

ENGLEWOOD AREA PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (EAPAB)

Minutes of February 14, 2008 Meeting

A meeting of the Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board (EAPAB) was held on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at Lemon Bay Park, Englewood, at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present

Kreg Maheu, Chairman
Paul Phillips
Bill Coy
Bill Ealahan
Steve Samuels

Staff Present

Jeffrey Crimer, Charlotte County
Debbie Marks, Sarasota County
Jessi L. Pasternak, Sarasota County

Members Absent

Nita Edmonson-Cole, Vice Chair
Ken Kleinlein

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Maheu called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. and roll call was taken. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Jeffery Crimer from Charlotte County informed the board that the minutes were not complete yet. **Chairman Maheu** commented that the board would approve them at the March meeting.

Open to the Public

No public comments or questions.

Discussion Regarding the EAPAB Mission Statement

Chair Maheu agreed to table the discussion until next meeting so Vice-Chair Cole would be available to participate.

Establishment of EAPAB Priorities for 2008

Chair Maheu discussed some issues that he felt the Advisory Board needed to explore. Among these issues were water quality, an update from the Lemon Bay League or a staff member from the counties.

Chair Maheu also mentioned the TMDL issues, possibly having someone from the county update the Advisory Board. The idea of bringing the Englewood Water District and Southwest Florida Water Management District in for a discussion was also proposed. **Mr. Samuels** suggested contacting the Sarasota office of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The topic of River Road was discussed and **Chair Maheu** suggested having a member of the Task Force attend a meeting and update the Advisory Board. **Mr. Coy** spoke as a member of the River Road Task Force. He updated the board on the last task force meeting, and explained the importance of having lobbyist.

Chair Maheu continued by suggesting that a member of the Englewood Interagency Council attend a meeting to give an update. **Debbie Marks** volunteered an update since she is working as a liaison to organize all the interested parties. **Ms. Marks** informed the advisory board that the EIC is having a meeting on March 15th to look at the overall picture. The land has been donated, and the council is waiting for the comp plan amendment to come back this spring. **Ms. Marks** explained that there is federal grant money available now, so the group is anxious to

move forward. **Mr. Coy** expressed that this may be one project that actually is completed in the near future.

Taxes were another issue that **Chair Maheu** offered as a priority. **Mr. Maheu** reminded the board that **Commissioner Staub** suggested that the EAPAB discuss with the public areas where the county could cut funding since the Amendment 1 passed in January. **Chair Maheu** mentioned he would prefer to discuss this topic with staff first, and see the areas where the cuts are proposed to come from. Ms. Marks and Mr. Crimer suggested having the Chief Financial Officers from both Sarasota and Charlotte Counties to discuss the tax topic. Ms. Marks mentioned the May Advisory Board meeting maybe the best opportunity to have the staff at the board meetings.

Beach access and future sidewalks for Manasota Key was another priority that the EAPAB had mentioned. **Chair Maheu** suggested requesting someone from Sarasota County transportation, or Parks and Recreation to discuss the topic with the Advisory Board. He also commented on **Dorian Popescu's** presentation at the December board meeting. **Mr. Popescu** is currently obtaining signatures and would like to have a follow up conversation with the Advisory Board in the future.

Mr. Samuels discussed adding sustainability to the topics listed above.

Review/Comment to the EAPAB Brochure and Logo

Chair Maheu discussed the proposed brochure and logo that **Vice-Chair Nita Edmondson-Cole** created. **Mr. Samuels** supported the appearance of both items, however, he recommended including Charlotte County and **Jeffery Crimer** under the staff section. The issue of how to fund the brochure was presented, and **Ms. Marks** stated that she would research if there were funds set aside for the EAPAB. **Ms. Marks** encouraged **Mr. Crimer** to do the same in Charlotte County. **Paul Phillips** questioned if the brochure and logo had to be approved by the counties and the Board of County Commissioners. **Ms. Marks** explained that she has already sent the first brochure via e-mail to the North County staff to make them aware of it. **Mr. Crimer** commented that he has not notified Charlotte County staff yet, but would as well. **Chair Maheu** continued the conversation by correcting a few misspelled words on the brochure. The board discussed other changes and edited a copy to provide to **Vice-Chair Edmondson-Cole**.

Discussion Regarding Sidewalks on Manasota Beach Road

Ms. Marks gave an update that there is no funding at this time within the county. However, she did mention that Public Works is currently reprioritizing their sidewalk list.

CRA Update

Debbie Marks informed the board about the Englewood Mural Project and unveiling on February 23rd at 1pm, and the Dearborn Street Wine Walk will start at 2pm. The stormwater project is about 98% complete in design, but the project is still waiting on funding. The CRA just filled some properties with the planning department to have them rezoned for the RCTOD overlay. **Ms. Marks** mentioned that they should go before the planning board in the next month or two. The Sarasota County owned properties on Cherokee Street are scheduled to be burned by the fire department on February 26th and March 3rd. Prior to the burning and demolishing, Habitat for Humanity is removing all of the reusable materials and the fire department will be training in the houses. She briefly explained the planned passive park for the properties, and noted that the funding was from a WCIND grant. **Ms. Marks** also informed the group that the Englewood Clean Up is taking place on March 1st, sponsored by Sarasota County Code Enforcement.

Paul Phillips commented on the Dearborn Street Wine Walk and informed the Advisory Board that Dearborn Street will be closed this year since the event is double in size. Tickets are available at the Lemon Bay Play House or Vino Loco for \$45. The event is taking place on Saturday, February 23rd at 2pm.

Staff reports/Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open to Public

Don Schilke approached the board with a 3D scale model of the proposed Northern Anchor Project. Mr. Schilke discussed the background as to why OEVHA opposed the project.

Board Member Comments

Bill Ealahan: No Comment.

Paul Phillips: No Comment.

Steve Samuels: No Comment.

Bill Coy: Agreed that Mr. Schilke's presentation was a good representation of the Northern Anchor Project.

Agenda Topics for next Meeting

- Mission Statement.
- Brochure/logo review.
- Invite a staff member from S.C. Public Works to discuss the sidewalks.

Adjournment

Bill Coy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Bill Ealahan**. **Chair Maheu** adjourned the meeting at 10:43 am.