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**BAYSHORE GARDENS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
MANATEE COUNTY DISTRICT 4 TOWN HALL MARCH 20, 2019**

Sharon Denson opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 6:15 PM. Sharon Denson, Bayshore Gardens (BG) Trustee Chairman, introduced BG Trustees in attendance: Barbara Susdorf, Belle Baxter, Steve Watkins, Terry Zimmerly, and Jim Frost. Sharon introduced Duane Trotter, Trailer Estates Trustee.

Misty Servia explained that the Town Hall was combined with Bayshore Gardens' Meeting to save time and receive the two questions that Bayshore Gardens Trustees had for the County. Misty stated that this is a meeting that she plans to host once a year as it requires a lot of commitment and time from the County Staff. She said that she is open to smaller meetings anytime. She asked that she be called for meetings and she will be available. Misty continued that they are here to listen to the community's questions and concerns and answer them if they can and for things they cannot answer, they will research it and get back with the answers. She asked that everyone give their contact information on the signup sheet at the table as it is a way the County can stay in touch and let you know things that are happening in District 4. She said she is proud to represent this District and thank you very much. She said we can contact her by phone at the county, email, and Facebook. She said that in the back of the room there are mostly high level people from Manatee County: Department Directors and Health Department representatives to answer any questions. She introduced some of the County employees: Cheri Coryea, Acting County Administrator who will arrive later; Ava Ehde, Neighborhood Services; Debbie DeLeon, Neighborhood Services; John Barnott, Building & Development Services; Mike Gore, Utilities Director; Chad Butzow, Public Works Director; Robert Smith, Public Safety Director; Charlie Bishop, Property Management, Maintenance Department: a representative for Charlie Hunsicker, Parks and Natural Resources; Geri Lopez, Redevelopment Economic Opportunity Director; Elliot Falcone arriving later, tourist development agency (Convention & Visitor Bureau); Rodney Barnes, Human Resources Personnel; Paul Alexander may arrive later, Information Technology Services Director; Jan Brewer, Financial Department Director; Ogden Clark, Neighborhood Connections; Steve Litschauer, Emergency Management; Paul DiCicco, Emergency Medical Services; Larry Luh, Emergency Management Services; Sheri Smith, Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners who did the hard work getting this meeting together; Matt Porter, Parks and Natural Resources; Dr. Jennifer Bencie – County Health Officer with Kristine Aviles – Epidemiologist, Tom Larkin – Environmental Health Director; and Tom Iovino – Communications Director.

Misty asked the Bayshore Gardens Trustees to give there two questions, then the County will take anyone's questions from the podium and get the right person to respond to them and lastly if a person would not like to ask in person they can fill out a yellow piece of paper.

Q1 -Sharon Denson Chair of Bayshore Gardens Board of Trustees, said she are appreciative of the county coming to answer question. She said that Bayshore is preparing to dredge the marina and put in new docks. She stated the canal that runs between their marina and Trailer Estates has been a problem for a long time and is more like a sandbox than a canal. She said that when the marina is dredge all of that material will dump into the marina as it did after Trailer Estates dredged theirs. She continued that since the canal belongs to the county, they would like the county to participate in funding the dredging of that area of the canal to alleviate the problem. She said it is an expensive for Bayshore Gardens and Trailer Estates if assuming all of the costs for canal dredging.

A1 - Misty introduced John Osborne, new Assistant County Administrator. John gave the answer: Historically Manatee County had been involved with some dredging projects around the county. During the recession the projects ended. They had some timing issues with the projects. They went through a Municipal Services Benefit Unit processes, which basically the people that benefited from the work taxed themselves to pay the county back in seven to ten years. The projects silted back in early in the process. There were design and contractor issues. County Commissioners may consider getting back involved with that process. The project process would entail to petition the community where a majority of the people would have to want to do it and bring it before the Board for direction to proceed and the people would need to pay the county back for the majority of the expense for typically a seven year period.

Q2 Follow-up question - from Duane Trotter, Trustee for Trailer Estates, wanted to know if he needed to get a petition from all residents of Trailer Estates or just the majority vote of the Trustees to approach the county.

A2- The process now is a petition process and needs to be from the residents. John said the Board has not done one in a long time and whether the Board wants to do this or not needs decided. Mr. Trotter stated that he does not want to put another half million dollars into dredging their marina and have it fill in again.

Q3 – Sharon Denson, Chair of Bayshore Gardens Trustees, said the county gave a presentation on relocating the lift station and she asked if there is any further information to share and bring them up to date on where we stand on it.

A3- Mike Gore, Director of Utilities, stated that a response to that question should have been sent within the last 24 hours. He will take questions and get back to her. Sharon said that anything he can share will be a public record so everyone can see it. Jim Frost, Trustee of Bayshore Gardens asked for a brief synopsis of what will happen. Mike Gore said that there has been a lot of work in the area and this is one of the oldest systems in the county. He said the lift station is not keeping up with the flow, the elevation isn't correct, and pipes downsized. He stated that the project probably won't happen until 2024 so their idea was to reach out and try to find a place that everyone would agree it could be. He said they have received ten question or so that they will respond to.

Sharon Danson asked those who want to ask a question of the county to go to the podium.

Q4- Gayle Bradford, 30+ year resident of Bayshore, asked why the residents would be required to fund the dredging of the county's drain (canal). He said there is a number of county drains that drain into it. He has seen where it has been dredged and seen Trailer Estates marina dredging, and it does fill in quickly. He asked why it would be funded by the community when that drain is coming from multiple locations, a long way. He feels, from the county's prospective, it should be part of the county planning on a long-term basis.

A4 - There has been some instances that had several outfalls that contributed to the sediment loading where the county did a participation. He said it depends on the actual canal and where it is at. He said they could have comprehensive engineering look at it. He said we have to be fair with the taxpayers that don't live in this area that would be participating in the cost. There is navigational dredging verses ensuring drainage flow. The business that was discontinued was dredging for navigational purposes. The county still maintain their canals for storm water maintenance. The Storm Water Maintenance Program is to intercept materials before it gets to that level. Gayle responded that the navigational purpose is only a portion and some neighbors' navigation are impacted by the silt. He said there are two parts to it.

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The sediment from the county drains builds up and then impacts navigation. The county requested Gayle's name, number, and the specific drain he is talking about to see if it is in the cleaning program. The county does not end-to-end dredge a drain in their program. Gayle said that there has been several trash and plastic cleanups in the area and there is a lot more to it than just navigation. Jim Frost said that sometimes there is some SWFWD funds and wondered if these and others were looked into. Misty said John will look into this possibility.

Misty introduced Dr. Scott Hopes and Charlie Kennedy from the School Board.

Q5 - Debbie Korell, Bayshore resident, asked if the change in the code is going to double the density in our neighborhoods and why the county thinks this is good for Bayshore Gardens residents.

A5 - John Barnott said in review of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code they found the Comprehensive Plan had a lot of a things that really belonged in the Land Development Code, zoning code. The county made an effort to clean up the Comprehensive Plan first. He said the density should be in the Land Development Code, not the Comprehensive code. The density is not doubling for Bayshore Gardens. Debbie said she thinks there is misunderstanding because of general misinformation and asked for an explanation of the density, building multi residents on smaller pieces of property and multi-story properties next to one story property. John said the Urban Corridor Plan was adopted a couple years ago that identifies certain corridors in your area where you can have some additional density if you have a mixed use project (commercial/residential). Thursday night at 5:00 PM there is a meeting on the Land Development Code improvements. In that code there is additional provisions for affordable housing. This will not affect the homeowners of Bayshore. The corridors are on parts of US-41, Manatee Avenue, etc.

Misty introduced Commissioners Betsy Benac and Carol Whitmore.

Q6 - Stacy, new Bayshore Gardens resident and manages a mobile Home park nearby, stated that the Manager of the Florida Blvd project (Tony Russo) was helpful and did a good job and thanked Misty for connecting her to him. She asked what will be done with the flooding at Florida Blvd and Clemson with the project almost completed. She said that light rain Saturday caused major floods on the corner. She said there is a big 'High Water' sign in her front yard.

A6 - Mike Gore said he would research and call her tomorrow.

Q7 – Eddie Barber, Trailer Estates, is a Retired Emergency Manager lives in Michigan with 31 years in law enforcement. He said he lives on the canal and the canal is the problem. He said it is over ten miles long and in 17 years he has TV sets, Christmas Trees, and a palm tree (last year-yet there are no palms before the bridge). He said there are 2-4' culverts in the canal. One broke last year, Manatee County fixed the culvert and then blew the sand into the canal. He notified the County of this. He said the problem is the canal (named Cedar Hammock, Bowlees Creek, etc) runs 4-5 miles long. He contacted Venice coastal waterway people who said if there was a gas station on the end of the canal they would dredge it for free using everyone's tax dollars since everyone is taxed for coastal waterway cleanup. He said there is a gas station on one of those outlets and asked Manatee County to research it further and clean the canal as thousands of bottles, cans and TV sets float down there during heavy rains.

A7 – John Barnott said he is taking notes and get back with him.

Q8 – Holly Clouse, a Bayshore resident (had ten questions but is asking only one now), said her biggest concern is there have been numerous times when well educated constituents have voiced concerns over development. She said the lift station is a small microcosm of that and yet we are not heard and our input is not valued. She asked how we turn this corner. Her example was the research of the previously speaker did to find out that that we can get money from WCIND and there is TIF money. She said it is not a question but a plea. She stated that this is the jewel of the community, the first planned community in Manatee County. She said South County has been ignored religiously. She asked about the timeframe on the median on US-41.

A8 – Misty said she is plugging her Citizens Oversight Committee (Citizens Coalition on Roads) which have a kick off in April. She is looking for people to serve on that committee. Her goal is to help the community to understand road issues early enough to give more valuable input to the county. Chad stated the medians of Bayshore Gardens Parkway are being redone currently. Misty said that she thinks FDOT has the US-41 medians still in the design phase and she is not aware of any plantings taking place at this time. She said that they are taking notes and will follow up.

Q9 – Norman, of Whitfield area, brought up the substraight dwelling units (accessory dwelling units) that is a proposal being floated by the county with hearings for the next couple months that allows a second dwelling unit, attached or detached, up to 1,000 SF (or 80% of your home), on the same lot in a single family area. He said this is essentially a duplex. He wondered how many people are aware of this proposal. Debbie Korell said that was essentially her question. Norman's concern was that when the presentation was made at his association last month he asked how many neighborhoods endorsed it and the answer was zero. He asked whether they are not the stakeholders. He said the concern is the front lawns will be full of parking which is a problem in many areas. He asked that they get endorsement before they bring it before the County Commissioners.

A9 – John Barnott stated they created the proposal and Whitfield was the only ones that asked them to come out after advertising across the county. He said that a second accessory building is allowed today, it just cannot have cooking. The proposed change is that you would be able to cook. He said the intent is a place to care for our elderly. If you have them close in a small structure it would be a benefit. He said if the HOA covenants don't allow that, it won't happen. He said there are a lot of communities this is not allowed. He has had quite a bit of people requesting this. He confirmed that it does not supersede association covenants. Norman said that none of the older neighborhoods have neighborhood associations or deed restrictions. John confirmed that the units can be used for permanent housekeeping (not just guests) as an option and there is not restrictions on who uses (rents) the units.

Q10 – Kevin Oatman, Whitfield district, said the Mira Mar Association were emphasizing setback monitoring and he feels that setbacks, as a visual aspect, hasn't any effect on the outcome on having these single dwelling attachments. He said he is in zoning and planning in Sarasota County and what they have termed 'single dwelling' involves a kitchen. He would like to connect with Manatee's planners and zoners to define the term of a dwelling unit. He said the density of each property is a concern as well as well as the components with the density. He said some single-family zones in Whitfield as well as other areas deal with nonconforming dwellings as well.

A10 - Misty said it is a terrific offer as it is good for communities to collaborate. John Barnott said he has noted the contact information. Kevin said that Sarasota County does not allow accessory units due to the kitchen restrictions. Kevin said there are combinations of mixed zones which is fine, but the single family on the first floor areas. They are not concerned about second floors.

Q11 - Suzanna Young, Bayshore Gardens since '93, had question on dredging. She was here when canal was dredged at the marina. She said that there are a lot of outfalls in Bayshore. She listed four canals (one at 34th, one from Cambridge Village, one at the head of Bryn Bawr canal that does a good job of filling it up, and one over between Trailer Estates and Bayshore Gardens which has several names). She said the mystery to her is they dug out canals and built seawalls everywhere to build Bayshore Gardens and there is no program to check seawalls. She said she wants to keep waterfront value. The county is not involved in keeping navigable waters open but will dredge for fill. She asked why they aren't dredging for fill that is not ours and when we have to dredge it we have to pay for it ourselves. And she added she wants to control who is going to dredge, what equipment, and method. She said we have an enterprise here and you can't move a boat through shallow water with a deeper draft and periodically they need dredging out and a lot of the filling in is not our doing as it comes down for miles from inland. She felt there should be a bigger water maintenance program.

A1.1 – Chad said that it is the philosophy of dredging and the county does not do navigational dredging now. He said when they stopped they instituted the outfall cleaning program acknowledging that something from upstream can contribute to dredging. He said part of the discussion was tidal action contributed as much or more than that that was coming from upstream. He said many of the drains have sediment traps on them and they clean them annually for that purpose. That will potentially contribute to drainage basin maintenance with the sediments in that. Servia asked if the county dredges for navigable waters for a public amenity like a public boat ramp. Unknown resident said all they have to do is come down to the canal when there was a heavy rain and see all the trash, sand and sediment coming down the canal and Irma pulled all of the water out. Servia said that the county will get the information and get back with them. Chad stated WCIND (West Coast Inland Navigational District) is funded with taxes are collected in the district and reapportioned to the county which they are collected to be used on projects and scopes that they say. In general it is used for inner coastal waterways. He said an innocuous one is from the Manatee River channel into Highlands's public boat ramp. He said that WCIND would not do a private waterway.

Q12 –Eddie Barber, Trailer Estates, said Manatee County is not in the business of dredging for navigation, however, he asked Manatee County to fill the grants out for the inner coastal waterway people and if the WCIND gets together with Bayshore Gardens they might be able to get it done. He said his marina is open to the public. He said that definitely there are gas stations along the canal and they would dredge up to the gas station to make sure it would stay open. He asked Manatee County to fill the forms out.

A1.2 – Misty said they will look into that for him.

Q13 - Dan *Hansel*, Georgia Ave, Bayshore Gardens, brought up the traffic on Bayshore Gardens and Florida when there is new development going on in the back (west). He said when they talk about higher density in our neighborhoods. He said when Florida Blvd was closed at the bridge Bayshore Gardens Pkwy was just unbelievable and backed all the way up to Georgia. And sometimes the US-41 (left turn) was backed up to Florida Blvd. He asked how much the population is growing in the 'back'. He said that is the only way the traffic goes from the beach to Sarasota and they short-cut on Florida Blvd. He asked if there is room to widen Florida Blvd or are there going to be modifications on Bayshore Gardens Pkwy. He is talking about projects behind (beyond) El Conquistador.

A13 - Chad said the thoroughfare is Bayshore Gardens Pkwy, which is El Conquistador, Bayshore Gardens Pkwy, and to Honore. He said that it is not considered on the future plans. Misty said that those projects are only conceptually approved. She said that when they come into the stages of development they will have to do a traffic analysis that shows how many trips, where they come from, and where they go to. She said that the results will be considered before the development goes forward. Dan asked if developers will be accountable for the improvements. He cited Lorain Road. Misty said yes. She understands that any impacts created by a development are the responsibility of the developer. She said that if the developer can create impact fee credits if they improve beyond their impact.

Q14 – Allan Riga, Bayshore Gardens, said he is familiar with land and beaches lost to riprap placement, creation of marinas, and where jetties were installed. He felt that they should look at and dredge the canal. He said it sounds like every seven years or so the community would have to vote to dredge the canal. He said that Bayshore is not a bazillion dollar development with million dollar homes and thinks that, if they were, then the county would be dredging out those canals. He asked if every seven years we would have to vote to dredge the canal. His second question was if there was ever riprap placed prior to stopping the dredging?

A14 – He was not sure if there was riprap installed or if it was Permit-able. He said that one of the reasons the county got out of the business is some got in-filling a couple of years after the dredging was done. He said there were coastal storms at a couple of projects that did back filling into the area. The county had recognized that some of the fill was coming from the outfall pipes.

Q15 - Russ Stilton asked about the FDOT study from University to Tallevast and improvements to the corridor to reduce the commuter speeds.

A15 - Misty said that there were no FDOT representative attending. John said part of the discussion will be at the MPO Meeting Monday. He said what he saw was a preliminary to prepare for a study. He said the study is in the Work Program and can show him the year for a formal design later. Russ asked that the repaving funds be blended with the work. Russ stated that there seemed to be a disconnect between FDOT and Manatee County and FDOT seems to be far along in the process. Misty said that it will be asked on Monday and get information back with him.

Q16 - Kevin said he gave misinformation about accessory units, dwelling units, used for rentals, etc. He said that there are some zones in Sarasota that allow it but density plays into it. He thinks the majority of the associations in Whitfield and similar areas around us will probably not allow it due to the size.

A16 - Misty thanked him and asked him to get with the county's staff so they can learn more about Sarasota.

Q17 - Steve Watkins, a long-time resident of Bayshore Gardens, said that there is an issue on South Radcliffe that he took pictures of during low tide and wanted to know who to send these to. He said that seeing is believing. He said where the boat lift is, they cannot launch their boat unless near high tide.

A17 – Misty asked him to send the photos to John Osborne and Sheri can give you his address.

Q18 – A self-proclaimed 'mini activist' for affordable housing, thanked the county for explaining the mother in law and college student accessory housing is already out in existence for years. He said the only difference is they did not have a stove. He said the homeless students don't want stoves, they do microwaves. He asked how and why did we get here. He said we are 40,000 units short of affordable housing. He has talked with bid developers who said they cannot make any money on that. He said they start at \$250,000 and go up. He then approached the Sheriff's department, EMS, and the school board.

He said first year school teachers start around \$44,000; EMS starts at \$36,000 and up to \$42,000; and sheriff is about \$50,000. He said that he had said to developers that the teachers can give their children a first class education, and they can call 911 and have someone save them from a heart attack, and call the sheriff if someone is breaking into their house, but at the end of the day, they all have to drive out of their walled community because they don't make a money to live there. He said that the accessory dwelling unit model is for elderly parents, sponsoring a first responder or school teach. He said Manatee County has between 800 and 2,000 homeless students living in their cars, living in the woods, and they plan to offset that by putting them in accessory units and have parents step up to the plate and sponsor these homeless. Teachers are paying \$1,100 to \$1,200 for an efficiency and spending 50% of their income on rent, will never get ahead, they are saddled with student loans. He said that accessory units are all over the country, in St. Pete there is one above every garage. He asked that people sponsor an accessory unit so we can have some affordable housing, and put a dent on that 40,000 that we are short.

A18 – Misty said that this is an illustration of two very polarized opinions and that is why it is so important that we all get together and talk about these things so we can come to the best decisions.

Q19 - Marnie *Adirece*, a resident of Whitfield Ballantine, said they do not have a formal HOA and asked the county to protect them. She said they all live in the neighborhood because of the way it is and even though they have an overlay with rules and regulations that cannot be enforced. Her fear is that investor and bank owned homes, and others that will be able to profit from the additional units will build them for the wrong reason. She said they will build the dwellings in their back yard and have 12 cars instead of 6 parked in the front. She said they will have transients, Airbnb, and rentals. She said that this is not a solution for affordable housing. She suggestion is that for every 100 homes a developer builds they are required to take a few acres for tiny houses, or affordable houses, because they are the ones bringing the high prices to our communities. She said the county has said that if they have a negative impact on our community they have to adjust to it. She asked to let them build it and be responsible for it.

A19 – Misty encouraged everyone to stay involved and send emails to her, come to hearings, and make sure their voice is heard and that we know what the community wants.

Q20 – Allan Riga, Bayshore Gardens, disagreed with the previous speaker. He said that we talk about building walls between counties and here in Florida he has seen more walls than he has seen in his entire life. He said he doesn't have walls in New Hampshire. He said down here we have to consider that we have a tremendous homeless population and he had to work with a homeless woman for 8 months because there was no place for her. She was 72 years old with medical conditions and now is in Ohio. He said there is no place for homeless people here.

A20 - Misty thanked Allan.

Q21 – Debbie Korell, Bayshore Gardens, doesn't think the long term housing solution is building tiny houses in people's back yards. She said they have the same goals as us. They want to own their own land and house and don't want to be stuck in the back yard dwelling. She said that until the developers start taking this into account and building affordable housing in developments so people can afford their own house, this is the only alternative we have - to build little houses in our back yards. She said that it is not fair in the long run because if they have kids they won't fit in the home anymore. She does not think it is an effective long term solution.

A21 - Misty thanked her.

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Q22 - Andrea Rawlins, Bayshore Gardens for 8 months and program manager and project manager for 20 years who starts projects with establishing a baseline, asked how long it was before the silt started coming back in after the last dredging.

A22 – Misty said they do not have an answer tonight but will get the answer and get back to her. She asked that she makes sure she has her contact information correct.

Q23 - Don Brand asked about speed tables for traffic control on Florida Blvd and why they can't have them. He said it is really bad, people passing cars. He said it is a residential 25 MPH road. He said stop signs mean nothing to most people and not enforced. He said when he first moved there he had officers in his front yard watching the stop sign at 34th Street at Florida Blvd. He said they 'blow' any stop sign on Florida Blvd regularly and you could pay the guy's salary many times over for the day by writing tickets. He said they are not rolling stops, they blow the stop signs. He said that speed tables would help. He said writing tickets was effective when he first moved here.

A23 – Misty said she will contact the Sheriff's Department tomorrow and ask them if they will set up some traffic visuals. Misty stated that there is a traffic signal going in at Florida Blvd and 26th St W now where a majority of the Bayshore people asked for that. Misty said traffic calming is great for slowing down traffic but we must think about public safety on a thoroughfare, i.e. ambulances need speed. She said she would like to start with enforcement and maybe we can slow people down. Paul DiCicco, EMS Chief, stated that speed tables do slow them down but also give you a very uncomfortable ride. He does not recommend them. Persons in the audience reminded him Florida Blvd is 25 MPH.

Q24 – Suzanna Young, Bayshore Gardens, stated that they had a speed table survey designed by the county (confusing) and were told that they needed 67% approval of the resident's of Bayshore Gardens plus 49 on Auburn Ave in Cambridge to get them. She said of 1404 homes in Bayshore they got 500 pro-speed tables. She said she has seen some on the east coast (Palm Beach County) and in Sarasota, Orange Ave, near the hospital that she could take at 25 MPH, like a bridge. She said they almost got the goal but could not get the rest of the residents.

A24 - Misty understands that Bayshore Gardens asked for traffic calming for the entire community, on so many streets, that we had to get a 66 2/3 % approval from residents. Misty suggested that we start with one road which is much easier process. She said we could talk about refining the question. Suzanna said she would be glad to limit to one road for starters and people would find out that they are not a horrible thing they think they are. Servia asked Suzanna set up a meeting.

Q25 - Dan Young, Whitfield, said he has a 1,000 SF guest house in the back that is just storage. He said that there are other solutions throughout the country. He said when he was a student he lived in a dormitory, fraternity house, then shared a house. He said that it would not be fair to restrict the use of the accessory dwelling units. He suggested that universities should have more dorms and there should be pressure on developers, or raise the impact fee.

A25 - Misty thanked him for his comments.

Q26 – A question was given to Sharon Denson. She was asked if she still had the survey from the ACOE (Army Corps of Engineers) from 1995 (maybe) that was titled Cedar Hammock Canal. He believes it was dredged in 1995. He asked her to forward it to the County Commissioner.

A26 – Misty thanked him.

Q27 - Glen said that he wanted to clarify that the 66% (approval for speed tables) is a flawed system because the ones not returning the survey or not responding, are counted as a 'no' vote. He says that it works against you when people don't respond. He said that that the total number received should be used to determine the percentages.

A27 – Chad stated that it is the current policy. Misty said it is an adopted policy and could be revisited if the community wants us to. Debbie Korell said that is part of the reason the goal was not reached. Misty restated that not getting communication back from some people in the community created a hardship in getting your numbers.

Q28 – *Cathy*, from District five, said she came from District 5 to see what we had in common. She said that over the last few months she would encourage the audience to attend the open meetings the county is having on storm water management. She said that they had problems in Tara and expect it to rain again. She said there was a meeting yesterday. There is an open meeting next week on Wednesday on accessory dwelling units. She said the MPO is discussing things on Monday. She said Commissioner Whitmore has said that the goal is to find what the constituents want so they can respond to them. She finds Misty to be extremely responsive. She said Tara has worked hard to convey to the commissioner on what they are interested in and why. She said that they found that if they do that regularly, not just when there is a problem, it works. She suggested getting ahead of a problem.

A28 – Misty thanked her for coming.

Q29- Gayle Bradford had a lift station question. He asked about the pump trucks that was at the lift station for a week after a storm, night and day, 24 hours a day. He wanted to know how it was determined to move it from its current location to one of the proposed locations the ball park. He said you can smell the lift station. He wondered what it would look like. He said if he had a canal home he wouldn't want that in the front yard. He said that there are four options on the map. He wanted to know what was done in other locations and other communities.

A29 - One of the questions that was raised when meeting with them (Bayshore Gardens Trustees) was what kind of beautification could be made. He said they sent a picture for an example and answers to fences and more. He said if he recalls right there is an access issue (locked gate to the current lift station) and the idea was to get out ahead to relocate it and work with the community. Gayle said we don't have the answers and have not heard the feedback yet. He asked when the decision will be made and will the people in the room have an opportunity to actually be part of that decision. The county is working with the Board.

Q30 - Holly Crouse said there are 1404 homes in Bayshore for them to get street lights, sidewalks, we need 65% but the county is altering property value by choosing to improve a lift station and you are only dealing with the Board. Is that because it is on the park grounds? She asked if they need 65% approval from those on 26th Street.

A30 – John said the county tries to work with an association, like Bayshore Gardens. He said it is much easier to work through the Board that is representing all. He said that the county is willing to meet with the whole group. He said that he has printed copies tonight that they will be emailing to the district so they can distribute however they want. He said he has answers on how they can beautify it. He said they spend about \$1,000,000 a year on odor and erosion control on the lift stations. He said if they upgrade it they think they can improve the odor, but face it, it is poop. He said there are 800 lift station around the county and you can only be so perfect. John confirmed that they are willing to buy property in the community if that is the group wants. He said without the lift station you all are in deep poop. Debbie
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Korell stated that the Board of Trustees is only responsible for the 14 acre park district and not responsible for any of the community in any way shape of form nor does the Board have any decision making abilities about what goes on outside of the 14 acre recreation district. She said the community needs to make that decision. She said if you are talking about anything outside the district the Board has no say-so and cannot vote or give direction on what goes on outside the park. She said they only can make decisions on the 14 acre park district not the community of 1400 homes/property. She said that the county cannot ask the Board about putting a lift station on private property. John said that he is glad it will be 2024 before they put it in as there are a lot of issues. Jim Frost, Bayshore Trustee, asked if the current lift station has any filters and it over flows and it smells. He gave a history of the old lift station small capacity and the new one would have a larger tank and control the smell and handle the flow. He said EPA wants it moved away from the boat ramp. He said the location option are best because it has a gravity system that needs to be considered. Jim described the disguised lift stations in Lakewood Ranch that you don't even notice. Jim asked people to stay tuned to the Banner and website and come to the meetings. He said the Board will have discussion on the lift station. He said they need to express their concerns so they will be taken into account. He said we need a lift station so let's find the best option for both parties. John said that this is a security that it does not back up into your house. He said you will be pleased with what you will get, in storms, high water, and all.

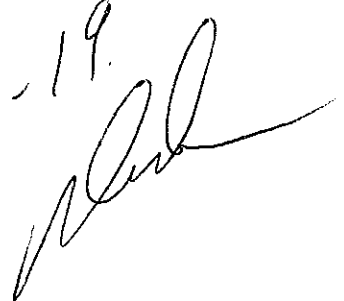
Q31 – Winnie Denny-Smith, Bayshore resident on 26th Street, said the lift station would be in her front yard. She said the ball park field is used every day and open to the public. She said she had gone to the beach and a found pump station close to the water where it floods. She doesn't see why the lift station needs to be further from the water. She said she does not see why ours has to be 100'x100'. She said the beach lift station serves the bathhouse and hundreds of people every day and is 12'x23'. John said the size is based on the number of facilities, not people, you are serving. Concerning the close water John said they did not have much of a choice on the beach. Winnie said that people that take pride and keep up their homes are devastated that the lift station will be in their front yard and devalue their property and detract from their homes and community. She said it is like Bayshore gets the end of the line on many different things. She said they want to be held in esteem as any of the other properties. She said it should be as far out away from people as possible and hopes it will be taken in consideration. John said he would like to have the other locations to place it but they are limited because of the gravity flow system. She said that she heard that the Board may be trying to negotiate something with the county on dredging. John said he is not involved with dredging.

Winnie said she spoke with an ACOE person about the fill in of silt and they said that what is supposed to be done, if done properly, is after the area is dredged, where it will fill in quickly they dig deeper and that takes a much longer time for fill to get back in.

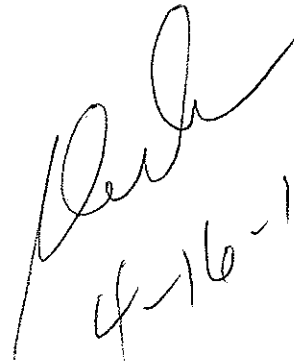
A31 – All questions were answered above.

With no more questions Misty asked for questions on the cards. Mary Lou Smith said there are no new questions on the cards. Misty thanked the staff for taking time to be here and the audience. Jim Frost said thank you for the Manatee County staff for being here and thanked Misty Servia. He hoped that we have more of these in the future. Misty said we will have these big Town Halls once a year and smaller meetings at your discretion.

We adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Approved
4-10-19


Note: The scribe, Gwen Norris, apologizes for any misspelled names and thanks Sherri for helping with the County's names. Those spellings in question are in *italic*.


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