

REVISED October 10, 2017 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #12

Subject

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Briefings

None

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Reviewing Attorney

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Name: John Zimmerman
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Brief description of problem or concern:
Need for increased drainage maintenance & improvement
Recommend Stormwater Fee

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Name: ALAN GIBBELLIN
Address: _____
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Brief description of problem or concern:
State E. Home

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

October 10, 2017 (5th request)

PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS	Where are they
PACE PROGRAM and County SOLAR POLICY	Where are they
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	Where's the MONEY
NEW RIVER HIGH SCHOOL hardening	Tallahassee
CHARTER GOVERNMENT	Statuses
STABILT & 28TH STREET	Pollution and runoff
BIKE PATH # 1 Choice removed	Who did that
CONFEDERATE STATUTE	Repaired who paid
44th Street / 301 no timed lights	Why Not
Tree waste removable Chipped	Parks / Schools
Future Development	Citizen input

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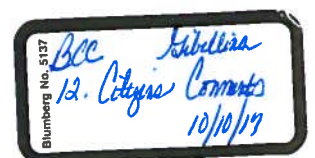
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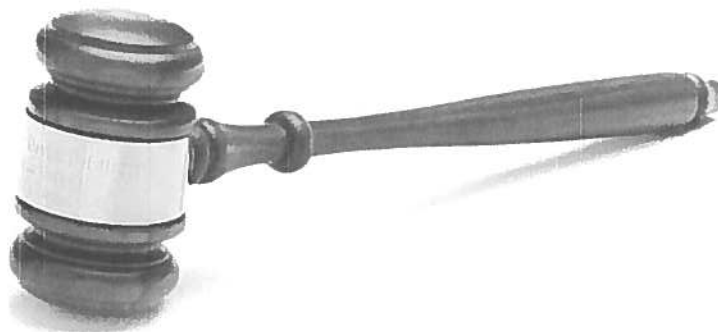


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Selection of next County Judge has no public input

OCTOBER 09, 2017 3:10 PM

Our next Manatee County Judge will be selected by Gov. Rick Scott, after being sent the final four from the local judicial review committee.

As a recent citizen sitting in on the selection process, I was dismayed when I approached the chairman to have input into the process with a question to the candidate. I was flatly denied any participation in the process. In fact, after each interview I was told to leave the chambers as “the board” needed to discuss the interview in private.

It’s a club, and the citizens and taxpayers who fund the judiciary aren’t in it. Yet we are supposed to rely on this board to ask the tough questions. I heard none. With folks like developer Pat Neal on the board, it’s hard to image that any of these candidates would be able to hear any of his cases.

The rules are set by the Florida Bar, a nonprofit corporation who dictate the judicial process. This is a red herring by any standards. We the People should be involved in the complete process including public forums on the final candidates. We do not. Lack of transparency and fairness of public input in this process is severely lacking.

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TRIP TO IND. POT TO PROM. AWARENESS -

RED RIBBON WEEK - TUE. 21 - PRIVATE CLUB
TRUCK FREE

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HOPE -> CHAIRMAN WANTED CHAIR ->
LATE LUNCH - 1979 - BOSTON WALKER & MAD

However, that plan uses dated population numbers, putting Manatee County's population at 331,525. The most recent U.S. Census estimate puts Manatee County's population closer 375,000 residents. The Emergency Shelter Plan also states that the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) area to our south has "extreme deficits in shelter capacity." In other words, if hurricanes continue to expand in frequency and intensity, the likelihood grows that residents to the south will flee north. Many will stop in Manatee County for shelter where space, we know, is already limited. (Please see attached local media reports regarding shelter shortage in Manatee County.)

The storm brought with it many important lessons, but none were more evident than the critical role emergency shelters have in a coastal community like ours. I hope you will agree with the Manatee County Commission's determination that additional shelter space is needed in our community.

I write to ask for the School Board's support in creating more shelter space for Manatee County residents. To that end, we ask for a postponement of design and construction for the new middle and elementary schools planned in Parrish. We understand plans for the new North County High School have progressed to a point that hurricane hardening will bring additional expense. However, there is still time to build the new middle and elementary schools to hurricane shelter standards.

We hope the School Board will join the County Commission this fall in requesting that the state use more accurate population statistics to make hurricane shelter space recommendations, and that the state consider modifying the geographic boundaries pursuant to which shelter capacity is analyzed. We also ask that you join us in a request for state funding to harden your new schools, so they may be built to accommodate evacuees in the future. We understand that local resources are scarce, and we believe that the issue of creating sufficient shelter space for Floridians in vulnerable areas should be a state responsibility.

We were fortunate to avoid a direct impact from Hurricane Irma, and that there was no need for heightened evacuation orders. But that storm underscored an important passage from the 2016 Plan that states, "it is critical that new school facilities be appropriately designed and located to serve the required emergency function." The time to create additional hurricane shelter space is now.

Thank you again for your past and ongoing support of our community's needs and public safety pursuits.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Betsy Benac
Chairman

THIS IS THE SOLUTION!
COURTY BUILDINGS!
WHAT ABOUT COURTY BUILDINGS!
THIS BUILDING, NEW TRANSIT FAC.
& OTHERS. - PORT BUILDINGS.



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THE RECORD.

MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

September 26, 2017

Manatee County School Board Chairman Charlie Kennedy
School District of Manatee County
215 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Dear Chairman Kennedy,

On behalf of the County Commission, I extend our sincere appreciation to you for the outstanding support role Manatee County School District played during Hurricane Irma and Manatee County's largest ever emergency evacuation. As they have proven to be in the past, Dr. Greene and School District personnel were invaluable partners throughout the storm and in the days leading up to it. Many thanks to those who opened and staffed the shelters. That action ensured the safety of 25,000 people and thousands of pets who sought security in the temporary shelters that are our community's school facilities.

Those large numbers of people, however, were only a portion of the thousands who live in areas that were placed under mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders. In the two days that passed from the time the initial evacuation notice was sent and the storm's arrival, our shelters reached 70 percent capacity. Had conditions warranted, evacuation orders may have expanded prompting many thousands more to leave their homes for shelters.

In an emergency, hurricane shelter space is a precious commodity and the County Commission believes there is a mounting need for additional shelter space to accommodate Manatee County's fast-growing population. Further complicating our shelter situation is the historical pattern of hurricanes as referenced in the 2017 Florida Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program's Evacuation Analysis (<http://www.wftrpc.org/programs/evacuation-study>). The report recognizes typical hurricane movements (south to north) and that evacuees seek shelter to the north.

A community's shelter space requirements are dictated by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and updated bi-annual in the Statewide Emergency Shelter plan. The most recent version of this report, the 2016 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan (<http://www.floridadisaster.org/Response/engineers/SESPlans/2016SESPlan/>) encompasses the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's (TBRPC) geographic area for its study. The report states that the TBRPC area has a surplus of general population shelter capacity and a deficit in special needs shelter capacity.

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Brief description of problem or concern:

Thank you and announcing new Habitat Community
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