LELY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NAPLES, FLORIDA
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
July 15, 2026

The budget adoption public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Lely Community Development District was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at the LCDD Maintenance Building, 6815 Wildflower Way, Naples, Florida.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Anne Marie Bularzik, Chair

William Lee, Vice Chair

Kenneth Drum, Secretary

Andrew Fox, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT

Neil Dorrill, Manager, Dorrill Management Group

Kevin Carter, Operations Manager

Tony Pires, District Counsel

Kevin Dowty, District Engineer

Freddie Bowers, Director of Community Patrol

ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Four members of the Board were present. Mr. Campkin was absent.

The public hearing was opened on a MOTION by Mr. Fox a second by Dr. Bularzik, and all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FY 2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Mr. Dorrill stated that the Board had previously workshopped the fiscal year 2027 budget and, on the recommendation of the Treasurer, approved the budget in May for transmittal to the County in accordance with statute. He stated that the public hearing was for the formal adoption of the budget following public comment.

Mr. Dorrill stated that the fiscal year 2027 budget totaled $5,097,264. The rate of non-ad-valorem assessment was $3,130,181, with the remaining revenues coming from CSA revenues and other income sources. He stated that the budget represented no increase in the assessment over the prior year and resulted in a slight decrease in the total for certain reasons which will be addressed later.

Mr. Dorrill stated that the budget assumptions included a 2.5% increase in management fees, a 5% cost-of-living adjustment for management and support staff labor, slight increases in the District commercial insurance package, workers compensation, professional liability insurance, and property insurance, and a 9.5% increase in the Collier County irrigation water rate. He noted that the County irrigation water rate had previously increased by an average of approximately 7.5% per year over the prior three years and that the District and his other two large clients are among the largest customers of that irrigation water in the County.

Mr. Dorrill stated that the assessment per equivalent residential unit remained at $997 per ERU. He stated that there are 3,140 residential equivalent units within the District boundary and 1,345 units within the contract service area, which includes the remainder of the Lely Resort PUD outside the legal boundaries of the District. Dr. Bularzik requested that the record reflect that the total number of units, when the regular District units and CSA units are added together, is 4,485. Mr. Dorrill confirmed that the units within the District appear on the property tax bill, while the CSA units are billed off-roll quarterly in advance by District staff through the Master Homeowners Association.

Mr. Drum asked whether adoption of the budget means that funds are available and may be transferred within the budget. Mr. Dorrill stated that transfers may occur only with Board approval, and that he does not have authority to make transfers even between cost centers without approval. He stated that historically such matters are reviewed in advance with the Treasurer.

Mr. Pires asked whether any comments, emails, faxes, or other communications had been received concerning the budget. Mr. Dorrill stated that the notice of public hearing had been published in accordance with statute, the affidavit was on file, and no communications had been received by email, text, or otherwise in advance of the meeting.

There were no public comments regarding the budget.

The public hearing was closed on a MOTION by Mr. Drum, a second by Mr. Fox, and all in favor.

A. Resolution 2026-04 Adopting the Final General Fund Budget for FY 2027

Resolution 2026-04, adopting the final general fund budget for fiscal year 2027, was approved on a MOTION by Mr. Lee, a second by Dr. Bularzik, and all in favor.

B. Resolution 2026-05 Adopting the Levying of a Maintenance Assessment for FY 2027

Resolution 2026-05, levying a maintenance assessment within the Lely Community Development District for fiscal year 2027, was approved on a MOTION by Mr. Drum, a second by Dr. Bularzik, and all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The budget adoption public hearing was concluded.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dorrill offered the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Four members of the Board were present. Mr. Campkin, citing personal reasons involving his wife's health and relocation, submitted his resignation from the Board earlier that afternoon. Mr. Dorrill stated that it was not necessary for the Board to accept the resignation. A copy of the notice of the meeting was on file at the District office located at 5672 Strand Court.

Mr. Dorrill requested that Item 6B, FEMA Mitigation Strategy Resolution, be added to the agenda. He stated that the resolution had been prepared and distributed prior to the meeting and that Mr. Pires would address it in order to make the District eligible for certain FEMA mitigation grants going forward. Mr. Dorrill also suggested adding Item 9A for discussion of the Supervisor vacancy created by Mr. Campkin's resignation.

Dr. Bularzik requested discussion of sending a letter of appreciation to Mr. Campkin for his 28 years of service to the District. She also requested acknowledgment of the July 4 holiday response by Mr. Zambana, Mr. Bowers, and Mr. Carter regarding the golf course sprinkler system, an update on the two park benches on Celeste Drive, review of a fraud alert flyer from Mr. Mark Morrow of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, discussion of lightning detection, discussion of an osprey or eagle nest, an update on the refrigerator, an update on the traffic lights on US 41 by Home Depot, acknowledgment of the thank-you note received from Ms. Briant, and notation of the website posting issue that had listed the meeting start time as 1:00 p.m. rather than 1:30 p.m. and had been corrected.

Mr. Drum stated that he wanted to discuss the front entrance project during the presentation and security concerns during the patrol report. Mr. Dorrill requested, as a professional courtesy, that Item 6A, Lely Freedom Horse Monument Reimagining, be moved forward to immediately follow approval of the agenda so the representatives of Outside Productions could complete their presentation.

The agenda was approved as amended on a MOTION by Dr. Bularzik, a second by Mr. Fox, and all in favor.

LELY FREEDOM HORSE MONUMENT REIMAGINING

Mr. Dorrill introduced Ms. Rebecca Morris of Outside Productions and Sabrina of Outside Productions. Ms. Morris stated that Mr. Pat Travis was sick and unable to attend and that Sabrina, the firm's creative director and marketing lead, assisted in preparing the presentation.

Ms. Morris summarized the prior month's presentation, which included the Great Falls and Gentle Cascades concepts for reimagining the Lely Freedom Horse monument and entry area. She stated that Outside Productions combined portions of both concepts into a revised concept titled Cascades Great and Small. She stated that the main entry is an important and highly visible feature for Lely Resort and the City of Naples, that it is approximately 20 years old, and that it is time to update the feature while preserving its importance as a first impression of the community.

Ms. Morris reviewed existing conditions, opportunities, and constraints. She stated that the horses would need to remain in place through construction to the extent feasible and that the feature is highly visible from US 41 during both normal use and construction. She reviewed the principal view corridors identified in the site analysis, including the views from US 41, the main approach into Lely, and the view experienced by vehicles exiting the community.

Ms. Morris stated that the revised concept retains cascading pools but moderates the prior Great Falls concept by reducing the larger waterfall drops from six feet to approximately four feet. She stated there would be two primary larger falls, one oriented toward the exit view and one toward the entry view, with smaller waterfalls of approximately two feet, one foot, and 18 inches cascading into lower pools. She stated the design includes substantial stonework, boulder outcrops, ADA-accessible pedestrian connections from the parking area, and two photo opportunity areas, one toward the front and one toward the rear of the feature.

Dr. Bularzik stated that she continues to prefer the tranquility of the existing entrance, including the openness, peacefulness, and reflective quality of the horses, and that she is not looking for a feature that bubbles, gurgles, or spews water over the place. Mr. Drum stated that the front entrance should have curb appeal and drama because the District is spending a significant amount of money from the budget, and he said that a subdued water feature could cause residents to question the expenditure. Mr. Fox stated that he wanted a strong volume of water and white rapids, and that Winding Cypress did not have enough water movement for his preference. Mr. Lee agreed. The Board discussed finding a midpoint between tranquility and a more dramatic water feature.

Mr. Drum stated that any upgraded or replacement system should be installed to a higher standard than the original feature, including higher-grade electrical and operating equipment, rather than using residential-grade equipment such as what might be installed at a home. Dr. Bularzik stated that she did not want the water feature to take away from the beauty and intent of the five horses. Mr. Fox stated that he wanted to see rapids. Ms. Morris acknowledged the direction and stated that the revised design could incorporate stronger water movement near the horses while allowing the water to become gentler as it cascades outward.

Ms. Morris reviewed the grading concept. She stated that the elevation at the horses is approximately 20, the surrounding ring at the horses is approximately elevation 20, the four-foot drops would fall to approximately elevation 16, and the front bottom basin would be approximately elevation 12.5. She stated that the rear side would drop to approximately elevation 14.5, creating approximately six feet of grade change in that area and approximately eight feet of grade change toward the front.

The Board discussed lighting, including lighting the waterfalls and the horses and whether LED lighting could be changed for holidays. Dr. Bularzik stated that colored lights could create a Disney or Las Vegas effect and that the feature should remain classy, tranquil, and visually appealing. Mr. Fox stated that LED fixtures may include color-changing capability without additional cost and that the feature could remain natural most of the time. The Board also discussed whether pump flow could be adjusted to create softer or more dramatic flow at different times, and Ms. Morris stated that final flow-control issues would be addressed with the mechanical or pool engineer and would depend on water volume and storage.

Ms. Morris stated that the design attempts to discourage people from entering the water or climbing on the horses by using natural deterrents, retaining walls, raised planters, and landscaping. Mr. Fox noted that the parking lot is closed at night. Ms. Morris stated that, from a code standpoint, the water depth would likely be limited to approximately 24 inches to avoid extensive railings and other code issues. The Board discussed that people could still enter shallow water and that the patrol should not have to police the feature unnecessarily.

The Board discussed the mechanical building and security. Mr. Fox stated that the building would be a 12-foot by 18-foot secure structure with steel doors, deadbolts, and cameras. Mr. Dorrill stated that, as the project proceeds, the District's civil engineer and possibly a mechanical engineer would provide input, and the required water volume, flow rate, pumping capacity, and water softening equipment would be determined as part of the engineering process. Ms. Morris stated the feature would function similarly to a multi-level swimming pool rather than a natural pond.

The Board discussed cost. Ms. Morris stated that preliminary pricing was not yet available, but Outside Productions could send the concept to contractors for ballpark estimates. Mr. Fox stated that the District wanted real Arkansas flat rock rather than artificial stone. Mr. Dorrill stated that, in connection with another District project, the US 41 gatehouse at Pelican Marsh, a 400-square-foot guard gate with porticos, road realignment, paver work, and related improvements had cost approximately $1.2 million, or roughly $3,000 per square foot. He stated that the more features that are added to the Lely project, including variable-speed pumps and three-phase electrical service, the more likely the project may require value engineering once a certified estimate of probable cost is available.

Ms. Morris stated that the design keeps water off the horses. She said the horses could be set on rock outcrops so they appear to move across or over the water, and there would be no emitters or splash fixtures on the horses. The Board noted that the prior splash features near the horses never worked well and that water should not be allowed to cause lime, chlorine, or other staining on the horses. Mr. Fox asked whether the horses are still waxed, and staff confirmed they are waxed twice per year.

Ms. Morris reviewed the next steps, including obtaining preliminary pricing, continuing to evaluate the overall entry, looking at entry signage, paving, street lights, architectural elements, large pots, planting palettes, and possible logo refresh concepts. Dr. Bularzik noted that, because of the Home Depot project on US 41, the Florida Department of Transportation and Home Depot are working toward installation of two traffic lights, including one near the Lely entrance. Mr. Dorrill stated that Lely Resort Boulevard is a County road and that any pavement changes to that road would involve a more complicated permitting process. He suggested that paving treatments, if pursued and if the budget permits, would be more practical within the District's parking lot because that property is privately owned.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 2026

A. June 17, 2026 Workshop Minutes

Mr. Pires requested a correction to Page 2 Line 11 to spell Wherry Truck Line as W-H-E-R-R-Y.

The June 17, 2026 workshop minutes were approved as corrected on a MOTION by Mr. Lee, a second by Mr. Drum, and all in favor.

B. June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pires requested a correction to Page 2 Line 23 to remove the incorrect wording and clarify that Ms. Morris is a landscape architect.

The June 17, 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved as corrected on a MOTION by Mr. Drum, a second by Mr. Fox, and all in favor.

PATROL INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY - JUNE 2026

Mr. Dorrill presented the patrol summary. He stated that staff reported 100 total incidents. In addition, there were 87 traffic stops, resulting in 73 written or verbal warnings, 13 citations with fines, and one arrest for a drunk driver. He also noted a bear incident, a python, and a suspicious individual with prior history who had been trespassed from the property.

Mr. Bowers stated that staff remained focused on trespassing, particularly as rain increases and water levels change. He stated that the individual who was trespassed had been a recurring problem, usually around the Hobby Lobby area, and had previously approached vehicles and banged on hoods. Mr. Bowers stated that, after the individual was trespassed, he had not seen him return. The Board also discussed an individual who tried to cover a license plate with a shirt. Mr. Bowers stated that staff generally warns violators several times, records license plates, and then involves the Sheriff's Office when appropriate.

Mr. Pires stated that the trespassed individual would be subject to arrest if he returns and that the District could sign a complaint if necessary.

Mr. Drum stated that the number of incidents during the off-season concerned him. He stated that Collier County and Southwest Florida have absorbed significant population growth, that more people appear to be living in the area year-round, and that there are periods when the District has no coverage. He suggested that the Board evaluate whether next year's budget should include another position, possibly part-time, and possibly another vehicle if needed. He stated that residents are reporting issues, the District patrol vehicles are more visible than a conventional automobile with magnetic signs, and visibility appears to help slow traffic and deter problems.

Mr. Bowers stated that there is no third shift and that activity generally dies down later in the evening, but staff keeps patrol hours unpredictable. He stated that he had caught the trespassing individual on a Saturday morning and that the second patrol vehicle has helped significantly, particularly around the horse monument and areas where people previously climbed on the horses. Dr. Bularzik suggested that Mr. Bowers think through the issue and report back at the next meeting regarding current staffing hours, incidents occurring when staff is not present, whether there has been an increase, and what would merit additional coverage. Mr. Dorrill stated that staff can develop staffing alternatives with budget implications for Board review at a future meeting. Dr. Bularzik asked that any increased staffing discussion also consider whether other budget items could be changed or reduced to keep the budget neutral.

MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Lely Freedom Horse Monument Reimagining

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

B. FEMA Mitigation Strategy Resolution

Mr. Dorrill presented a resolution to adopt the Collier County mitigation hazard strategy. He stated that Mr. Carter has participated on the local steering committee and that the resolution would allow him to continue serving as the District's representative. Mr. Dorrill stated that the resolution does not obligate the District to undertake a project, but it makes the District eligible for certain FEMA mitigation grant funds intended to harden facilities and make infrastructure more resilient following disasters.

Mr. Carter stated that there is no cost for the District to be part of the group and that Collier County strongly encourages participation. He stated that the group meets quarterly at the library near the EMS center through the County emergency management division. He stated that membership allows the District to seek funding for mitigation and hardening projects related to flooding, storms, buildings, infrastructure, pump stations, and similar resiliency needs. He also stated that a consultant with FEMA experience has assisted the District in the past and understands the FEMA process.

Mr. Carter stated that participating entities include groups such as the Florida Forest Service, Collier County, Greater Naples, North Collier, and the South Florida Water Management District. He stated that projects must meet criteria and are scored and voted on by the membership before moving through the grant process. The Board discussed possible projects, including drainage or flooding improvements on Celeste Drive and near Ole, and discussed whether South Florida Water Management District participation could be helpful.

Mr. Dorrill stated that the program generally requires a match, with 75% federal funding and up to 25% state and local participation, depending on the nature of the project. He stated that grants often work on a reimbursement basis, meaning the District must spend money and then seek reimbursement for eligible costs. He referenced Port of the Islands as an example of a client awarded a $3.2 million grant to replace a damaged raw water main and build additional water storage capacity, with the federal government funding 75%, a separate State program funding another portion, and the District responsible for approximately $200,000 out of pocket.

The Chairman was authorized to sign the FEMA mitigation strategy resolution and join the program on a MOTION by Mr. Fox, a second by Mr. Drum, and all in favor.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. CH 2026-169, Laws of Florida; Accepting Certain Forms of Payment

Mr. Pires stated that he continues to monitor legislation passed by the Legislature and signed into law or allowed to become law by the Governor. He noted a new law, effective January 1, 2027, requiring local governments to accept payments by credit card, charge card, debit card, or other electronic payment methods. He stated that the item was included for informational purposes for any CDDs that do not already accept those payment methods.

B. Recall Provision

Mr. Pires stated that another law provides a recall mechanism for elected Community Development District supervisors, but not appointed supervisors. He stated that he would provide a copy of that law at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Pires thanked Mr. Carter for obtaining the signed easement for the electric service line to the aerator and fountain. He stated that the easement had been electronically recorded and that the District now has an easement of record.

C. Election Advice

Mr. Pires addressed questions raised at the prior meeting concerning an incumbent Board member supporting a candidate in an upcoming election. He stated that the issue involves multiple layers of law, including the Sunshine Law, elections law, and the ethics code. He stated that binding opinions on elections law are issued by the Florida Secretary of State Division of Elections and that binding opinions on the ethics code are issued by the Florida Commission on Ethics. He also noted that the Collier County Supervisor of Elections may be a resource for election-related questions.

Mr. Pires stated that the ethics code includes matters such as conflicts of interest, abuse or misuse of position, voting conflicts, anti-nepotism, and other issues. He stated that he prepared a memorandum referencing those authorities and attached relevant guidance from the Sunshine Law Manual and a Florida Commission on Ethics opinion regarding the use of the resources of public office to endorse a candidate.

Mr. Pires stated that the available guidance indicates a public official may express a private endorsement, but the official must not use District letterhead, must make clear the endorsement is a personal and private opinion, must not use District contact information, and must not state or imply that the District or Board supports the candidate. He stated that questions beyond that guidance should be directed to the Florida Commission on Ethics, the Division of Elections, or the Supervisor of Elections. The Board discussed hypothetical private conversations, email lists, standing outside polling locations, and the difference between individual conduct and using District resources or public funds. Mr. Pires stated that the memorandum provides the clearest available guidance and that Board members may contact the appropriate agencies if they have additional questions.

FINANCIALS - MAY 2026

Mr. Dorrill presented the financials as of May 31, 2026, representing eight months of the fiscal year. He stated that the District had a combined $5,916,000 in cash on hand at the end of the month. He stated that the District also had $9.9 million in fixed assets net of depreciation, bringing total assets to approximately $15.89 million. He stated that there were $86,000 in payables outstanding at the end of the month on the liability portion of the balance sheet.

Mr. Dorrill stated that the District received $25,000 in non-ad-valorem assessments during May, which likely included payments associated with the tax certificate sale. He stated his belief that delinquent property owners may have paid in the final days before the auction, with penalties, to avoid their taxes being sold, although it was also possible that some taxes were sold at auction. He stated that year-to-date assessments were $2,960,000 against the budgeted amount and reflected approximately 94.5%, with the difference attributable to discounts for early payments.

Mr. Dorrill stated that interest income remained strong but slightly below the annualized budget amount. He stated that interest earnings were approximately $138,000 year to date and approximately $17,500 for the month, which was within approximately $2,000 of the original forecast. He also noted that the third quarter CSA revenue had been received in the amount of $380,000.

Mr. Dorrill stated that water management chemicals were approximately $22,000 over the annual budget and that $14,900 had been expensed in one month. Mr. Carter explained that the District had taken over approximately 20 lakes from the Classics Golf Course, increasing the number of lakes treated from approximately 100 to 120, and that this may require a budget amendment. Mr. Dorrill stated that total operating expenses were approximately $100,000 over budget, but that a number of costs, including insurance premiums and seasonal commodities, are prepaid or front-loaded and should work their way through the budget over the remainder of the year. He stated that the capital side was approximately $250,000 under budget year to date, principally because lake bank restoration work would be expensed during the fourth quarter. He stated the District remained in a strong position.

The financials were accepted as presented on a MOTION by Dr. Bularzik, a second by Mr. Drum, and all in favor.

SUPERVISORS' REQUESTS

A. Supervisor Vacancy

Mr. Dorrill stated that, under the applicable statute, when a resignation occurs during a term of office, the Board has the sole discretion to appoint a replacement to serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term. He stated that Mr. Campkin's term has approximately two years and three months remaining. The Board discussed the process used when Mr. Fox was appointed following a prior resignation and whether a notice should be posted or whether the Board could proceed informally. Mr. Pires stated that the statute allows the Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term and that the statute does not require a public notice process. He stated the replacement must be a qualified elector residing within the District and that CSA residents are not eligible.

The Board discussed whether to leave the position vacant until after the election or to appoint someone sooner. Mr. Dorrill stated that the Board could decide how formal or informal it wanted the process to be, and that a quorum of three physically present members is required. The Board agreed to continue discussion of the vacancy at the next meeting.

Mr. Campkin's resignation was acknowledged and a letter thanking him for his 28 years of service was authorized on a MOTION by Mr. Fox, a second by Dr. Bularzik, and all in favor.

B. July 4 Staff Response

Dr. Bularzik stated that she wanted to send a personal thank-you to Mr. Zambana, Mr. Bowers, and Mr. Carter for their response on July 4. She stated that the golf course sprinkler system had been running in the evening for more than an hour. Even though it was a holiday weekend Mr. Zambana responded, contacted Mr. Bowers and Mr. Carter, and staff contacted the golf course so the sprinkler system could be turned off.

C. Park Benches on Celeste Drive

Mr. Carter stated that progress had been made on the two park benches on Celeste Drive. He stated that, as part of the permitting process, Mr. Dowty assisted with preparing sketches to include in the permit materials. Mr. Dowty stated that four options had been prepared and would be narrowed down with Dr. Bularzik before proceeding with the permitting process.

D. Fraud Alert Flyer

Dr. Bularzik stated that Mr. Mark Morrow, a civilian deputy with District 3 of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, provided a fraud alert flyer. She stated that Mr. Morrow noted a 25% increase in fraud losses from 2024 to 2025 and that the flyer identifies common scams and ways residents can protect themselves. She stated the flyer addresses government impersonation, family member or grandchild scams, tech support scams, romance scams, sweepstakes and lottery scams, investment and cryptocurrency scams, and limited-time offer scams. She stated that the flyer advises residents to verify first, never pay with gift cards or prepaid cards, protect Social Security numbers, banking information, passwords, and Medicare information, enable fraud alerts, talk to a trusted person before responding to pressure, and monitor accounts.

E. Lightning Detection and Warning System

Mr. Carter stated that lightning detection is an important safety issue for District staff and others working in the community. He stated that he contacted Thor Guard, a company that provides systems used by golf courses and schools. He stated the system can detect lightning approximately six to ten miles away, send alerts to staff phones, and include an audible siren if desired. He stated the system could also potentially provide tornado-related alerts and that the estimated cost was approximately $25,000.

Dr. Bularzik stated that she connected Mr. Carter with the Players Club to learn more about the system they use. Mr. Fox stated that many workers, including District staff, HOA crews, golf course employees, and residents using pools and golf courses, may be outside during inclement weather, and that a tower with horns directed toward major areas of the community should be considered. Mr. Pires noted that, if residents were permitted to sign up for text alerts through a District-maintained list, those phone numbers could potentially be public records depending on how the list is maintained. The Board agreed that Mr. Carter should continue researching the issue.

F. Osprey or Eagle Nest

The Board briefly discussed whether a tower used for lightning detection could also accommodate an osprey or eagle nest. Concerns were raised about whether an audible warning system could affect nesting birds, and the Board discussed that a separate tower may be preferable if such a nest structure is pursued.

G. Refrigerator

Mr. Carter reported that the refrigerator had been ordered, delivered, and installed. He stated that the refrigerator was under the cost previously approved by the Board.

H. US 41 Traffic Lights

Dr. Bularzik stated that she had heard from Ms. Jan Face Glassman that the Florida Department of Transportation had engaged a contractor for the two traffic lights on US 41 associated with the Home Depot project. She stated that the work will go forward but that there is no estimated time of arrival. The Board noted that traffic light materials had been observed near the shopping center.

I. Correspondence from Ms. Briant

Dr. Bularzik stated that the District sent Ms. Briant a thank-you note after the prior meeting and that Ms. Briant returned a thank-you note expressing her appreciation.

J. Website Meeting Time

Dr. Bularzik stated that the District website had posted the meeting start time as 1:00 p.m. rather than 1:30 p.m. She stated that she noticed the issue and it was corrected so members of the public would not appear at the wrong time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Karen Rische - Ole at Lely Resort - asked for clarification regarding the bear referenced in the patrol report and where it had been located. Mr. Bowers clarified that the bear had not been relocated. It had been found dead between two houses in the Classics area. He stated that, approximately one month earlier, a bear had been breaking into black rat traps and eating the bait, and that the incident may have been related. He stated that FWC investigated and checked for bullet wounds. Ms. Rische stated that Ole may need to look into the issue because it has many similar traps.

Ms. Rische also asked about third-shift coverage. She stated that activity in the off-season has been seen later in the evening, approximately between 9:00 p.m. and 11:30

p.m. or midnight. Ms. Rische stated she has seen people casing neighborhoods and using the hot tub, and that Ole is taking steps to address that. She stated that with the new apartment complex, the District may see more visitors and traffic on Celeste Drive and Grand Lely Drive, and that additional patrol may be worth reviewing. She also complimented the flowers and the direction of the entry feature project.

Mr. Drum stated that anyone who wants to understand future activity in the area should drive east of Collier Boulevard on Rattlesnake Hammock Road and observe the development occurring there, including the new Costco area, the planned osteopathic medical college, and new apartments. He stated that the apartments are being filled and that the District should recognize future growth as a reason to consider additional security and staffing needs.

Dr. Bularzik stated that the District does not publicize the hours of the Lely patrol because the District does not want people to know when patrol staff are or are not present.

Mr. Dorrill stated that the next meeting would be August 19, 2026. He then suggested a five-minute recess so the members of the public could leave, and the court reporter could set up for the closed-door attorney-client session.

CLOSED-DOOR SESSION

The regular meeting recessed at 3:06 p.m. to convene in a closed-door attorney-client session. Members of the public were not eligible to remain for the closed-door session.