

Lee discussed County infrastructure projects for storm water treatment, septic replacement program, bringing small water treatment facilities into the County system, street sweeping, public transportation, electric car charging station rebate program, education programs, and landscaper certification program. The County performs ongoing red tide and water quality monitoring.

The County Health Department monitors 16 beach sites. The County works with the ranching and agriculture industries to encourage best practices and helps with grants for water and nutrient reduction.

An attendee asked whether Sarasota County is doing anything to protect itself like Palm Beach County did by suing the Army Corps of Engineers to stop discharging water from Lake Okeechobee into their area. The Counties are working together to identify water quality and nutrient management issues at the state and federal levels.

An attendee asked whether Lee had been invited to educate the Planning and County Commissioners regarding airborne pollutant reduction in their planning and development process. Lee responded that they had been involved in adding many transportation provisions in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan revisions.

BOARD REPORTS

Siesta Promenade

Dan Lundy

The Siesta Promenade public hearing before the County Commission is December 12 at 9 am. It is estimated that this project will increase traffic at the Stickney Point/US 41 intersection by over 8000 trips per day. The project was approved by the Planning Commission in November. One of SKA's main objections is that the project does not consider all 4 quadrants of the intersection, which should have been considered as part of the Critical Area. Tom Surprise stated that the increased traffic on Stickney Point will prevent emergency vehicles from timely access to the Key. During the Crystal Classic, traffic from the south bridge was directed to the north bridge.

Big Pass/Lido Status

Catherine Luckner

SKA has had 4 different filings since mid-November on the Big Pass dredge. The City has asked to have our case dismissed. We are now asking for a Writ of Mandamus, asking that the City go to the County to see whether their plans are consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan. We are waiting for the judge's decision. A donor is providing a matching donation, for donations to the legal fund up to \$5000.

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ADJOURNMENT

Catherine Luckner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba, Secretary
Siesta Key Association of Sarasota, Inc.

Next SKA monthly meeting is January 10, 2018 at 4:30 pm.