



ECCL Report: December 13th, 2019

190th meeting of the ECCL



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bonita Boats Parade of Lights** – Saturday, December 14th, 2019
- **Estero Health and Wellness Fair** – Lee Health Coconut Point – January 25th, 2020
- **Estero Heart Walk** – February 8th, 2020
- **Voter Registration Deadline** - Must register to vote by February 18th, 2020
- **Breaking Par JA Fundraiser at Grandezza** – March 19th and 20th, 2020
- **Estero Incorporation 5-year Celebration** – Save the date – March 21st, 2020

GUEST SPEAKER

Lee County District 3 Commissioner Ray Sandelli (accompanied by County Manager Roger Desjarlais)

- State and Federal activities regarding water quality are aligned. Lee County is working water quality issues thru 2 studies – Significant issues with Septic systems in Lee county and specifically near rivers and streams
- Discussed roads, mining, affordable housing, developer proportionate share (in lieu of impact fees) and impact fees. There is plenty of funding for roads through impact fees, gas taxes, and Proportionate share. For example, Wild Blue will pay the difference between the 45% impact fee amount and 100% through a proportional share. Lee County has a balanced budget with a reserve. The county may float a bond for Corkscrew Rd widening
- He confirmed that the potential location of a waste transfer station on the curve on Alico is a dead issue, although with the growth in south Lee there is still a need for a facility
- When thinking of impact fees, we must consider the entire county. While those in Estero and parts of Bonita can afford to pay full impact fees, locations such as Lehigh Acres residents may not be able to.
- A question was asked about the loss of funds because of lower impact fees and it was stated the School Board has never asked the county to raise impact fees for schools and does not expect a request anytime soon.

VILLAGE REPORT

Councilman Nick Batos

- Estero Parkway refurbishment to start Jan 2020 and last 1 year. Streetlights are included in the design
- US41 median landscaping working South to North

- Currently, Estero and Bonita Springs fall under the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) The Village is looking to move to the Big Cypress Area (covers Collier County)
- The Village annexed property off Coconut Rd, West of US41
- Estero Parks and Open Space Master Plan is in the draft stages and will be looking for citizen input
- Lee School District is working with the Village to create an Education and Recreation area between Estero High school and Estero Community park by building an elementary and middle school, and sports fields
 - The Village will build roads
- A Landscape plan is being developed for Via Coconut
- The Village will hire a planner to identify the uses of the 62-acre parcel on the NE corner of Corkscrew Rd and US 41
- A question was asked about what is being done for Coconut Rd west of US41. It's a challenging issue with 3 owners: The Village, Bonita Springs, and Lee County
Learn more about what's happening with the Village Council: <https://estero-fl.gov>

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COUNCIL - Chair, Mark Novitski, Acting

- Introduced Roslyn Gula as Co-Chair for Arts and Activities and Anthony Gigliotti as Co-Chair for Sports and Recreation

Learn more about our Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Recreation efforts on the ECCL website:

<https://esterotoday.com/arts>

Next meeting: Monday, January 6th, 4 pm, Lee County South Library (Three Oaks)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - Chair, Jim Tatooles

- New Members Welcome - Anyone interested in joining the Community Development Council should contact Jim at jetatooles@prodigy.net
- Briefed the groundbreaking of Aldi next to Walmart and the concept of the building facing the street and building with the rear of the building facing the street
- Highlighted the partnership with the Village on the community development database initiative
- Looking for volunteers and a chair for the community information best practices and lessons learned committee

Learn more about the Community Development Council: <http://esterotoday.com/development>

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan 9, 4:00 pm, at the Historical Society Cottage (Estero Community Park)

EDUCATION COUNCIL - Chair, Jeremy Jasper

- Junior Achievement in the Estero Area has 10% of the total efforts in Charlotte, Lee, and Collier counties.
- Estero Excellence in Education was a Celebration of the ambassadors and educators that made JA possible this past year. Special thanks to The Club at Grandezza and Lee Health
- At-Risk Mentor Program
 - Volunteers needed to invest in the future of a student by meeting with a student weekly for 20-30 minutes.
- Evening Under the Shadow Wood Estero High School Arts program fundraiser Dec 16th, 2019

Learn more about our education efforts on the ECCL website: <https://esterotoday.com/education>

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 20th, 2020, Noon, NavaED, 10600 Chevrolet Way #107

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL - Chair, Derrick Botana

- Council Reforming – If interested contact Derrick: derrick@bwboatclub.com
 - South Lee County Waste Transfer Station
 - Concern e-mail sent to Director, Lee County Water and Sewer Copies to Lee County BOCC Copies to Village of Estero Council members. Responses - phone calls and Facebook Post from Commissioners Pendergrass and Hamman
 - Still 2 issues: Although the potential location is no longer an issue (according to BOCC), the BOCC still plans a waste transfer station in South Lee; the earmarked property should be returned to the Conservation 20/20
- Learn more about our environmental efforts: <https://esterotoday.com/environmental>*

Next Meeting: Monday, January 27th, 2 pm, Bay Water Boat Club Corporate Office,
27499 Riverview Center Blvd., Bonita Springs FL 34134

TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL - Chair, Lou Frattarelli

- Corkscrew Road widening Project
 - Added a 6th Goal – Advocate with Village for an acceleration of Coconut Road West Improvements in 20/21
Learn more about our Transportation efforts: <https://esterotoday.com/transportation>
- Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16th, 2020, 9:30 a.m., FineMark Bank Coconut Road

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – Vice-Chair Jim Gallery

- Current Projects Summary
 - Target Research
 - ECCL Brand Development
 - Media Exposure Plan
 - Press Release Boilerplate
 - Estero Development Report (EDR) now Greater Estero Community Report (GECR) with Quarterly distribution
- Learn more about the ECCL's Health Council at the ECCL's website: <http://esterotoday.com/communications>*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Chief Membership Development Officer Barry Freedman

- Invited Community Representatives and Alternates to meet at Estero Country Club Tuesday, 7 Jan 2020, 08:30 to 10:00, Continental Breakfast
- ECCL representatives are available to come to your community to discuss the ECCL's vision, structure and value of being a member. Communities, please schedule your meetings
- Please consider joining the **Membership Committee!** Contact Barry at ecclmshp@gmail.com.

FINANCE & FUNDRAISING REPORT - Chief Financial Officer Larry Jones

- **Summary of Financial Report**
 - October total income of \$484 and \$1,642 in expenses resulting in a deficit of \$1,158 for the month
 - November Cash Balance: \$2,781
 - Invoices for 2020 dues will be sent this month
 - Working on grants
- For more details, view the full financial statements at the ECCL website: <http://esterotoday.com/reports/meetings-minutes>*

**Please join us for the next ECCL meeting, Friday, Jan 10th, 2020, 10:00 am at
Estero Parks & Recreation Center**