

MARCH 01, 2011

A Meeting of the [Board of Lee County Commissioners](#) was held on this date to conduct a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the 2011 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the Lee County Comprehensive Plan, with the following Commissioners present:

Frank B. Mann, Chairman
 John E. Manning, Vice Chairman
 A. Brian Bigelow
 Ray Judah
 Tammara Hall

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ON FILE IN THE MINUTES OFFICE: [DRAFT](#) NEW HORIZON 2035 EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING DIRECTOR PAUL S. O'CONNOR'S [MEMORANDUM](#) OF FEBRUARY 21, 2011, THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY'S [POSITION PAPER](#), WORKSHOP EAR [REVISIONS](#)

1. Call to Order; Certification of Affidavit of Publication

Assistant County Attorney Donna Marie Collins approved, as to legal form and sufficiency, the [Affidavit of Publication](#) regarding this hearing, and entered it into the record.

2. Presentation of the 2011 Evaluation and Appraisal Report

Community Development Planning Director Paul S. O'Connor provided opening comments on the purpose, process and anticipated outcome of the Public Hearing leading to the eventual amendment of the Lee County Land Development Regulations within the Comprehensive Plan.

3. Public Comment on the Evaluation and Appraisal Report

The Chairman called for public comment, and the following individuals came forward, each in support of adoption of the EAR, but with specific concerns:

[Edd Weiner](#) representing Chamber Economic Development – Lehigh Acres
[Dan Moser](#) representing Bike Walk Lee
[Brad Cornell](#) representing Collier and Florida Audubon Society
[Ron Hamel](#) representing Gulf Citrus Growers Association

4. Consideration of Resolution Adopting the 2011 Evaluation and Appraisal Report

Mr. O'Connor referred the Board to a list of EAR Revisions provided as a result of yesterday's Board input at the Workshop Meeting as he read through the list. Further revisions, during the reading, were Board directed as follows:

In the Executive Summary – p. ii, the final bullet point be further revised to read “Recognize, protect, and provide wildlife corridor connections”.

In Chapter 3 – p. 3-14 – Section V. - Commissioner Judah requested that Veteran's Park be added to the examples provided.

Commissioner Judah complimented staff on the fruition of their outreach efforts and follow-up on the requested revisions. Following brief discussion on the establishment of greenbelt areas specifically for agriculture, and response by Mr. O'Connor that he believed the [EAR](#) deals with the topic to some degree and would be vetted out during the amendment process, there was consensus to postpone the topic to a later date with community input. Commissioner Manning moved approval of the Resolution to transmit the EAR with the addition of language at the bottom of page 1 of 3 of the Resolution to read “with the Local Planning Agency's (LPA's) comments attached and made a part of the record of these proceedings...” The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall for discussion. Following clarification by Mr. O'Connor that the LPA's comments and today's approved revisions would be incorporated within the transmitted EAR, the maker and seconder agreed to approve the Resolution as submitted. Following brief Board discussion, and a recommendation by Commissioner Bigelow to further consider the benefits of a rail system, the motion was called and carried.

[RESOLUTION NO. 11-03-12](#)

5. Adjourn

The Chairman again thanked staff and the consultants and adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

Deputy Clerk

[Chairman, Lee County Commission](#)