

## ECCL Report: October 11, 2019

**Executive Summary:** *188th meeting of the Estero Council of Community Leaders*



**President Jim Gilmartin** - Called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM

**Recognition of first-time visitors** Helena Allan was recognized from Allan Development and Construction Services out of Ft. Myers

**Village Report** -Mr. Gilmartin introduced the Honorable Mayor of the Village of Estero Mr. Bill Ribble who spoke about Veterans Day Celebration November 9, 2019, at the Estero Community Park at 11:30 AM and the Elks Lodge event on November the 11th from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM. Mayor Ribble spoke about the importance of the Census and asked for help from the ECCL to access gated communities. Lots of grant money is online for the Village of Estero and everyone needs to be counted.

**Announcements** - Mr. Gilmartin introduces Ms. Linda Tecco-Roach to speak about the Don Eslick Retirement Event. The Mayor will be the Toast Master. Ms. Tecco-Roach thanked all the major sponsors that have offset the price of the ticket and any monies above expenses will be donated to the *ECCL Advocacy Foundation* in honor of Don and Suzie Eslick.

**Community Input Session-** Mr. Gilmartin asked the attendees and no comments were made.

**Membership Survey-** Mr. Gilmartin said a survey will be sent to members in the late fall and the results will help provide direction for the ECCL.

**Website – Board of Directors** - Mr. Gilmartin discussed the value of the new website design. He shared the names of the seven Board members and began the Board introductions with comments about Don Eslick. Mr. Eslick introduced Board members Ms. Susan Evans, Mr. Joe Pavich Sr., Mr. Chris Simoneau, Ms. Jane Kuckel, Mr. Jim Shields, and Mr. Bob Lienesch of the Board where present.

**Advocacy Foundation** - Mr. Gilmartin spoke about the benefits of the foundation and the benefits and need to increase funding of the foundation. [Please donate and become a sustaining sponsor.](#)

**Communications** - Mr. Gilmartin discussed how communications are the lifeblood of the ECCL.

**Financing and Fundraising Report** - Mr. Gilmartin introduced Mr. Larry Jones who updated the ECCL finances. Mr. Jones said the cash balance will carry over in the year and appealed for committee volunteers.

## **Advocacy Council Reports:**

**Environment** - Mr. Gilmartin introduced Mr. Derrick Botana who said the Council will continue to focus on the conservation of lands, the DR/GR, and clean water. One goal of the group is to address the growing environmental impact that single-use plastics are causing. The next meeting is on October 28th at 2:30 PM - BayWater Boat Club Corporate Office 27499 Riverview Center Blvd. Bonita Springs 34134 email: [Derrick@bwboatclub.com](mailto:Derrick@bwboatclub.com).

**Transportation**-Mr. Gilmartin introduced Mr. Lou Frattarelli who said his Council is focusing on the landscape grants that the Village has gotten to beautify the Hwy. 41 corridor. Mr. Frattarelli also spoke about Estero Parkway landscaping. There is a concern about the Naples beach re-nourishment project and the added traffic from the mines. Next meeting is October 17th at 9:30- Fine Mark Bank in Estero email: [lfratt@embarqmail.com](mailto:lfratt@embarqmail.com)

**Education** - Mr. Gilmartin introduced Mr. Jeremy Jasper who spoke about school events and Junior Achievement. The "2-5-8 Graduate" program is in full gear. The Education Council needs one volunteer for 8th grade JA and 32 volunteers for 11th grade JA. Mr. Jasper spoke about the upcoming venues at "Under the Shadow Wood "at Shadow Wood County Club. The next Meeting is at October 16th 12 PM-NavaED office at Chevrolet Way in Estero email: [Jeremy@navaed.com](mailto:Jeremy@navaed.com).

**Arts & Entertainment**-Mr. Gilmartin said the committee is forming and the need for a Chairperson for the Council. The next meeting is October 21 at 4 PM -Lee County South Library in Estero.

**Health**-Mr. Gilmartin introduced Dr. Lowell Gerson. Dr. Gerson spoke about how other councils are interconnected to each other and how technology is key to bridge it all together. Dr. Gerson recommended that all citizens of Estero get the Flu shot. He also recommended that all people be up to date on their booster shots. The next meeting is October 25 at 2:30 PM - Lee Health at Coconut Point Estero email: [lwgerson@gmail.com](mailto:lwgerson@gmail.com)

**Community Development**-Mr. Gilmartin introduced Mr. Tatoes who asked for help and volunteers. He spoke about the progress of the approved commercial developments of Aldi's, Sprouts, and Texas Roadhouse. He also talked about the approved residential developments of Corkscrew Crossing and Colonnade of Estero. No new meeting date was published. Email: [jetatoes@gmail.com](mailto:jetatoes@gmail.com)

**Membership**- Mr. Gilmartin introduced Mr. Barry Freedman stated that soon he will be reaching out to other companies and communities outside of Estero to become members. Mr. Freedman can be reached via email at [ecclmshp@gmail.com](mailto:ecclmshp@gmail.com).

**Final Comments** – One question, "Why did he [Mr. Gilmartin] take the position of President?" When asked to consider the appointment, said Mr. Gilmartin, I submitted my requirements to the Board, and they agreed. Mr. Gilmartin stated that he has big footsteps to fill but believes the ECCL's legacy and services will continue to improve the quality of life in Estero and surrounding communities.

**The meeting was adjourned 11:33 PM**

**Next ECCL meeting November 8th, 10 AM-12 PM at the [Estero Recreation Center](#)**