



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

Agenda Item # 11

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves

FROM: Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: May 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Discussion of Council Participation and Communications with Surrounding Communities, Other Agencies and Local Organizations

Background:

In an effort to enhance communications, coordination and cooperation on areas of common concern between neighboring governments, local agencies and community groups, the Town can serve to facilitate the process in several ways (below are solely examples to start the discussion):

- Include most recent agenda summaries from surrounding local governments in Council agenda package for informational purposes (for instance, ITID, Royal Palm Beach, Wellington, and Westlake)
- Invite guest speakers to Council Meetings and hold more frequent Meet & Greets prior to Council Meetings. In addition to our County Commissioner being invited to join us quarterly, some potential speakers would include Palm Beach State College & Keiser University; Executive Director of the Central Palm Beach Chamber; Executive Director of the Indian Trail Improvement District (and a resident of the Groves); Chair of the Wellington Equestrian Committee (and a Groves property owner); Executive Directors from the Board of Realtors, Business Development Board/Realtors Association; Property Appraiser & Tax Collector; University of Florida IFAS program & Department of Agricultural & Consumer Affairs, etc. We will continue to invite our State Senator and Representative at least annually.
- Identify or appoint Town Council or at large community members as liaisons to specific organizations, agencies or groups. Liaisons would represent Town positions on issues, report relevant Town activities and actions, provide education/support regarding relevant Town policies and regulations, etc when attending face-to-face and/or virtual meetings of the organization, agency or group. The Liaison would then make a brief report as part of a recurring informational agenda item at the Town Council meetings.
- Take advantage of Council members' (and potentially at large resident) existing board memberships, appointments and current volunteering similar to liaisons roles above. *(Please provide list to staff in order to provide complete list of representation)*

The Council may wish to also discuss the potential structure and definition for liaison roles as well as volunteer and appointed board memberships. Some of the organizations, agencies and/or groups that likely should be represented/reported on include but are not limited to the following:

- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)
- Transportation Planning Agency (TPA)
- Western Communities Council
- Various County Boards & Committees
- PBC League of Cities (full membership and smaller district lunches)
- Florida League of Cities (annual meeting voting delegate and various committees & boards)
- Central Palm Beach County Chamber (monthly meetings and related boards and committees)
- Loxahatchee Groves Landowners Association

We can add the recurring informational and reporting agenda items either to the Council's monthly voting meeting or to the workshop meeting.

Recommendation:

Review, discuss and direct Staff.