial services and insurance practices. Previous Marketing Director for Innovative Health Plan, Creator and CEO of Voluntary Benefit Services (VBS) acquired by Hub International in 2011, Professional Development Liaison for National Association of Health Underwriter speaking nationally about healthcare, HOA Treasurer for The Residences at Coconut Point and current Estero Chamber of Commerce member.

Bruce Harris, Member Relations Director (wwcredit@aol.com) Senior business executive with more than thirty-four of years of experience in leadership positions in automotive financial services, dealership operations and vehicle marketing. Extensive background in "Best Practices" studies of strategy development & implementation, retail automotive operations, residual value management,

credit underwriting, service center processes and operations, technology infrastructure, risk mitigation, enhanced profitability and customer satisfaction. Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, Masters in Management from Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University. BS, from University of Detroit, Accountancy.

Jim Tatooles, Community Planning Director (jetatooles@prodigy.net) Construction Management and Real Estate Development experience. Graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Served as a Combat Engineering Lieutenant in Germany. MBA in Production Management from the Kellogg Business School at Northwestern University. President of Intercontinental Engineering & Development Corp, a company working on both private and FHA projects with responsibilities directly overseeing development concepts, zoning, finance, construction, lease management and sales marketing. Owner of Euclid Construction/Management. Past institutional representative to the Boy Scouts of America, Past President of his school's Alumni Associations and as a private pilot, most recently past commander of the Medinah Aviation Unit, transporting needy children to Shriner Hospitals

The new board members will meet for the first time to organize as a group on May 27th and begin their new roles at the ECCL.

Don also announced the appointment of **two new committees** that will be meeting in the months of May and June. One is the **Communications Improvement Task Force** and the other the **Membership Communication Task Force**.



CHIEF SCOTT VANDERBROOK

Chief Vanderbrook was not in attendance as he is working on the budget for Estero Fire Rescue District, which will soon be holding budget workshops. The District will soon be distributing an agenda for these hearings through the ECCL for all who are interested.



San Carlos Rescue Chief Dave Cambareri

Chief Dave Cambareri was not able to attend but had a representative present.

Member Reports on Community Concerns and Suggestions for ECCL Action

Similar to our last ECCL monthly meeting we went around the room to hear the comments from ECCL representative members. Transportation issues continued to be the most pressing of concerns throughout Estero. Some of the most pressing issues deal with the development out east of I-75 on Corkscrew Rd and the road projects that the community wants included or excluded from the 2040 transportation plan. A discussion pursued on the importance of the ECCL being involved in the resolution of the following:

1. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Concerns

- Improve/Rebuild the Corkscrew Road I-75 Interchange and its approaches

- Work with the Hertz Corporation to Evaluate the Traffic Impact of Hertz's Employees Accessing the Site and Obtaining the Necessary Improvement
- Reduce the Vehicle Speed on Dangerous Segments of US 41 like the Segment Between Corkscrew and Broadway
- Review the Safety of Having a Bus Stop without Off-road Loading on US 41 just South of the Marsh Landing Community Entrance

2. Lee County (LDOT) Concerns

- Address safety concerns on Corkscrew Road east of Ben Hill Griffin and Improve the Access Roads to Several of the Communities along Corkscrew
- Widen Corkscrew Road from Three Oaks Parkway to I-75
 - Address Density and Traffic Concerns Associated with the Estero Crossing Development
- Prevent Future Use of Corkscrew Road by Collier County Beach Renourishment Sand Trucks
- Install Median Landscaping on Via Coconut Road Including its Roundabouts and Evaluate Other Roadways for Improving the Median Landscaping
- Reduce the Vehicle Speeds on Dangerous Segments of all County Arterials in Estero including Three Oaks Parkway, Ben Hill Griffin, Corkscrew Road, Coconut Road, Estero Parkway, Williams Road, and Via Coconut Road
- Oppose the Inclusion of CR951 and Sandy Lane extension from Corkscrew to Estero Parkway in the 2040 Plan
- Obtain Contiguous Bike/Pedestrian Improvements on Estero Parkway between US 41 and Three Oaks Parkway and other gap areas in the community
- Improve Clean-up of debris on Estero Parkway
- Repaint the double turn lane striping on Corkscrew Road at Via Coconut Point

3. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Concerns

- Improve/Rebuild the Corkscrew Road I-75 Interchange
- Oppose the Inclusion of CR951 and Sandy Lane extension from Corkscrew to Estero Parkway in the 2040 Plan

This session concluded with a discussion by the membership on whether or not the June meeting should focus on transportation issues or should focus on our continuing efforts to improve the community's access to a wide variety of needed healthcare services. After a raising of hands on the issues, it was decided that our next meeting on **June 15th** would be with transportation leaders so they can directly address the concerns of the Estero community.

Finance Director – Bob Lienesch

Bob Lienesch was unable to attend so Linda Tecco-Roach presented the monthly financial report with special emphasis on the 2015 Membership Drive, which seems to be going quite well after a slow start.

Interim Chairman Emeritus – Don Eslick

Don Eslick described the plans for the Member Communications Task Force that will develop an interactive presentation on the past and future role of the ECCL that will be made available to each of our member communities this fall. He encouraged all community representatives and alternates to review the fact sheet about ECCL on the website (www.EsteroToday.com) and distribute the information within their communities.

Healthcare Village Update – Don Eslick

LMHS Planning Progress – Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) continues to move forward with plans for an innovative healthcare campus to meet the unmet healthcare needs of south Lee County. This fall Lee Memorial will be available to make presentations in each community that will describe the services and procedures of the new \$140 million facility that is planned for completion in two years, as well as other healthcare issues of interest to individual communities.

Bonita Community Health Center (BCHC) Arbitration Dispute – Although the filings have been made, there is still no decision by the judge on the arbitration dispute between NCH and LMHS.

Environmental Issues

Phil Douglas, the ECCL's outgoing Environmental Director, and Pete Cangialosi, the new ECCL Environmental Director proposed three resolutions for approval by the ECCL members in attendance. All were passed unanimously.

1. Authorize adding the ECCL to a sign on letter to be sent to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners encouraging them to proactively seek to acquire the 4,000 acre Edison Farms property just across I-75 from the Brooks using Conservation 2020 funds, possible in conjunction with State land conservation funds
2. Authorize the Environmental Director to develop and transmit a letter from the ECCL encouraging our local legislators to support allocation of the funds set aside by the voters approval of the Water and Land Conservation Amendment last year to land conservation programs as had been done in the past.
3. Authorize the ECCL to implement a program to encourage the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on June 16th to approve county staff moving ahead with the necessary appraisals and negotiations to acquire Site 536, a 597-acre site 11 miles east of I-75 on Corkscrew Road, using Conservation 2020 funds.

Next meeting: **10 a.m., Monday, June 15th, 2015**, at the **Estero Community Park**, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd. For more information, click on this link [ECCL 137th Meeting](#). **This is a very important meeting with Lee County's three Transportation Leaders. We hope to see you there!**

Barbara Saxton
Communications Director