

Men's Coffee Group Minutes – August 27 2013

The meeting called to order at 9:08 am. John Adams opened the meeting with a discussion on lightning strikes and possible methods to avoid damage to our homes. It was reported that at least two lightning strikes have caused damage to two homes in our community.

Lightning rods can be installed with approval from the Architectural Committee. Whole-house surge protectors, as well as individual appliance surge protectors, can minimize damage to appliances, computers, etc. Whole-house surge protectors can be leased through Florida Power and Light for a \$10.00 a month charge.

Fred Forbes (Bonita East Stake Holders Member) reported that a home (the fourth in recent weeks) was broken into in the Worthington Community. The discussion then turned to simple measures that can be taken to minimize theft. Use your alarm, kept lights on, or put on timers, use the signs provided by ADT, lock windows and doors, etc. During the cool winter months, when windows are likely to be open, add a second contact strip so that you can keep windows cracked.

Jim Bridges reported on a recent trip he made to our sister community , Verona Walk. Jim mentioned that their restaurant had been nicely updated. This was accomplished through the use of both HOA and private funding. The private funding cntributions came from the two operators of the restaurant who are Verona Walk residents.

Jim also mentioned that Verona Walk has started its turn over of the HOA, and should be completed in March of 2014.

One of our members, Michael Pace, reported that a Lee County take over of Bonita Beach Road is possible! Pulte needs to file an application for take over with Lee County. In turn, Lee County would then make sure the road meets their standards. This needs to be done prior to turnover of HOA to residents. Michael will continue to follow up on this issue.

Kathryn also approached Pulte on installing a card swipe security system in common areas i.e., pool, gym, club house, etc. The cost would be approximately \$21,000. Pulte declined. Kathryn is now going to see if she can get Pulte to approve a referendum vote for a \$13. – one time assessment – from the home owners to cover the cost of such a system. Members reported that Island Walk has installed a similar system, and they will check to see if the residents are satisfied with its performance.

Kathryn reported that our landscaping and irrigation contracts have been put up for bid. We have received six sealed bids – Mainscape being one of them. All bids must be received by September 1st. One of our members reported that he was very satisfied with Mainscape and their new "Direct Contact" format.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am