

**RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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- **As a courtesy to others, silence your cell phones and other electronic devices before entering the building.** If you need to take a call please step outside.

- If you want to address the Advisory Board, you may do so during either the “Agenda Item Public Comment” portion (if related to a specific item on this agenda) or the “General Public Comment” portion for all other comments.

- **When you stand up to speak, state your name and address for the record.** You must provide any documentation to the Administrative Services Coordinator. Also any information you provide will become part of the official public record.

- Please keep comments to no more than two minutes, focus on specific issues, and refrain from making sales pitches or personal remarks directed at staff or board members.

General public items, consent agenda items and other items that the board is expected to discuss will be listed on the agenda available at the front door.

Call to Order

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call

Announcements

1. **AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Reserved for comments related to items specifically listed on this agenda.* Scheduled requests will be heard first and limited to five (5) minutes. Unscheduled requests will be limited to two (2) minutes. For unscheduled requests the public comment request sign in sheet is located on the podium at the entrance. Please limit your comments to a specific issue. If the request or matter requires investigation the Chairman will refer to staff to follow-up with the person making the request. Citizens may contact Rainbow Lakes Estates Administration **by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting** at 352-489-4280 to request to speak.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A. March 14, 2019

3. Advisory Committee Member Reports

- Chairman/ Finance/Long Range Planning: William McAvay
- Vice-Chairman/Code Enforcement: Rebecca Brace
- Fire Protection: Steve Stritzinger
- Buildings & Grounds/ Roads: Dallas Seveland
- Levy County Representative: Vance McMahon

4. Special (select or ad hoc) Committees/Guests:

- Shawn Hubbuck, MSTU Director

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5. CONSENT: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda is a motion to approve all recommended actions. All matters on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion unless desired by a Board Member.

6. Board Items

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Scheduled requests will be heard first and limited to five (5) minutes. Unscheduled speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes. Citizens may contact Rainbow Lakes Estates Administration by **5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting** at 352-489-4280 to request to speak.

7A. Tim Kelly – Maintenance Dept. and Ceramic Club

8. Announcement.

Advisory Board Meeting June 20, 2019 at 10:00am in the Community Center. (RLE budget hearing.)

The March 14, 2019 meeting of the Rainbow Lakes Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman William McAvay. Other committee members present were Rebecca Brace, Vance McMahon, Dallas Seveland and Steve Stritzinger. Guests present Robin Hough, Marion County Code Enforcement. There were 14 people in attendance. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Public Comment (1A) NONE:

Approval of Minutes (2A) February 21, 2019:

Seveland questioned why addresses were redacted from Brace's report. McAvay stated that was the decision that was made. Brace stated that when she reads her report she has no additional information. There could be no violation. Discussion followed. Motion made by McMahon, seconded by Seveland to accept minutes of January 17, 2019 (2a). Motion carried.

Committee Reports (3):

Chairman/Finance: McAvay reported for February 2019 General Gov't Revenue \$1,097,606.65, Expenditures \$10,458.25; Road and Street Expenditures \$13,724.53; Fire Services Revenue \$516,495.82, Expenditures \$4,787.07; Road Construction Revenue \$1,045,142.97, Expenditures \$33,044.33; Recreation Revenue \$83,423.62, Expenditures \$3,643.99.

Code: Brace reported there seems to be some confusion about turning code complaints in. She is more than happy to take the report but enough information has to be given. Need specific locations. The Advisory Board does not handle items called in. She passes the information on to Marion County Code Enforcement. There were general calls about kennels, businesses and tents last month. Residents are angry that things are not being done. There was a home that burned 8 years ago that is ongoing and someone is living in a shed behind the property. There are a lot of repetitive complaints.

Fire Protection: Stritzinger reported that there was 1 firefighter attending Florida online Grow as you Go program. 6 firefighters are going to attend classes in April during volunteer firefighter week at the Fire College. In March all the annual testing was done. Getting stuff needed that was neglected in the past.

Building & Grounds/ Roads: Seveland reported that the repairs on the dock were going out for bid. The tennis courts are still closed. Stated that at the February Board meeting the Board voted four to one to postpone paving Beach Blvd. in favor of repaving SE 114th Pl. in Levy County. As the sole opposing vote want to restate opposition. Understands that it is the main entrance to the back of RLE and that many Marion County residents also use the road. RLE residents that live in Levy County pay higher taxes and assessments to Levy County but receive less services from Levy County. They collect these taxes and spend it elsewhere in Levy County. Feels that Levy County Officials show disregard for the safety and well-being of our Levy County residents and treat them as 2nd class citizens. Requests that someone from the Marion County Attorney's office attend one of our Board meetings and explain the Levy County situation and answer any questions the board may have. Hubbuck responded that RLEMMSD includes both Levy and Marion County. Money collected is to be used by all of RLE. Seveland stated that they are paying higher taxes but Marion County residents are footing the bill. Discussion followed.

Levy County: McMahon stated that he agrees with Seveland that they do pay a higher rate. Stated that he had called about the code issue and it is still in the pile of things to be done. Stated that he had reported a travel trailer on 131st as an abandoned vehicle. There are still people actively living in a travel trailer on 110th.

Hubbuck reported that the tennis courts are still being worked on. The contractor had attempted to fix the crack with a certain product but the weather has been too cold. To use the product it has to be warmer than 60 degrees at night. Discussion followed.

Hubbuck stated that he wanted to see how the Board felt about hiring an assistant to help Spicuzza. Questioned if the Board had any direction. McAvay responded that we would find no one on call and part time was even questionable. Hubbuck agreed that full time was better. Discussion followed. Motion made by Seveland, seconded by McMahon to hire a full time staff assistant. Motion carried.

Robin Hough stated that there had been 23 new code complaints in Rainbow Lakes Estates since January 1st. Stritzinger questioned what the written policy was on kennels. Hough responded 4 or more dogs or cats, 4 months or older used to breed, train or to sell for money. You have to have Agricultural Zoning or apply for a special use permit. Discussion followed. Stritzinger questioned what the policy was for living in a camper, RV, tent or shipping container. Hough responded that many people are concerned about RV's. A guest can use an RV up to 21 days per year with a temporary use permit issued through the Marion County Zoning Dept. Discussion followed. Hough stated that it is their procedure to educate and to give a reasonable amount of time to comply. Will work with them if progress is shown. If progress stops then the case will be sent to the Code Enforcement Board. Discussion followed concerning parking of commercial vehicles. Brace questioned if the lot on 41 that has the 5th wheels on it is RLE owned. McMahon stated that it is privately owned. Discussion followed about parking commercial vehicles there. Hough stated that the common concern of driver's is the security of their vehicles. Seveland stated that keeping mattresses, couches and

washers in front of a property is a violation correct? Does it need to be reported or can an officer randomly stop? Hough responded they can be proactive. Discussion followed.

Additional Public Comment (7):

Richard Gibbs – Sunnydale St. – Asked if someone could look at the drain at the corner of Sunnydale and Anchor. Since the new internet lines were put in there is a hole that has opened up there. Also questioned if Code could look into people throwing their brush across the street from their properties.

Nick Mancini – SW Tiger Lake Blvd. West – Stated that a turning lane needed to be put in at the entrance coming from the dump. Seveland responded that we need a light. Hubbuck stated that there was a traffic study done when we were looking into punching through to 54th. There was not enough traffic to support it. They do have plans to widen HWY 41. Discussion followed.

Brace questioned who should be called about the brush being dumped. Hough responded that they are challenged to determine who dumped it. If pictures can be taken and email to Code Enforcement it can help. Discussion followed.

Debbie Little – Grandview Ave. – Questioned if the property owners are fined for illegal dumping. Hough responded that the property owner is ultimately responsible for the condition of their property. Little questioned if the owner was responsible. Hough responded unfortunately yes. Discussion followed.

Richann Haxton – Honeysuckle St. – Stated that if anyone wanted to help pick up litter to call her. McMahan thanked her for doing that. Discussion followed. Hubbuck pointed out that there was an Adopt a Highway program. They provide all the material such as bags etc. They will pick up the full bags as well. Haxton responded that it is too much paperwork and you have to commit to certain days. Discussion followed. Seveland thanked Haxton.

McAvay announced that the next meeting would be April 18, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Motion made by McMahan to adjourn at 7:31pm.

**Rainbow Lakes Estates
Building/Grounds & Roads
Advisory Board Meeting Report
Liaison: G. Dallas Seveland
March 14, 2019**

1. **Dock at Lake Bonable** – As I believe everyone is aware our dock had caught fire several months ago and was pending an insurance claim with Risk Management. I am happy to announce at this time that the dock repairs have gone out for bid. I will keep the board up to date on the progress.
2. **Tennis Courts at Seacliff Park** – Presently the tennis courts are still closed. The contractor has been out and performed some work, but it had yet to be completed. I am anticipating that the work may be completed soon.
3. **SW Pensacola Drive & SE 114th Place (Levy County)** – At February’s advisory board meeting the board had voted four to one to postpone repaving Beach Blvd in favor of repaving SW Pensacola in Marion County and SE 114th Place in Levy County. The Marion County Engineers Dept. has begun the planning process on repaving SW Pensacola and SE 114th Place
 - a. As the sole opposing vote concerning this issue, I just wanted to restate my opposition on using Marion County tax dollars to repave a Levy County road. I understand that SE 114th Place is a main entrance to the rear of RLE and that many Marion County residents also use this road. Our residents in the levy county portion of RLE pay higher taxes and assessments such as fire then those of us that live in the Marion County portion of RLE yet they receive less services from Levy County. They collect these tax monies from our residents and spend it elsewhere within their county. I personally find it appalling that Levy County Officials show such disregard for the safety and wellbeing for our Levy residents and treat them as second-class citizens. I understand that the Marion County Attorneys are in some sort of negotiations with Levy County Officials concerning other issues, but I cannot help but wonder if we have legal options available to us that could force Levy County to do the right thing concerning our RLE residents within Levy County. I would like to request that someone from the Marion Counties Attorney’s office attend one of our board meetings to explain the Levy County situation and answer any questions we as a board may have.

**Rainbow Lakes Estates
Advisory Board Meeting March 14, 2019
G. Dallas Seveland**

Issue concerning minutes from February's Advisory Board Meeting – In reviewing the minutes from last month's advisory board meeting I noticed the address numbers in Rebecca Brace's monthly report were redacted. I am curious as to why we find the need to omit the address numbers of people who have been reported for code violations. As board members our address, phone numbers and email addresses are all public record. If a resident wishes to publicly speak at one of our meetings unless they are exempt from public disclosure as stated by Florida State Statute Florida Statute 119.071(4)(d) they are legally required to state their address. I find it hypocritical that those of us in public service and those who wish to speak out publicly are required to give our addresses, but those persons who violate County Codes and or show total disrespect for their neighbors and our community are protected from having their addresses published.

Motion if needed: At this point I would like to make a motion that in all future reports code violators full addresses be published in our minutes and our communicator newsletter.

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REPORT

02/19/19 Forward from Leslie [REDACTED] SW Anchor Blvd
[REDACTED]: Father's backyard neighbor has kennels visible from road.
Can't enjoy yard, dogs scare birds away. Called back to advise not violation, no answer.

02/21/19 Follow up to call [REDACTED] SW Anchor Blvd
Kennels visible from road, illegal breeding/sale facility. Operating business in front yard of home with no permit or license. Multiple residents complaining, more information received.
Case # 624553 Ed Demarest

03/05/19 Direct call to me [REDACTED] SW Ivy Place
Shed too close to property, resident can't put up fence. Reported by 727-365-4948
Case # 624552 Maureen Bennett

03/06/19 Follow up to call [REDACTED] SW Ivy Place
People living in multiple trailers. Turned in by others previously, case closed from October 2018.
New visit requested, new information turned in that needs to be re-reviewed and reopened.
No prev case # provided.

03/08/19 Direct call to me [REDACTED] SW Raintree St
Home burned 8 years ago, trash in yard, and homeless trespassers living in shed out back.
Property previously discussed at meetings, no prior status given.
[REDACTED], resident neighbor [REDACTED] who called to me.

03/13/19 email to me [REDACTED] SW Rainbow Lakes Blvd
Someone living in trailer with screen patio set up, been for months.
Case # 624702 [REDACTED]

People are providing much too vague of information regarding violations. There is not enough information to turn them in and/or takes too much time to locate so I can complete the report. I understand some residents don't like enforcement and do not wish to turn in possible code violations, but please understand that other residents may not share your lack of concern or it may be affecting the enjoyment of their home.

NON POSITION/MISC. ITEMS.

1. Reminder to discuss entrance sign to post activities and neighborhood info.
2. Parking facility for commercial residents. Lot on 41 where RVs park?
- 3: Was nice to have Jeff (maintenance) at budget meeting. Quick status on issues and was very informative.