

Men's Coffee Group Minutes – June 24, 2014

Moderator: Trevor Barton. The meeting commenced at 9:00 am and opened with a question and answer period.

Craig Musick explained that he had been having trouble with hot and cold water going to his washing machine. The problem was resolved by replacing the water control valve in the rear of the machine. The valve can be easily replaced by the home owner. The valve can be found on Amazon at the cost of \$54. or found locally at a plumbing supply store for approximately \$75.

Craig also suggested that home owners should check the water supply hoses, as our homes are getting older and hoses do wear.

Another member mentioned that he found a number of tie down bolts, holding the stainless steel cables in his pool cage, loose and degrading. It would be wise for homeowners to check theirs, and if necessary ,have repaired before the height of the hurricane season.

Les Lutz reported that his roof (previously mentioned in earlier Men's Minutes) has cleaned up very well, and he is fully satisfied with the "Clean Up Group" who performed the work.

A member reported that if one has the desire to try a Do It Yourself Clean Up of their roof, there are similar biodegradable products sold over the counter.

The discussion then moved to the construction gate. A home owner complained that an unwelcomed person came through the gate and parked on his property. In the past, he had some conflicts with this person. The home owner asked about having a guard, either paid or a volunteer, at the gate during business hours. It was explained that Pulte has refused to allow any security of the gate in the past. It was also suggested that the police should have been called in such a situation. Once again, it was stressed that we do have ADT Alarm services, and the alarm system should be used by all home owners.

A brief discussion about ADT then followed. In order for our alarm systems to work with the Central System, home owners must be connected through a hard wired phone, i.e. Comcast or Century Link. They will not work with internet systems like Vonage and others. If a home owner does not have a wired phone service, the alarm will still work (audible) when turned on. Mike Pace mentioned that the ADT Contract, as well as all other contracts, are being reviewed by the Transition Committee.

Mike Pace mentioned that a new reporting process on Mainscape's Maintenance schedule has been initiated. This new process will allow property owners to know when Mainscape will be performing maintenance on their block.

Jim Bridges reported that the construction gate will be replaced with a steel gate and lock box for emergency access when construction is completed. A member asked if a second entrance could be provided along Logan Blvd. once completed. Jim Bridges stated that after turn over, we can address this issue. Jim also mentioned that San Remos (our neighboring community) has also expressed an interest in a second gate along Logan Blvd. for their community.

Ray Youmanns reported on our Community CERT Program (Community Emergency Response Team). We presently have 35 to 40 members trained by the Bonita Springs Fire Dept., and new members are always welcome. The Training Course is a two day affair, and is given on an on-going basis.

Kathryn Halas (Our Town Manager) joined the meeting at this time. Kathryn reported that we are having problems with algae in our front ponds. They are being treated (sprayed) for "Hydilla" (an invasive plant) every two weeks. If anyone sees any unusual plant growth in their retention pond, please report it to Kathryn's office.

Kathryn mentioned that rumors have been circulating around our community that the Transition Committee has the power to fire or lay off Village Walk Personnel. She reported that this is simply not true. The Transition Committee has not, nor has the power to fire any personnel.

Kathryn was happy to report that 3 automated doors have been approved, and will be installed in our Community Center.

Kathryn asked the Group about our thoughts on additional parking for Golf Carts near the community pool and the health club facilities. These additional spots would not involve any existing automobile parking places. After some discussion on the pros and cons of additional spaces, it was decided that further discussion is necessary, and should be addressed in the upcoming season.

Kathryn also reported a roof leak outside the Railhead Restaurant. The leak should be fixed by next week.

Les Lutz mentioned that he would like to look at records involving Board changes to our Community Documents. These involve Board decisions, i.e., cleaning of roofs, painting and installation of hurricane shutters, painting of houses, etc. Kathryn said she would be happy to help Les, and would be willing to make any copies he requests.

A member asked if there was any move to make directional changes in our parking lot areas. Kathryn stated that any such change would have to be approved by DOT, and we are not addressing any changes at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Note: A special thanks to Dave Varano, a Village Walk Resident and owner of AAMCO, for supplying the coffee for our Men's Club Meeting.