

APRIL 21, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION at the Parrish Community Center, 7006 122nd Avenue East, Parrish, Florida 34219 at 6:16 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Carol Whitmore, Chairman
John R. Chappie, First Vice-Chairman
Lawrence E. Bustle, Jr., Second Vice-Chairman
Michael Gallen, Third Vice-Chairman
Robin DiSabatino
Donna Hayes
Joe McClash

Also present were:

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
Maureen Sikora, Deputy County Attorney
Diane Vollmer, Board Records Supervisor,
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

Invocation by Pastor Ron Kutenski.

AGENDA

Agenda of April 21, 2011.

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ROCKY BLUFF LIBRARY

Ben Jordan, Parrish Civic Association President, thanked the Commissioners for considering purchasing the Roaring '20s restaurant, the future home of the Rocky Bluff Library.

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PARRISH YMCA

Mr. Jordan introduced **Jackie Riordan**, YMCA Membership Director.

Ms. Riordan gave an overview of the programs and activities provided by the Parrish YMCA, and noted there are 1,032 members. The Annual Scholarship Campaign is underway, which supported 154 families for Summer Camp in 2010.

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FORT HAMER ROWING FACILITY

Mr. Jordan recognized of the Palmetto Rowing Team. Harvard University and North Eastern College have already used the Fort Hamer rowing facility, and both have made future reservations. There are 120 colleges in the United States with rowing teams.

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FLORIDA RAILROAD EXPERIENCE PROJECT

Mr. Jordan reported the Florida Railroad Experience project would combine the Florida Railroad Museum and Real Rail aka Sarasota Model Railroad Club in one location. Eleven acres have been purchased, and a verbal agreement has been reached with Florida Power & Light (FP&L) to extend the use of the rail line from Parrish to Willow, Florida. He noted 15,000 people visited the "Thomas the Tank" event over the past two weekends.

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THE FUTURE OF PARRISH

Mr. Jordan introduced **Tami Vaughn**, Parrish Planning Committee, and reviewed some of her accomplishments within the Parrish community.

Ms. Vaughn introduced members of the Parrish Planning Committee, and gave a presentation on the history, needs, and goals of Parrish. Prospective businesses have indicated a sewer system is needed before consideration could be given to relocate in the area.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erie Road

Ms. Vaughn distributed photographs and correspondence regarding the need for clean-up by Peace River Electric Cooperative around the power poles on Erie Road. [BC20110421DOC004](#)

Fort Hamer Bridge

Mary Lou Kovac submitted a letter suggesting relocation of the Fort Hamer Bridge.

Christine Sims submitted correspondence pertaining to the negative impacts the Fort Hamer Bridge would have to the area.

Dick Herr, James Joiner, and Nancy Cole voiced opposition to the Fort Hamer Bridge.

Jackie Felix submitted a letter of support from the Parrish Professionals Organization, and Jim Parks, Parrish General Supply Store, spoke in support of the Fort Hamer Bridge.

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U.S. 301

JoAnn Rogers voiced her concern about speeding on U.S. 301 even though the speed limit is 30 miles per hour. She inquired as to the installation of speed bumps.

Mr. Parks stated traffic needs to remain on U.S. 301 and not be rerouted through other areas.

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Fort Hamer Rowing Facility (Continued)

Anthony Catlett stated the Palmetto Rowing Club is accepting donations and holding fundraising events to purchase new boats, noting one boat costs \$45,000.

Dianna King spoke in support of the Palmetto Rowing Club.

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High School

Betsy Farrance inquired about plans for a new high school.

Discussion: Contact Manatee County School Board; not part of the five year plan; etc.

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Drainage Issues

Mr. Parks stated there are drainage issues in the community that need to be addressed.

Teresa Giles, P. J. Sandwich Shop, stated the lot across from her business floods during rain events due to lack of drainage.

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25th Street East

Glyndell Hadaway stated a request for development on 25th Street East (Lyntnor Road) will be presented to the Board, and the interests of the Parrish Community should be considered when approving future developments.

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Parrish Village Ordinance

Alan Jones, Jones Potato Farm, explained that water, sewer, and traffic are the main problems in Parrish, and suggested implementing a Parrish Village Ordinance.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 7:43 p.m.
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Minutes Approved: June 2, 2011