

## MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, January 12, 2006

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Largent at 1:30PM. He welcomed everyone and thanked Gulf-To-Bay for allowing us to use their clubhouse. He treated us all with background music -- "Stuck on the Roundabout", a new CD just released by the popular local bard, Jim McCarthy. He then turned the meeting over to Stan Parker, Vice President, who gave us some humorous "wind" facts by way of introducing our speaker, Wayne Salade' Charlotte County Emergency Manager.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Salade' gave us an excellent and informative comparison of the many hurricanes that South Florida has suffered during the last two years. He did not attribute the increased numbers of hurricanes directly to global warming but described a cyclical pattern of hurricane clustering that has emerged during the last century. He also told us that the major coastal growth, from the 1960's to the present, occurred during periods of exceptionally light hurricane activity. He gave us some statistics from Hurricane Charley -- 93,000 householders lost power; 70,000 homes were damaged, and 5500 mobile homes were lost. He said newer mobile homes survived as did structures built since Hurricane Andrew caused higher building standards. Only 4 lives were lost in Charley. Mr. Salade' said any hurricane casualty was unnecessary, because we track the storms for days, although he has become increasingly concerned about the amount of high density construction planned for the coastal areas. His final caution to us all was to be prepared and to evacuate early. For information his office phone is 505-4620. There was a big hand for Wayne Salade'.

### SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Betty Ann Keiser gave the Treasurer's report. Our Treasury currently has a balance of \$8032.49.

### MSTU/BEAUTIFICATION

BJ Galberaith reported on the many projects that MSTU is currently working on. She asked for a volunteer to help research surveillance technology to help identify vandals or hit and run drivers in the Roundabout area. She said each broken light fixture costs us \$5000 to fix. Landscaping in the Roundabout area has started and will be completed within 120 days. There are also plans to light the basketball and volleyball courts at Chadwick during the winter when there are no turtle restrictions.

### MEMBERSHIP

Betty Sue Carroll reported that total membership was 458, and asked for help distributing the rest of the directories.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BJ Galberaith reported that the Architectural Guidelines and Signage ordinances will go before the BCC on Tuesday, January 17. She reviewed some of the projects this committee will take up in 2006.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Judy Hoffstatter read the list of nominations and asked for any from the floor. None were forthcoming. The following officers were elected by a show of hands: President: Wayne Largent; President-elect: Steve Stump; Vice President: Stan Parker; Secretary: Betty Sue Carroll; Treasurer: John Largent.

### OLD BUSINESS

The president reported that there had been progress in solving the Shell Sculpture lighting problems, and that it may be installed within 3 to 5 months. BJ Galberaith told us that nothing new had been done to get permission for the beach-side benches, and that the drainage project for the south end of the key was progressing.

### NEW BUSINESS

Wayne told us that there will be fire and emergency service to the Island during the summer bridge closing. It has not been finalized, but we will have full-time service with appropriate response times.

The next meeting will be in March, with a date to be announced. The guest speaker will be Mac Horton, retired Commissioner from our district.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.