

Little Gasparilla Island Advisory Committee  
Minutes January 8, 2010 (Corrected)

- Call to Order and Roll Call
  - Bob Hill called the meeting to order and noted that all Board members were present except Don Oleson
- Introduction of Guests
  - Bob welcomed Donna from the Englewood Sun
- Minutes from December Meeting
  - Bob Hill asked Carey Beychok to send all Board members a copy of the December minutes to be approved at the next meeting with any additions and/or corrections they may have. After approval they will be sent to Roxann Read at Charlotte County.
- Old Business
  - A. Meeting of Dock Committee – Bob Hill gave an update regarding the multiple family dock situation and DEP. DEP has indicated they would hold off on fines for one year while a solution was being worked out. Bob read the following names as members of the dock committee working on this situation: Tom Tucker, Rob Hill, Tom McCoy, David Haynes, Barry Hurt, Chuck O’Hara and Bob Hill. Chairman Hill will contact Tom Tucker to see if a meeting of this committee could be set for next Friday. It has been suggested by DEP that a local bill might be needed to resolve this issue.
  - B. At Large Member needed on LGIAC Board – Bob asked for names of anyone that might be interested in serving on the board to fill the Ridenour seat, preferably from the north end of the island. He said he would talk to several people to see if they were interested in serving.
  - C. Fire and EMFR Survey Results – 52.2% of the surveys sent out were returned. The surveys were sent by the committee with the costs being covered by LGPOA. The return address on the surveys sent as well as the address that the completed surveys were to be mailed to, was that of Charlotte County. Based on the surveys returned 58.9% were in favor of the MSBU and 41.1% against the MSBU. Midge O’Hara explained that 741 viable addresses existed on LGI for mailing purposes.

- New Business

- A. 1) Bob Hill spoke with the county attorney who would begin moving forward with the paperwork needed between LGIFR and Charlotte County.
- 2) Bob Hill said that the four county commissioners that he spoke with all agreed to help move the MSBU process forward.
- 3) Bob Hill stated that the budget numbers needed to be worked out with Charlotte County MSBU Department as the LGI MSBU is not a typical MSBU.

The LGI MSBU will be an item of discussion on the Charlotte County agenda at their January 26, 2010 meeting. Bob Hill will speak in favor of the MSBU and stated that anyone for or against the MSBU can speak as well but must get prior approval from the County to do so. The MSBU should be created at the County meeting in March.

Chairman Hill asked for thoughts or comments from the audience. Discussion was then held regarding the LGIFR changes. Tom McCoy noted that the current board of the LGIFR would be replaced by a newly elected board voted on by all islanders on March 27, 2010. He asked that nominations be submitted by February 15, 2010. Midge O’Hara then explained that the new LGIFR board would consist of an elected representative from each of 5 districts. She showed a map of LGI and the boundaries of each of the districts.

The addresses included in each of the five districts (which contain approximately equal numbers of property parcels), with the initial term for the Director to be elected from each district, are as follows:

	<u>Addresses</u>	<u>Initial Director’s Term</u>
<u>District 1</u>	8022 – 8500	2 years
District 2	8504 – 8952	4 years
District 3	8954 – 9394	2 years
District 4	9400 – 9470 9534 – 9558 9606 – 9630	4 years
District 5	9472 – 9532 9560 – 9604 9632 – 9912	2 years

District 1 will contain 150 parcels, District 2 153 parcels, District 3 142 parcels, District 4 150 parcels and District 5 146 parcels.

Tom McCoy said that the LGPOA and LGIFR websites could post the district map. He stated again that there would be one representative from each of the five districts but they were elected by all islanders.

Midge O’Hara said that Chief DiDio offered to sit in on the interviews to hire the island firefighters. She also reported that the vote to amend the LGIFR to the new not for profit entity was approved on December 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 by about 85%.

Paul Holmes asked Bob Hill to read the breakdown between home and lot owner responses regarding the MSBU survey. Chairman Hill read the breakdown as noted:

Fire / EMS MSBU Survey Results				
	Home/Condo Owners	Land Owners	Not Identified	Total
Mailed	502	263	---	765
Returned	270	115	14	399 [52%]
Favor	176 [65%]	53 [46%]	6	235 [59%]
Opposed	94 [[35%]	62 [54%]	8	164 [41%]

Barry Hurt suggested possibly looking into the negative votes to see what their concerns might be.

Bob Hill called for a motion, based on the positive response of the MSBU survey, to have the LGIAC present the results of the survey to the Charlotte County Commission and request that they form a MSBU and enter into a contract with the newly restructured LGIFR, Inc. to provide fire and EMS for LGI. Barry Hurt gave the first and Carolyn Dupree gave the second. The LGIAC voted unanimously in favor of the motion and the motion was carried.

- o B. Meeting Schedule - Chairman Hill discussed the LGIAC meeting schedule for 2010 and it was decided that at this time the committee would meet each month

through April. Bob Hill asked if Roxann Read could cancel the May and June meetings and asked that the committee members hold July open at this time. Committee members Barry Hurt, Carey Beychok and Paul Holmes have sent in their requests to Charlotte County to renew their terms as they currently expire on January 22, 2010.

- C. Bylaws Changes - Chairman Hill noted that Roxann Read pointed out some items in the LGIAC Bylaws that need to be addressed. Committee members Carolyn Dupree, Paul Holmes and Bob Hill will work with her on these items.
- Comments from Audience
  - It was again addressed that the MSBU will be discussed on January 26, 2010 at the Murdock Charlotte County Chambers, conference room #106 at 9 a.m. Public Hearing dates will be set at a later time. It was noted that the MSBU will not be in place until the final County Commission vote held.
  - Chairman Hill stated that the MSBU should show on the October 2010 tax bills. Collection of monies will start in December 2010. He noted that the grant monies should be available, but LGIFR will budget accordingly as Midge O'Hara said there was a three month lag time for repayment from the grant.
  - Carolyn Dupree asked how long it would be before a full time EMT would be on the island but it was noted that there is no date determined at this time because the process is ongoing. It was stated that the current procedure with on island radios was working properly.
- Set Time and Place for Next Meeting and Adjournment
  - The next regular meeting will be held on February 12, 2010 at 1 p.m. at Cedar Pointe Park. Barry Hurt made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Carolyn Dupree gave the second. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.