

Men's Coffee Group Minutes – July 9 2013

Jim Bridges called the meeting at 9:00 am and introduced our invited speaker, Bill Lonkart. Bill is the District 6 (Village Walk's district) representative to the Bonita Springs City Council. He is very knowledgeable about current activities regarding Bonita Springs. We had sent him a list of topics that are of interest to VW which he addressed in turn and answered questions as well.

- * Will Walmart build west of Hunter's Ridge or at Bonita Beach Rd and Bonita Grande? Not at this time.
- * Will the Quarry Property (end of Bonita Grande) be developed? There will have to be major changes to roads and bridges among other things. It will be taken up by City Commissioners.
- * The construction at Palmira They are building 152 units with some commercial units. There is a problem with where an entry will be placed.
- * Logan Road. Possibility completed 2016. It is planned for 2 lanes. First property in Collier (297 units) need to be constructed.
- * Land to our east. It is planned for an 18 hole golf course. Maybe in the next 3 years.
- * When will the city / county government maintain Bonita Beach Road along side VW? Bill did not have an answer and will get back to us.
- * What is being done on old 41 north? In 2000 the city bought 5.7 acres near Riverside Park. It will become an open park area.
- * Will the dog track become a casino? It needs state approval. But the name will be changed to Bonita Springs Greyhound Track.
- * Did Bonita Springs try to attract Hertz to the city. Yes, but as you know Bonita Springs was not selected.
- * What is the current construction activity? We have 1500 units committed in 8 different areas. This will greatly help the tax base.
- * A comedy club is planned for Bonita Beach Rd and Imperial Rd but still needs financing.
- * Seventy percent of the homes in the city are in gated communities.
- * What about landscaping on Imperial Rd? The city maintenance ends at Terry. Any grass cutting north of Terry belongs to Lee County.
- * Pelican Landing property. 800 units of the 2200 are in Estero fire district and Zip code 34134. In February or March next year the residences will vote on joining Bonita Springs.

Bill suggested we read the Spotlight Publication. It has many local articles and local advertisers. He told us how to know you are in Bonita Springs by the type of streetlights. The poles are black.

Bill Packard talked about the Nextdoor Village Walk web site. It is set up as community bulletin board for passing and receiving messages.

Meeting ended at 9:40.