

BOARDROOM REPORT

Notes from recent REIS Board meetings

MEETING LOCATION AFFIRMED

Regular REIS monthly luncheon meetings will continue to be held at the Pelican Preserve Town Center throughout 2006.

MEMBERSHIP

Now have 48 on waiting list to become members. Membership renewal campaign to begin in November, for memberships to begin in January. Members are encouraged to check their contact information posted on web site (www.reis-swfl.org) and notify Bill Burdette (bill@burdetteinc.com; fax 936-1802) of any changes, in order that renewal information is sent to current address.

REIS – FGCU SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Revised criteria for scholarship awards to extend opportunity to residents/graduates of high schools in the 5-county area (Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry), which matches Florida Gulf Coast University's primary service area. Previously, scholarships were only offered to Lee County graduates.

\$425 is available for this year's award, from interest on the scholarship fund. Board agreed to add \$575 to raise this year's award to \$1,000.

REIS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

REIS bylaws amended to include all officers and board members as board members of "REIS Scholarship Foundation, Inc." Corporate documents for the Foundation have been filed and we've received a tax ID number for a 501 (c) (3) corporation, enabling the Foundation to receive charitable donations. The program is on track to begin later this year and details will be presented to the membership at the December meeting.

HORIZON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Rob Fowler, Jr. was appointed to represent REIS on the Horizon Council in 2006, replacing Russell Schropp.

2006 OFFICERS ELECTED

The following slate of officers and governors was elected at the October 11 meeting:

President: Stan Stouder
Vice President: Gerald Hendry
Treasurer: Steve Hartsell
Secretary: Rob Fowler, Jr.

Board of Governors:

Mary Gibbs Sharon Jenkins-Owen Jim Kinsey
Walter Serbon Cody Vaughn-Birch Hal Tate
Kevin Winter Frank Mullins (as past president)

NO LUNCHEON MEETING IN NOV. —

There will not be a REIS luncheon meeting in November, in favor of the annual party. Next luncheon meeting will be December 13, when Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall will discuss goals and challenges for the year ahead.

— SEE YOU AT THE PARTY!

REIS members and invited guests will gather on November 17th to celebrate the good times. The popular annual social event will take place amid the beautiful surroundings of the Heitman estate on the shore of the Caloosahatchee River. Mark your calendar and plan to kick off the holiday season with good cheer, food, drink and live music.

By Invitation only,
reservations required.

*Party Chairman
Gerald Hendry
welcomes
guests to last
year's festivities.*



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LEE SCHOOL IMPACT FEES

Lee commissioners are conducting public hearings on proposed increases in school impact fees, with the final hearing at 5:05 p.m. October 25th in Commission Chambers. Potential increases considered are:

Single-family – up 93%, from \$2,232 to \$4,309
Multi-family unit – up 147%, from \$691 to \$1,013

The impact fee study is available via a link posted at www.lee-county.com/dcd/

AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDIED

Lee County is developing an Affordable Housing Methodology Study to ascertain the effects of non-commercial development on affordable housing and consider policies to mitigate those effects. The study is available at www.lee-county.com/dcd/affordablehousing

Collier County's Affordable Housing Commission will discuss housing issues October 13 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 609, Collier County Development Services Center, 2800 N. Horseshoe Dr.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Collier County's Technical Advisory Committee and Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee will hold a joint subcommittee meeting to recommend regional priorities for state discretionary funds October 13 at Bonita Springs City Hall. Information available from Charles Barmby, MPO director, 774-8192.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Annual Southwest Florida Regional Economic Outlook Conference to be November 9 at Barbara B. Mann Hall in Fort Myers. Information: www.reo2005.com.



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"PAY AS YOU GROW" WORKSHOP

The state Dept. of Community Affairs and the SW Florida Regional Planning Council will conduct a workshop in Fort Myers on implementation of Florida's newly enacted growth management legislation. Topics include school planning, transportation, water supply, visioning, and fiscal impact analysis. The workshop is from 10 to 4, October 18 at the Planning Council offices in Fort Myers. Information: David Crawford, (239) 338-2550.

CENTURY COMMISSION APPOINTED

The state Dept. of Community Affairs named former department secretary Steve Siebert as Executive Director of the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida. Siebert will head a 15-member appointed commission that includes Dennis Gilkey, CEO of the Bonita Bay Group in Bonita Springs, and State Senator Michael Bennett of Bradenton. The Commission is charged with creating a vision for Florida's future over 25 and 50 year horizons. They will provide annual recommendations to the Governor and Legislature regarding growth, development policies, and community planning.

TOLL BOOTH AHEAD

Toll agency issues will be on the agenda when the Florida Transportation Council meets on October 26. The meeting is at the Center for Urban Transportation Research, College of Engineering, at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Information: (850) 414-4105.

Across the state, transportation officials are looking increasingly at tolls to fund highway improvements, including interstate highways.

In Southwest Florida, local governments are moving forward with plans to create a regional transportation authority, which could set the stage for implementation of toll lanes on I-75.



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