

**Community Council of Lehigh Acres  
Monthly Meeting Agenda**

Lee County Sheriff Office, Bravo District Substation Annex  
1300 Homestead Road  
Community Room  
August 15, 2011

**Call to Order:**

On August 15, 2011 at 6:30 the meeting of the Lehigh Acres Community Council was called to order by Edd Weiner.

**Invocation:**

The invocation was given by Larry Gutridge.  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Edd Weiner

**Establish a Quorum:**

Edd Weiner established that a quorum was present.

**Approve Agenda:**

A motion was made to approve agenda by Jim Kreger seconded by Beth Love.  
The Agenda was approved

**Citizens comments on agenda items.**

None

**Members Present:**

Ahmed El-Gendy, Jim Kreger, Blair Stitt, Basil Miller, Mohamad Yasin, Orville Hall, Brian Krzmarzick, William Nottling, Jere Carrick, Barb Kerby, Dendle Miller, Ron Gogio, Debbie Durams, Linda Carter, Larry Gutridge. Tami Baker, Diane Champion, Carl Moore, Damon Shelor, Beth Love, Edd Weiner.

**Members Absent:**

Members excused: Linda Saul, Robert Saul, and Gary Warchol.  
Members, Absent: Odell Jack, Bill Martin, Ric Anglickis, Frank Mann

**Secretary Report:**

A motion was made to approve Secretary Report by Linda Carter seconded by Orville Hall.

**Treasurer Report:**

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Damon Shelor and seconded by Linda Carter.

**President's Report:**

MPO meeting is on August 19<sup>th</sup>. -Discussion SR 82. The LPA meeting is on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and on Discussion Land Development Code Amendments and; Troyer Brothers Development was denied by Hearing Examiner. On August 31st there will be a Redistricting Meeting at Veterans Park from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Speaker:** Joannie Jeannette, CEO, Lehigh Regional Medical Center.

**Committee Reports:****Presidents Comments****First Vice-President - Jere Carrick**

Jeri went to MPO meeting and has map showing what is proposed at Land Development meeting and the meetings have been going well. On August 22<sup>nd</sup> this is the last stop before the community plan goes before the County Commissioners, On Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> the MPO meeting will be held on Victoria Street. State road 82 discussion is one of the items that will be discussed. Jeri discussed FEVRR and how important this is to the community to educate and the voters of their rights and responsibilities. Mohamed has been away taking some training on FEVRR. Jeri spoke Constitutions Day that is being held by the Arts of the Inland which now includes the Lehigh Singers and many others, such as artist, singers, and authors on September 17<sup>th</sup> honoring of our Veterans. We are very fortunate to have such talented individuals in our area. On August 21<sup>st</sup> there will be an educational forum going on at the Majestic Golf Club being put on by the Domino and Caribbean Club. August 31<sup>st</sup> at Veterans Park Redistricting meeting open for public. This is the last chance to voice out thoughts. To get things changed we need to think about who is our representation are make decisions so that we are heard. The county has come and worked with us on our comprehensive plan . Jeri met with Commissioner Mann and his assistant analyzing the budget. We were asked to come back with some specifics. Debbie from Parks and Receptions Park at Admiral is moving forward. The after school program is packed. Damon spoke on the beautification about Lehigh Arms Edible Garden Exchange which would be behind Our Daily Bread. We will work on the educating on culture and how to operate within the county codes. Beautification, Andrea Adams is working on the beautification of the round about on 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunshine. Landscape plan is acceptable and DOT has approved the plants. LACI will work on fall clean up and areas to maximize the exposure of the community and the center of Lehigh. Try to stop illegal dumping. EDB had recruited a plan writer to work with LACC and F.E.V.R.R. AND Volunteers in Medicine and Arts of the Inlands to help get grants. Ron Gogio spoke about Homestead sidewalk, that we will be getting 6-8 feet on the shoulder paved on the south bound east side. 2012 to 2014 to see much on Homestead and Sunshine things will happen in baby steps. Jim Kreger thanked the Sheriff Department for the help on his street. Larry Gutridge spoke about areas of crime the theft of AC units and breaking into cars, Keep an eye on your neighborhood, be vigilant about what is

happening around you. More Deputies needed in the schools which means less on the streets.

**Second Vice-President – Mohamed Yasin**

The election notifications will be placed in the newspapers late August for empty seats and positions that are to be filled. Beth Love is heading up the project for elections and the bylaws. Bylaws are fine and Beth, Linda and Mohamed will work on getting the announcements of the elections in the paper. The election needs to be publicized for candidates to step forward. Election committee will be contacting existing officers for nominations. They are working on where the ballots boxes can be placed. Applications for the candidates will be available on line at the LACC website. We need Friends of Council fund raising. Please check with Gary Warchol who will have list of who has and hasn't paid. We need funds for Politics in the Park and other events we participate in. With the election in 2012 we need to work on getting to individuals and companies who have been Friends of the Council in the past. It was brought up about the chickens in residential neighborhoods. County code is not going to allow chickens in residential areas as there are no valid reasons for them to be there. The County Commission will make the final decision on this.

**Citizen Comments: None**

**Community Reports:**

It was brought up about how bad the “Welcome to Lehigh sign looks. Blair Stint had it pressure washed the last time.

**Unfinished Business;**

None

**New Business:**

**A. LACI:**

Damon agrees the sign does need some work. Potential help from Kiwanis and Rotary to pressure wash and paint. Linda spoke about fruit stands on Daniels and 82 on weekends. Usually they are asked to go and then they pop up somewhere else the next weekend.

**B. Elections:**

Discussed the nominations of candidates for filling of seats where the terms are up. Four seats will be open. Nominations will be held in August and September with the November Election.

**Citizens Concerns: For the Good of the Community**

None

**Board Members Comments:**

Carl Moore reminded about the event on August 21<sup>st</sup>.at Majestic between 5-8 put on by the Dominos Club and the Caribbean Club. Please try to attends.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00, motion passed.

Next Executive Board Meeting..... September 5, 2011

Next Council Meeting.....September 19, 2011