

## LOWER WEST COAST WATERSHED SUBCOMMITTEE

Held on April 17, 2008

The meeting of the Lower West Coast Watershed Subcommittee was held on April 17, 2008 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council at 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

Those present included:

David Crawford	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Mayor Mick Denham	City of Sanibel
Rae Ann Wessel	SCCF
Carol Newcomb-Jones	Kitson & Partners
Bill Hammond	Natural Context
Jon Iglehart	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
Phil Flood	SFWMD
Commissioner Adam Cummings	Charlotte County
Jim Beever	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Carla Palmer	CP&A
Bob Himschoot	Crews Environmental
Karen Bickford	Lee County
Roxanne Groover	FOWA
Mark Hooks	Infiltrator Systems
Catherine Corbett	CHNEP
Wayne Daltry	Lee County

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Denham called the meeting to order.

#### **Agenda Item #2 - Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2008**

The minutes of March 20, 2008 were approved.

#### **Agenda Item #3 – Review of Committee Activities**

Mayor Denham provided a brief overview of the activities of the committee.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Review Draft Final on Site Wastewater Treatment Resolution**

Mayor Denham asked for comments with respect to the resolution.

Mr. Beever reviewed the comments received and thanked Ms. Corbett for her contribution.

Mr. Hooks stated that he was pleased with the resolution.

Mayor Denham stated that he felt this resolution would receive a favorable recommendation from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council board.

Mr. Hooks stated that one of his suggestions was not incorporated which was to use revolving loan fund monies for low income and middle income families and that the rationale might have been funding sources for voluntary replacement.

Ms. Corbett said that she could add an appendix about the different funding scenarios.

Mayor Denham asked that a resolution be prepared that would define what actions were needed to support the resolution and that a grant package be put together which represented the six counties.

Ms. Wessel questioned about the inspection procedure and the licensing of state contractors

Mayor Denham asked what was happening with the stormwater resolution.

Mr. Beaver said that the process is moving forward with a respect to a resolution.

Ms. Carol Newcomb-Jones addressed the issue of new rules which will be under Sustainable Development and Stormwater. This will be a very dynamic situation with no increase in volume, rate, runoff and pollutant load.

Mr. Beaver stated that the second part of the resolution will concern retrofit guidelines and the third part will address regional conveyance systems.

Mayor Denham stated that he would like to have this project completed in 9 to 12 months.

Ms. Wessel asked about the single family lots being addressed.

Mr. Beaver stated that the second resolution would address shelter system which is already a regional scale retrofit and not a lot by lot issue.

Mayor Denham stated that he wanted to try and have some impact on urban pollution. When this is broken down into pieces, it becomes manageable. While we can't solve all the problems, we can make a 20% improvement in water quality which is the first step.

Mr. Beaver made an announcement about seeking grants to address sea level rise and requested that Mayor Denham participate in this matter.

Mayor Denham said a separate committee would be best as he did not want to include it as he did not want to change the scope of the meeting.

Mr. Daltry reviewed the three attachments in the agenda package: 1) Septic tank alternative in Lehigh Acres; 2) Memo from Rae Ann Wessel on fertilizer research; and 3) Caloosahatchee Watershed Management measures.

Mayor Denham spoke about the TMDL program for local communities. Pharmacists have agreed to take recycled drugs and will dispose of them.

Ms. Groover said that the policy of Hope Hospice was to dispose of them through the sewer system.

The next meeting will be on May 15, 2008.