



CELA TEGA 2020

"ESTERO BAY IS IN TROUBLE: WHAT CITIZENS CAN DO TO HELP"

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ADVISORY BOARDS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES

Many advisory committees that can impact the Estero Bay have numerous vacant seats.

I contend that one way to help make change is to work through the government structure in place

ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Negotiations over the permit issuance for the Florida Gulf Coast University led to a Settlement Agreement that called for the creation of the “Arnold Committee” and an assessment of overall land uses and natural systems, environmental protection and mitigation tools in the Estero Bay watershed.

The ABM was formed in 1996. It is a non-regulatory advisory committee to the Council. Its directive is to make comments and recommendations regarding the management of Estero Bay and its watershed.

The ABM collects and maintains data and it reviews and comments to regulatory agencies on issues affecting the watershed. Its members include Lee County legislative delegates and representatives of the Council, local chambers of commerce, citizen and civic associations, the Responsible Growth Management Coalition, Lee County, Collier County, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, the SFWMD, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Gulf Coast University, Federal agencies involved in natural resource management, commercial and recreational fishing interests, environmental and conservation organizations, scientists, affected property owners, and the land development community.



ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

[Cela Tega conference series](http://fgcu.edu/cas/celatega): see fgcu.edu/cas/celatega



I have been a member since 2003.
Several speakers at today's event
have also been long-standing
members

Cela Tega 2020

Estero Bay is in trouble: What citizens can do to help

2016 Cela Tega

Resiliency and Adaptations in the Estero Bay Region

2011 Cela Tega

Conservation Lands' Economic Value

Estero Bay Watershed Public Symposium 2009 and Art Exhibit

Dec 2008 Cela Tega

Land Acquisition Cela Tega

Jun 2008 Cela Tega

Estero Bay Land Management



<http://leempo.com/>

***"OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE
LEADERSHIP AND PROMOTE REGIONAL
MOBILITY, ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE
INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND FOSTER
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SENSITIVE
TO COMMUNITY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES."***

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

MPO board members appoint local citizens to the CAC. Bringing the public's perspective to the decision-making process, the CAC's members make recommendations to the MPO board about project priorities for state and federal funding in FDOT's five-year work program, proposed long-range transportation plans, project plans, program plans, and other transportation issues.

7 vacant positions:

Comm. Manning and Hamman

City of Cape Coral (2)

City of Fort Myers (1)

Villages of Estero (1)

At-large (1)

Good transit will reduce the need for continued expansion and building of new roads. Roads lead to development which leads to loss of open land for water recharge and purification.

I have been speaking to them for several years about Tom Kanell's proposal to synchronize and improve LeeTran services <http://abetterleetran.com/> **Tom was a driver who saw passengers often missing connections by minutes and has proposed a better system. He and I continue to try working through these committees to have his plan considered and evaluated.**



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County Commissioners

- ▶ District 1: John Manning
- ▶ District 2: Cecil Pendergrass
- ▶ District 3: Ray Sandelli
- ▶ District 4: Brian Hamman, Chairman
- ▶ District 5: Frank Mann, Vice Chairman

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING (2)
AIRPORTS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (0)
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN (1)
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS (4)
BOCA GRANDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (0)
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (15)
COASTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (7)
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY/NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT (2)
CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION & STEWARDSHIP (0)
CONSTRUCTION LICENSING (2)
DISASTER ADVISORY COUNCIL (13)

Number of vacancies listed in parenthesis. Highlight committee and click button.

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APPLICATIONS & RESOURCES

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[Value Adjustment Board Application](#) [Word](#) [Adobe .pdf](#)

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

**Date Created:
(by resolution)**

11/29/1989

**Number of
Members:**

11

Purpose:

The purpose is to act as a general advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners with emphasis on bicycle paths and sidewalks. This includes recommending updates to a Comprehensive Bicycle Facilities Plan, reviewing and recommending facility needs, educating cyclists and motorists and developing a current Project Priority List as a guide for the development of the bikeway system.

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

Date Created:
(by Ordinance)

7/20/1988

Number of Members: 7

At one time members were from
Conservancy and other
conservation organizations

Purpose:

Responsible for the conduct of the **Comprehensive Planning Program** and the preparation of the Lee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan; responsible for making recommendations to the Board regarding the adoption of the Plan or any element or portion thereof. **Monitors and oversees the effectiveness and status of the Plan** and recommends changes to the Plan to the Board. Prepares reports as required by Section 163.3191, F.S. In addition, the LPA reviews proposed land development regulations, land development codes and amendments thereto and makes recommendations to the Board as to consistency of the proposed legislation with the Lee Plan. Performs other functions, duties and responsibilities which may be assigned to it by the Board or under general or special law.

It appears that Commissioner Hamman's appointee position is open

CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION & STEWARDSHIP (CLASAC)

**Date Created:
(by ordinance)**

11/5/1996

**Number of
Members:**

15

Purpose:

To advise and provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners concerning the County's environmentally critical or sensitive land purchase and improvement program.

CLASAC is a citizen advisory committee that meets monthly to:

Review parcels for purchase consideration

Make recommendations on negotiations

Review, comment and recommend land stewardship plans and activities

Recommend other general management items to the BOCC

It appears that Commissioner Manning's appointee position is open

DISASTER ADVISORY COUNCIL- REPLACES THE RECOVERY TASK FORCE

**Date Created:
(by ordinance)**

11/21/1990

**Number of
Members:**

Purpose:

Responsible for pre-disaster planning & post-disaster recommendations. (This committee replaces the Recovery Task Force)

13 open seats- most by designation or as liaison missing include: Cities of Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Fort Myers EEO, Public works, Solid waste, Sheriff, SFWMD, SWFRPC, Health Department, LPA and more!

HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL

Date Created: 7/1/2003
(by Administrative Code)

Number of Members: 29

Purpose:

Responsible for pre-disaster planning & post-disaster recommendations. (This committee replaces the Recovery Task Force)

There appears to be 16 open seats

PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES

Date Created:
(by Resolution)

5/1/1985

Number of Members: 15

Purpose:

To advise the Board by providing recommendations on matters involving parks & recreation in Lee County.

It appears that Commissioner Manning's appointee position is open

PARTNERING FOR RESULTS PROPOSAL REVIEW PANEL

Date Created: 3/13/2001
(by Resolution)

Number of Members: 20

Purpose:

Evaluate proposals from non-profit organizations seeking funding through the Partnering for Results Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

County annually allocates money for contracts to non-profits for Human Services (about \$4 million)

2-3 seats open per district

RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BP OIL DISASTER FUNDS)

Purpose:

To develop and establish an application process for allocation of the funds as outlined in the RESTORE Act requirements.

Date Created:
(by Resolution)

4/9/2013

Number of Members: 11

Eleven (11) members who are experienced in environmental science or advocacy; coast resource management; marine sciences, finance, accounting/grants management ; tourism; economic development. One (1) representative appointed by each of the County's six (6) municipalities within thirty (30) days of the Board's adoption of resolution. Five (5) at-large representatives appointed by majority vote of the Board after municipal selections are made.

It appears that neither the City of Bonita Springs nor the Villages of Estero has appointees.

MSTBU & MSTU COMMITTEES

<http://www.leegov.com/budget/mstbu/committees>

- MSTBU ADVISORY COMMITTEES ARE FORMED BY VOLUNTEER PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN AN OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT (O&M/SIU) UNIT.
- THE COMMITTEES WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP ANNUAL BUDGETS AND PRIORITIZE SERVICE NEEDS.
- 28 EXIST
- LIAISON/DEPT: TIMOTHY GARD, MSTBU SERVICES, 533-2308 (FOR ALL 28!)

HOW A MSTU OR MSTBU IS CREATED

- PROPERTY OWNERS IN UNINCORPORATED LEE COUNTY WHO WISH TO IMPLEMENT SPECIAL SERVICES OR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY MAY PETITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING/BENEFIT UNIT (MSTBU-NON ADVALORUM; MSTU: AD-VALORUM), A DEPENDENT UNIT OF GOVERNMENT.
- THESE SERVICES OR PROJECTS ARE PAID THROUGH TAXES, ASSESSMENTS OR CHARGES TO THE PROPERTIES THAT BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICE OR PROJECT.

OBTAIN SIGNATURES OF
50% + 1 (MAJORITY) OF
THE PROPERTY OWNERS

SAN CARLOS PARK SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Date Created: 7/19/1989

Number of Members: 5

Purpose:

Responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and to consider requests for placement and maintenance of lights, maintenance of the Constitutional entrance way and arches, general horticulture, law enforcement, and other civic improvements as required.

It was created in 1989 when residents joined to get roads paved and streetlights.

I joined in 2013.

It was a lot easier to get 50% then!

SAN CARLOS PARK SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Building community is part of saving Estero bay

- I WILL SHOW OUR NEW ARCH, LANDSCAPING AND HIRING OF ADDITIONAL SHERIFFS PATROL
- STREET LIGHTS BY SCHOOL BUS STOPS
- SIDEWALK COMPLETION GOAL (BPAC 😊)

EAST MULLOCH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Public Purpose: Drainage and/or Water Control. The District is responsible for maintaining canals, water retention ponds and drainage structures.

Authorizing Statutes and Creation Documents: East Mulloch Drainage District was first created in 1963, by the Florida Legislature, as an independent special district under Chapter 298, Florida Statutes. The most recent legislation, House Bill No. 1089, Ch. 2018-74, Laws of Fla., effective July 1, 2018, created a successor/replacement East Mulloch Water Control District, now a dependent special district of Lee County to operate under Florida Statutes Chapter 189. The most recent amendment to the District's charter came as a result of the Lee County Board of County Commissioner's adoption of Lee County Ordinance No. 19-11. This Ordinance amended the District's charter as follows:

Ownership of property in the District is a prerequisite to appointment to the District's 3-Member Board of Supervisors.

The District assessment was increased to an amount not to exceed \$60.00 per acre (non-acreage prorated), per annum.

Lee County Ordinance No. 19-11

PINE MANOR STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT

Date Created:	12/13/1989
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Number of Members:	5
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Purpose:

Responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and to consider requests for placement and maintenance of lights

Currently only one member

Why?