



**MT. PLYMOUTH-SORRENTO COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 18, 2014 COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
SORRENTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CAFETERIA
24605 WALLICK ROAD, SORRENTO, FLORIDA 32776**

CALL TO ORDER – The November 18, 2014 community meeting of the Lake County Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Community Redevelopment Advisory (CRA) Committee began at 6:33 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

<p><u>Members/Staff Attending:</u> Frances Geddes, Property Owner in Planning Area Dave Croson, Property Owner in Planning Area Christine Thompson, Property Owner in Planning Area Frances Nipe, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles, Vice Chairman Thomas A. Van de Kieft, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles Timothy J. Bailey, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles, Chairman Commissioner Leslie Campione, BCC Liaison Dottie Keedy, Director, Community Services Department Bill Veach, Deputy County Manager Fred Schneider, Engineering, Public Works Department Chris Schmidt, Planning & Community Design, Growth Management Department Greg Holcomb, Communications, Public Safety Department Mike Woods, Lake-Sumter MPO Glen Guzman, Code Enforcement, Public Safety Department Gallus Quigley, Parks & Trails, Public Resources Department Dwayne Henry, Parks & Trails, Public Resources Department Brook Miller, Parks & Trails, Public Resources Department</p>	<p><u>Members/Staff Attending (Cont.):</u> Linda Green, Office Associate V, Community Services Department</p> <p><u>Members/Staff – Not Attending</u> Matthew Matulia, Property Owner in Planning Area</p> <p><u>Others Attending:</u> David Graeber, Inwood Consulting Engineers Don Griffey, Griffey Engineering Mary Brooks, Turnpike & Expressway Services Virginia Loomis Bob Curry Barbara S. Wray Shirley & Bob Otten Betty Ann & Frank Christian Maggie & Nick Ryon Jim & Barb Tenney Steve Jennelle Susan Brooks Philip Rawls Melissa Capresecco, East Lake Chamber of Commerce Shirley Meade, East Lake Historical Society Scott Taylor Israel Rosado, Jr. Gary Jerkins Chris Jerkins Sylvester & Lydia Gilbert Earl Hammond Jerry Gilland</p>
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Commissioner Leslie Campione opened the meeting and explained that the purpose of this meeting is to provide information to the community and to obtain their input.

Ms. Dottie Keedy introduced herself and shared that she is the Lake County staff person assigned to work with the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee.

At this time, Ms. Keedy requested the Lake County staff and vendors introduce themselves.

Chair Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested each Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Board member to introduce themselves.

COMMUNITY MEETING:

Chair Bailey explained that everyone was given a yellow sticker to place on their favorite proposed name for State Road 46.

Mr. Fred Schneider, Lake County Public Works Department, shared how the section of State Road 46 will be renamed and turned over to Lake County. He demonstrated where the section of the road was on a map in relation to the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) boundary.

Mr. Schneider discussed how the proposed road names were chosen for renaming State Road 46 and shared that, initially they had 72 name suggestions, which were shortened to these three choices:

County Road 46 (CR 46)
Sorrento Main Street
Sorrento Avenue

Chair Bailey discussed questions that were posted on a white board which he would like everyone to write their answers on the board. Those questions are:

What changes would you like to see in the community?
What would you like to save in the community?
What phrase describes your ideal community?

At 6:45 p.m. there was a break-out session to allow the participants to view the exhibits, post their responses to the questions on the white board and chose which of the three names was preferred for State Road 46.

At 7:17 p.m. the participants reconvened for discussion.

Chair Bailey reviewed the responses to the questions that were posted on the white board, which are as follows:

What changes would you like to see in the community?	What would you like to save in the community?	What phrase describes your ideal community?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved street lights, sidewalks, eye appeal. 2. Sewer & water so we can attract more small Mom & Pop businesses – Restaurants, Hotel, etc. 3. Speed bumps to slow traffic down on side streets (Troon!). 4. Comprehensive Plan for 20+ years to reflect growth. 5. Lower speed from Orange to 435. 6. Left turn going East on 46 at 437 South. 7. Connect 437 and remove the dog leg at 46. 8. Town Center with park area. 9. Community Center/Hall. 10. Fine people who put snipe signs in right-of-way, 2 x 1-1½ signs. 11. Walkable. 12. Connect 437 South. 13. Tourism & Redevelopment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The road from 435 down Troon across Sackamaxon up Prestwick is a popular bike path for many residents & visitors that come especially for this area to walk. 2. Rural atmosphere!! 3. Septic's & wells, so no water & sewer bills. 4. Trees!!! 5. Trees. 6. Preservation of Presbyterian Church (Church Street). 7. Historic buildings/landmarks. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progressive, rural. 2. Quiet, secluded. 3. Secure, safe. 4. Vibrant. 5. Country. 6. Quaint. 7. Inviting, convivial. 8. Walkable. 9. Bicycle friendly. 10. Rustic/Quaint. 11. Rural Quaint. 12. Natural.

One citizen commented that there is a need for a flashing light on State Road 46 at the fire department location.

Another citizen shared that he has observed considerable speeding on Shetland Trail.

Discussion occurred on discovering who owns the Presbyterian Church so it can be added to the State's Historic Registry.

Ms. Frances Nipe mentioned issues with the intersection at State Road 46 and County Road 435 which Mr. Schneider noted that the Public Works Department will look into those issues.

Discussion occurred concerning prohibiting trucks on State Road 46 after the County takes it over and problems with trucks using "jake brakes."

Commissioner Campione discussed an upcoming Mt. Plymouth Golf Course application for development.

Mr. Schneider shared that the following name choices were as follows:

County Road 46	-	13
Sorrento Main Street	-	13
Sorrento Avenue	-	32

Mr. Schneider conveyed that February 10, 2015 the road naming will go to the Board of County Commissioners with the recommendations.

Chair Bailey shared that there will be a meeting of the Community Redevelopment Area Board (Lake County Board of County Commissioners) sometime in January or February 2015.

Mr. Chris Schmidt mentioned that additional design standards will be developed for the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA to achieve their desired look and quality.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought to the attention of the community meeting the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Prepared By:



Linda Green
Office Associate V

December 11, 2014
Date