

October 7, 2008 General Meeting Minutes • Greater Pine Island Civic Association

The Meeting was opened by Vice President Bill Mantis at 7:05 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Phil Buchanan introduced Matt Noble of Lee county Planning Department who talked about the need to rezone the property on which the Ruby Gill House and the Pineland Post Office sits in order to comply with the historic nature and the fact that it is 20/20 Preservation property. He requested a vote of the GPICA to rezone the property to CS3. A few questions were asked, then a motion was made, seconded and a vote taken to allow rezoning of the property. The vote was 45 in favor and none against to rezone. Bill Marquardt thanked the members and commented on their efforts on their restoration of the Gill House by Randell Research Center.

Phil Buchanan then spoke about the status of the current developments. Following those comments he discussed the October 31st hearing regarding the appeal by the Palms of Pine Island for their proposed "farmworker housing" project. Bill Mantis discussed what county staff told him about how the hearing will be geared toward getting a compromise on the project which would then go before the county commission. A discussion ensued and audience members commented on their thoughts about the hearing, the process and the reasons why the project is a bad idea.

Bill Mantis gave the Treasure's Report. He invited candidates for Board Member positions for the December elections.

Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Dave Lukasek
Secretary