

MANAGERS UPDATE

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AIRPORT LITIGATION: A mediation meeting has been set for Monday, May 6, according to the Conflict Resolution Statute requirements. Bill may have a further update at our meeting.

MEETING MINUTES: A copy of the 2/22/24 minutes from the joint meeting is attached and will need to be approved at our meeting.

BUDGET: March is the end of the six month period. As you review the financials total expenses should be at 50%. Any questions on over/under items can be addressed to Diane or me for clarification.

10-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN: We are scheduling a formal presentation by Catalyst Designs at our May meeting.

FRDAP GRANTS: We should hear the results after the Governor signs off on the budget.

COUNTY SRF PROJECT: Highlands County is moving forward on their SRF loan for stormwater improvements. Since the County owns our roads and many of the control structures, we will be the recipients of a lot of drainage work. Me, Israel, Randy, and Gene met with County staff to begin developing work plans. More details to follow.

DEVELOPERS MEETING: 17 people attended the March 21 meeting, highlighted by a presentation from COMCAST to all the developers. All projects are moving forward, and we should see even more groundbreaking in the coming months.

DRAINAGE PROJECTS SUMMARY: For the past 10 years we have recorded staff time and total cost for the various projects listed. If we had to rely on outside contracts for this work, we would be well over a million dollars!

SPECIAL EVENTS: March 23rd was a busy day for Spring Lake. Close to 100 bikers participated in the annual event, and this was the first time they used our community. The bikers and organizers loved using the ECO Park and the Duane

Palmer oval and are hoping to return next year. Dozens of drink and snack stations were set up near the ECO Park to keep bikers supplied.



The Annual Dog Club Easter event was just as successful, and kudos to Monica Griffith and her Dog Club Team for a great afternoon at the Bark Park.



CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS REQUIREMENTS: Attached to your Board Packets is an almost two year old memo from the County. Contractors were keeping their sites in horrible condition, with materials and debris all over the place. I sent a copy to

the Property Association on numerous occasions since April of 2022, urging them to play hard ball with these contractors. As you can see as you drive around, many job sites still look very bad. I don't understand why SLPA doesn't confront these builders with the same vigor they confront residents about their garbage cans. As a District, we will NOT put in a water meter unless the site is clean. Up to and after that point, only the SLPA can do anything. The Statute is very clear, it just needs a willingness to deal with the builders. By dealing with builders, I do not mean letters and warnings; they need to be talked to in person. If nothing comes from that, the County needs to be contacted and they can pay a fine of \$500!

STAFF ON CALL: There have been several instances that occurred in the ECO Park that required assistance, and one of our Board members had to handle it. Please know that each week there are staff on call 24/7 to handle any problems or concerns. If you see something that needs attention, please call the after-hours number, 655-0615, identify yourself as a member of the District Board, and tell the answering service to inform the person on call.

WEBSITE: Continues to operate at 100% compliance and accessibility. During the month of March, we had over 12,000 views, and our last e-mail blast had an open rate of 64%, which is outstanding. Seems like more and more people are using the site for getting information.

AUDITOR TIMETABLE: Requests for Proposals legal notice will appear on April 28 and May 5. Proposals are due by no later than June 12, bid openings June 19. Auditor selection will be on the July Board agenda.