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BOARDROOM REPORT

News from recent REIS board meetings

Luncheon Programs:

There will not be a luncheon meeting in November, in favor of the Annual Social Event on November 15.

Bonita Springs City Manager Carl Schwing will be the guest speaker at the December 11 luncheon, sponsored by [Krise Commercial Group](#).

REIS welcomes suggestions for programs from members. Please convey your ideas to [Steve Hurley](#), 239.337.3330. Sponsorships for future luncheons, workshops and social events are available. Contact [Jean Gruss](#) for details. (239.275.2230).

Scholarship Programs:

The retiring members of the REIS Board of Governors, Roy Hyman, Robin Mixon, and Kevin M. Fitzgerald will be honored with \$25 donations from REIS to the REIS Scholarship Foundation. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the REIS Scholarship Foundation or the Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship Fund by year end.

Horizon Council:

Former REIS President Ron Inge was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Horizon Council's annual Industry Appreciation banquet in September.

The REIS board approved a \$500 donation to renew its membership in the Horizon Council for 2013.

Gala Social Event:

The REIS annual party will be at The Edison restaurant on November 15. To assist in planning or to reserve prime sponsorship positions contact Event Chair [Robin Mixon](#) at (239) 334-6870 or 872-3273.

Reception For Lee Commissioners:

The popular bi-annual reception will take place December 13th at Edison National Bank and will be sponsored by Edison National Bank and Henderson Franklin Attorneys at Law. This festive gathering is exclusively for REIS members and their guests.

ARE YOU READY FOR A PARTY?

Put on your sports gear, rally your team spirit, and join your fellow All Stars at the REIS All Star Tailgate Party! The Real Estate Investment Society's Gala Annual Party kicks off on November 15th at The Edison restaurant at Fort Myers Country Club. Game time is 5:30 - 8 pm. Relax, kick back and enjoy live music, great food, your favorite drinks, and a rousing good time exclusively for REIS members and their guests.

The party is \$30 for a REIS member and you may bring one guest for \$20. Reservations are required by 5 p.m., November 9th. Register at the [REIS website](#). You must log in on the home page in order to register.

The All Star Team of Sponsors includes: [Forge Engineering](#); [Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law](#); [Hans Wilson & Associates](#); and [Grandbridge Real Estate Capital](#). A few prime sponsorship positions remain available if you act quickly - contact Event Chair [Robin Mixon](#) at (239) 334- 6870 or 872-3273. Raffle items are also needed to benefit the REIS Scholarship Foundation.

2013 OFFICERS & BOARD ELECTED

The REIS 2013 officers and 3 new board members were elected at the October Luncheon Meeting:

President: Steve Hurley; David Douglas Associates
Vice President: Sean Ellis, Esq.; Roetzel & Andress, LPA
Treasurer: Matt Simmons, Maxwell & Hendry Valuation Services, Inc.
Secretary: Amanda Brock, Esq., Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, P.A.

Board of Governors: Jean Gruss, Gulf Coast Business Review; Randy Krise, Krise Commercial Group, LLC; Bev Larson, Lahaina Realty; Charles Mann, Esq., Pavese Law Firm; Karen Miller, HSA Engineers & Scientists; and Lisa Sands, VIP Realty - Commercial. Kim Donnelly, Reliance Bank FSB joins the Board as immediate past president.



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THE POWER OF A P3

Top government and real estate development experts explained how Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) can be a powerful option for community development at the REIS workshop, "Public-Private Partnerships – P3s" in September. The workshop was co-sponsored by **Lutgers College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University, Urban Land Institute (ULI), American Institute of Architects (AIA), and Lee Building Industry Association (BIA).** [Becker & Poliakoff, PA](#), was the

premier corporate sponsor. [HSA Engineers & Scientists](#) co-sponsored.



Lowell Clary, nationally acclaimed authority on P3s and former Assistant Secretary with FDOT, summarized pros and cons.



Don Paight, Executive Director of Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency, provided case studies of projects and financing strategies.



State Representative Trudi Williams, State Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, and Fort Myers Beach Town Manager Terry Stewart discuss legislative support for P3s. Senator Diaz will sponsor the Public-Private Partnership Act introduced by Representative Williams in the 2012 Legislative Session.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) presents a seminar on implementation of Florida's 2011 Growth Management Legislation on October 26. The discussion will be led by REIS members Dr. David W. Depew, of Morris-Depew Associates, and Neale Montgomery, Esq., of Pavese Law Firm. The seminar is from noon to 1:30 at the office of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and includes lunch. RSVP to Alexis Crespo, (239) 405-7777 or by [email](#).

EMERGING TRENDS 2013

ULI Southwest Florida presents the latest outlook on real estate trends, reported by Charles DiRocco, Director of Real Estate Research for PriceWaterhouseCoopers. A panel of Southwest Florida developers will provide local perspective following the report. Program takes place November 9. Details and registration at [ULI website](#).

NAPLES IMPACT FEES SUSPENDED

The North Naples Fire District is suspending impact fees for 12 months in an effort to encourage building in the district. Current fees are 99¢ psf for commercial buildings and 28¢ psf for residential.

EXTENDING LEE IMPACT FEE WAIVER

At their October 23rd meeting, Lee County Commissioners will consider extending the existing waiver on impact fees for change-of-use projects on commercial buildings. The existing waiver is set to expire in December. County staff is proposing extending the waiver for another 2 years. The meeting begins at 9:30 am in Commission Chambers in downtown Fort Myers.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The REIS Scholarship Foundation is currently seeking applicants for college scholarships. The scholarships are typically \$1000 each and are available to students at several of the area's colleges and universities. Criteria and contact information for the schools are posted on the [REIS website](#). The REIS Scholarship Foundation is a 501(C)3 charitable organization that may accept tax deductible contributions.

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