

Dec 4, 2007 General Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was opened by President Cathy Hendrickson at 7:05 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Old Business Cathy Hendrickson asked for a motion to delete the words “with a maximum of three consecutive terms.” from section 5.2 under article V of the bylaws. This suggested change in the bylaws had been announced at the November 2007 general meeting. Motion was made by Anna Stober and seconded by Leo Amos. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Hendrickson reminded members that the January meeting will be held on January 8th at the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church instead of the Elks due to the fact that the first Tuesday happens to be New Years Day.

Hendrickson asked the Ben Dugger and two friends to collect the ballots for board members. After doing so, Ben Dugger tabulated the ballots. Results were: Out of 28 ballots cast, Hendrickson 27, Aldridge 28, Anderson 28, Griffin 26, Kneeland 28, Lukasek 25 and O’Connell 26. All of the candidates suggested by the nominating committee were elected. The Board for the coming year will consist of Kathryn Aldridge, Patsy Anderson, Brian Griffin, Cathy Hendrickson, Max Hughson, Christine Kneeland, Dave Lukasek, Bill Mantis, Jim O’Connell, Glen Roberts and Roger Wood.

Phil Buchanan then gave the membership an update on what has happened so far with enforcement of the destruction of Willow Lake. We are disappointed with most of the response of most agencies who simply seem to be ignoring the 1990 study and the US Fish and Wildlife Wetlands Mapper data showing a wetland. The Corps of Engineers has stated that they believe there was some six acres of jurisdictional wetland which they will proceed with enforcement actions on. The South Florida Water Management District apparently only looked at a short one page letter by the applicant to determine what was there and to issue a clearing permit. Details of Phil’s address are posted on the GPICA web site.

Phil stated that he had received a protest email from Weintraub’s attorney about material published on the GPICA web site. His position is that there may be only one or two minor changes required which we will repost to the web site.

Phil showed the results of a document request he had made to the SFWMD for all the info in their files on the Willow Lake permit. Only two documents were provided to him – the short letter from their engineer and a very poor quality, undated aerial photograph.

Phil discussed some of the possible “restoration” scenarios which may result, none of which will actually restore the wetland which was there.

Phil suggested that citizens continue to express their concern to the various agencies that this situation be rectified and not allowed to happen again. Contact names are on the web site.

Phil pointed out that the special application for rezoning had been resubmitted after one failed attempt by Treeco but, as of this date, had not been deemed “sufficient” and was unlikely to be deemed sufficient until the matter of Willow Lake has been resolved.

President Hendrickson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous general meeting. Moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Hendrickson introduced new board member Kathryn Aldridge who briefly discussed the committee she is forming to look into the beautification of Pine Island Center. More on this will be discussed in following meetings and those willing to participate are asked to contact Kathryn Aldridge.

Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Dave Lukasek

