



## ECCL Report: January 10th, 2020

*191st meeting of the ECCL*



### NO VILLAGE REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Run to Home Base (helping Veterans with mental health)– Jet Blue Park - January 18th, 2020
- Estero Health and Wellness Fair – Estero Community Park – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- CELA TEGA 2020 – FGCU - January 25th, 2020
- Voter Registration Deadline - Must register to vote by February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Estero Forever Foundation’s Inaugural Celebration - at Grandezza – February 20th, 2020
- Breaking Par JA Fundraiser at Grandezza – March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Estero Incorporation 5-year Celebration – Estero Community Park - March 21st, 2020
- National Census Day is April 1, 2020

### ECCL EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM (EMT)

- Will ask Village Manager Steve Sarkozy to attend quarterly
- Reviewing 3 pages of notes from this week’s Rep’s and Alt’s meeting. Thanks to all for attending and providing input

**COO** - Reestablishing the Speakers Panel effort. More info to come

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COUNCIL - **CoChair, Anthony Gigliotti**

- Large interests and efforts warranted two Chairpersons
  - Arts and Activities
    - To work Visual Arts, Performing Arts / Community Theatre, Special Events /Activities, and Activities Calendar
  - Sports and Recreation
    - Village Parks and Open Space Plan
    - Updating study to determine the amount of open space we have outside the gated communities
    - Conservation 20/20 Larry Kiker Preserve access from Corkscrew Rd.
    - Need volunteers to realize these efforts

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

<https://esterotoday.com/arts>

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, Mar 4th, 2020, 4 pm, Estero Historical Society, Cottage (Estero Community Park)

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - Chair, Jim Tatooles**

- New Members Welcome - Anyone interested in joining the Community Development Council should contact Jim at [jetatooles@prodigy.net](mailto:jetatooles@prodigy.net)
- Briefed the Village Land Development Code and current development activity
- Forming a committee to support the Village on the community development database initiative
- Working to research and identify the area % of parks and open space in Estero
- Working to understand the data collection and publishing priorities (e.g. Survey of residential statistics)

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb 13, 4:00 pm, at the Historical Society Cottage (Estero Community Park)

### **EDUCATION COUNCIL - Chair, Jeremy Jasper**

- Estero Area Schools - Estero High School, Three Oaks Middle, Three Oaks Elementary, Pinewoods Elementary, Discovery Day Academy, and Athenian Academy
- Working with FGCU thru School of Entrepreneurship and CEO Academy
- At-Risk Mentor Program. Volunteers needed to invest in the future of a student by meeting with a student weekly for 20-30 minutes.
- Remember, the quality of schools directly impacts: Crime Rate and Property Values

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Noon, NavaED, 10600 Chevrolet Way #107

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL - Chair, Derrick Botana**

- Council Reforming – If interested contact Derrick: [derrick@bwboatclub.com](mailto:derrick@bwboatclub.com)
- Efforts underway
- Met with Dr. Ana Puszkina-Chevlin, Growing Climate Solutions, to discuss our mutual efforts
- Chair appointed by Commissioner Mann to the Lee County Conservation 20/20 Land Acquisition and Stewardship Advisory Committee (CLASAC)
- Attended the Lee County (CLASAC) Jan 2020 meeting
- Discussing sending a letter of concern to restore the proposed site of the transfer station to a conservation 20/20 property
- Working metrics on greater Estero Area needed septic tank conversions to sewer
- Announced the CELA TEGA (Calusa Indian term meaning “A view from high ground”) conference 2020 at FGCU

*Learn more about our environmental efforts:* <https://esterotoday.com/environmental>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 29th, 2 pm, Bay Water Boat Club Corporate Office,  
27499 Riverview Center Blvd., Bonita Springs FL 34134

### **HEALTH COUNCIL - Chair, Lowell Gerson**

- Health Education -
- Shingles (no prescription required) and Flu vaccines – get them.

Learn more about the ECCL's Health Council at the ECCL's website: <http://esterotoday.com/health>

Next Health Meeting: Friday, January 24th, 2:30 pm, Lee Health Coconut Point

### **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL - Chair, Lou Frattarelli**

- Village of Estero fiscal year 20/21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Process will change
  - More time and more workshops for Council/Public participation
  - All projects will be ranked.
  - The process will start in early February
- Current road projects within the village
  - Work started on Estero Parkway
  - Williams Rd/US 41 Studies - 4 options studied, all affect properties/businesses
  - River Ranch Road Improvements - Increase safety, capacity and traffic flow at Estero High School

- Williams Road Estero High Turn Lanes - Village and School district staff working timing issues
- Via Coconut Point Landscaping design should be completed by the end of 2020.
- FDOT & Village will host a Corkscrew Rd. widening project update February 26th, time TBD, Estero Rec Center
- A comment from the audience reinforced the power of residents speaking up and having the Village listen. This grassroots effort led to getting streetlights on Estero parkway

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
  - Web Site Project
  - Email Communications
- Greater Estero Community Report (GECR) with Quarterly distribution

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Chief Membership Development Officer Barry Freedman**

- ECCL Community/Organization Reps and Alternates successful
  - EMT and Councils shared expectations,
- Working with Community/Organization Reps and Alternates to get up to date contact info
- Working to build our e-mail list database
- Please consider joining the **Membership Committee!** Contact Barry at [ecclmshp@gmail.com](mailto:ecclmshp@gmail.com).

#### **FINANCE & FUNDRAISING REPORT - Chief Financial Officer Larry Jones**

- **Summary of Financial Report**
  - December total income of \$3,700 and \$1,828 in expenses resulting in a surplus of \$1,872 for the month
  - December Cash Balance: \$4,653
- 2019 ECCL major expenses: Web page operation, Content Marketing, and E-mail database expansion
- Don Eslick's retirement netted over \$10,000 to the ECCL Advocacy Foundation
  - For more details, view the full financial statements at the ECCL website:

<http://esterotoday.com/reports/meetings-minutes>

#### **GUEST SPEAKER, Ruth Watkins, President, BOD, Calusa Waterkeepers <https://calusawaterkeeper.org/>**

- John Cassini is their Staff Scientist
- Member of Waterkeepers Alliance (300+ strong worldwide)
- Their AOR is 1000 sq. miles from Lake O to the Gulf (5 Major tributaries to Estero Bay)
  - Estero River, Imperial River, Spring Creek, Mullock Creek, and Hendry Creek
  - All 5 tributaries are impaired
- The mission is to collect good scientific data – using their Ranger (trained individuals with/without boats) program – water quality monitoring
  - Nutrient Pollution
  - Fecal matter (need to understand human or animal) – Village of Estero funded FGCU study of Estero River to determine the source of fecal matter – need the source to solve
  - Data will help our cause to transition septic systems to sewer
  - Data presented will be refined to show graph over time – aka “time-based”
  - High monitoring readings result in advisories
  - Fecal matter in water is a bad thing – gastrointestinal issues
- Good information provided for Environmental Council to have facts for water quality advocacy

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Please join us for the next ECCL meeting, Friday, Feb 14th, 2020, 10:00 am at  
Estero Parks & Recreation Center**