

MINUTES OF SMKA MEETING JANUARY 12, 2009

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Steve Stump at 2:10 pm. He welcomed all in attendance and informed everyone that he had received a letter from Stan Parker. Stan stated that he was immediately resigning as vice president due to personal reasons. President Stump stated that a thank you letter would be prepared thanking Stan for his having served as vice president for many years.

GUEST SPEAKER President Stump introduced Jay Linden of the Englewood Water District (EWD). He has been the tech support manager since August 2001. He gave a brief history of the department which was created in 1959 by the Florida Legislature. He also displayed a map outlining the area of the EWD. The area includes the Buck Creek area, Manasota Key to the north...and to the east to Myakka Golf course: EWD also owns the sewer rights in East Englewood to the Home Depot. The water treatment facility is in Grove City.

The annual operating budget is \$8,000,000. The water usage rate was recently increased by 7%. Impact fees from new construction pay for additional lines etc. to serve the new construction requirements. Four years ago those fees totaled \$4,000,000, last year saw no growth and only generated \$400,000 as the developers/builders were not here/active. Impact fees are generally about \$3,000 for water and \$7,000 for sewer hookup for an individual house. The EWD also has a telemetry system to detect any problems at the lift station. Fire hydrants require 8 inch lines...south of the roundabout where a loop exists, the line is only 6 inches. There has to be an upgrade from the 6 inch to an 8 inch line in order to have a hydrant. A member of the audience asked whether it was 'normal' for water pressure to drop when more residents move into the condo where he lives. Mr. Linden said that depended upon the plumbing system the condo installed when built....the line pressure is always the same...55 to 60 psi, and pressure would be less on the third or fourth floor if line pressure wasn't adequately covered when the condo was built. This would have been a building permit issue. An owner at Sandpiper Key Condominiums asked about the work done last year on the water line on the Key. Mr. Linden stated that there had been a corrosion problem with a valve, and the wastewater line was covered with barnacles which ate away the pipe area. The cost of the 'fix' and new line which is about a quarter of a mile long to the mainland was \$300,000 and was done with a direction bore procedure. Mr. Linden stated that there was still a large area left for development, about 750 acres at the Thomas Ranch which can hold two to five thousand homes. Water usage rates were also discussed. Englewood has the lowest gallon per day usage according to SWFWMD...67 gallons per day per person...the high school and hospital are the largest users. If water were in short supply, reverse osmosis to obtain waters costs \$5/6 dollars per 1,000 gallons...there is less salt than Gulf water which would cost \$10 per 1,000 gallons. President Stump thanked Mr. Linden for attending the meeting and for his presentation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Randy Dahl, a member of the committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for the year. Steve Stump for President; Betty Sue Carroll for Database Manager; Joan Card for Secretary; John Largent for Treasurer.

As there was no nominee for vice president, President Stump called for nominations from the floor...and not just for v.p. but for any other position if someone cared to nominate someone not on the presented slate. Wayne Largent nominated Randy Dahl. Motion was made to second the nomination and a motion was made to close nominations ... motion was made to accept the slate as presented ... it was seconded...and unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Minutes from the last meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER Treasurer John Largent reported that the current balance is \$10,336.34.

MSTU As Mike McClain was not in attendance, President Stump stated that bids for planned projects should be coming in shortly.

MASKAC BJ Galberaith stated that she had received an invitation from the Lemon Bay Conservancy encouraging our members to consider joining the Conservancy. She then stated that the January 7 public meeting was 'designed' by County staff and not designed by the Advisory Committee. She apologized for the manner in which it was conducted. She elaborated upon certain areas of the overlay that were changed by County and informed the group of upcoming meetings re the overlay....Planning and Zoning on February 7 at 1:30...and the next Advisory Meeting on February 4 at 9:30. In closing, BJ encouraged everyone to 'make their voices heard' at the Board of County Commissioners meeting re the overlay.

MEMBERSHIP Betsy McCallum had the 2008 Membership books for anyone who had not received one.

PICNIC DATE Bonnie Littrell informed the group that the picnic would be held on Saturday, March 7 at Chadwick Park. Entertainment would be by a live classic rock group. She is also trying to solve some of the parking problems that were encountered last year.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for February 9 and Robert Skidmore is scheduled to be the speaker. However there is a conflict with the P&Z meeting re overlay. President Stump is going to check Skidmore's schedule as to when he would be available and President Stump will inform the membership of the date change.

Judy Hoffstatter, Acting Secretary