

# The League of Women Voters of Volusia County, Florida



## THE VOTER

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**LWV Purpose:** To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected issues.

### Immigration Study Breakfast Meeting: Panel Featuring Area Experts

Saturday, November 17, 2007

**\*LPGA Club House, 1000 Champions Drive, Daytona Beach  
9:00 – 11:30 A.M.**

Panel: Jean-Michel Hilaire, Migrant Advocate, Volusia County Schools  
David Vedder, Immigration Attorney, Daytona Beach  
Reggie Williams, Circuit 7 Administrator, Department of Children  
and Families for Volusia and Flagler Counties  
(Panelist representing area agriculture still to be chosen)

9:00 a.m: Check-in  
9:15 Breakfast  
10:00 Panel: Each panelist will have 10 minutes for his presentation.  
10:40 Questions and Answers  
11:30 Adjourn

A traditional breakfast (eggs, fruit, sausage, potatoes, coffee or tea) will be served. The cost is \$15. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 13 by calling the LWVVC at 386- 238-7361 or by e-mailing [mail@lwvvc.org](mailto:mail@lwvvc.org).

\*Directions: From I-95, take the Exit 265. Go west on LPGA Boulevard, 2 ½ miles to the **third entrance** to the LPGA Subdivision. Turn left on International Golf Dr. into the subdivision, and go 1 mile. At the **stop sign, cross Champions Dr.** Turn left into the parking lot. The Club House is on the left at 1000 Champions Dr.

### **\*Immigration Study Consensus Meeting**

Saturday, January 12, 2008

\*\*Piccadilly Cafeteria, 200 North Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach

9:30 a.m.: Pick up breakfast from the cafeteria line.

10:00 – 11:30 Consensus Questions Meeting in Private Dining Room

While an RSVP is not necessary, please call or email the LWVVC by Wednesday, January 9 so that we will have enough handouts of the consensus questions: 386- 238-7361 or [mail@lwvvc.org](mailto:mail@lwvvc.org).

\*See the related article on page 8.

\*\*Piccadilly Cafeteria is located at the corner of Ridgewood and International Speedway Blvd



Dear Leaguers,

Our Candidate Project is a success! If you haven't seen it—go to [www.LWVVC.org](http://www.LWVVC.org). Betty Johnson, our Webmaster did a fantastic job getting the candidate information launched on September 28 as planned. She reports [in this VOTER issue] how many hits we've had since the municipal candidates' information was launched. Betty edited the Web site for the upcoming General Elections. Check it out and tell your friends where they can learn about their candidates! Other members who worked on this project are Judy Moore, Claudia Roth, Ann Smith, Rosemarie Gore, Betty Johnson and yours truly. It has been a very satisfying and rewarding project to undertake.

Speaking of elections, Ann Smith, Voter Service chair has been very busy with candidate forums. We have had some very successful forums this election season—check out Ann's report in this issue of the VOTER!

Were you able to attend at least one of the four stimulating and informative Immigration Study unit meetings in September? These meetings developed into such invigorating discussions! We are continuing our immigration study with an

exciting November 17 meeting with our esteemed panelists. Your Immigration Study committee has planned a superb breakfast meeting with a follow up consensus meeting on January 12.

Thank our Immigration committee members—Judy Moore, Maritza Patterson, Carolyn West, Chris Moseley, Mary Derr and Claudia Roth. Our Immigration Panel meeting will be a joint meeting with AAUW---looking forward to it!

We will be getting started on our plans for LWV Florida Council in May 18-19, 2008. It will be an exciting event for LWVVC. If you are interested in helping out with the planning and/or events—please let us know! Jean Snyder is head planner for this event.

In December we will be having our annual Holiday Party at Pat Gadbow's. The Board invites all league members to join in the holiday festivities! See you all there!



Sincerely,  
*Sandy Horikami*

P.S. Happy Turkey Day too!



*The Board of Directors and Pat Gadbow would like to invite you to the Annual Holiday get-together.*

*Date: December 5, 2007*

*Time: 6 p.m.*

Pat Gadbow's home, Port Orange

Food & Refreshments will be provided by the Board of Directors.



An invitation postcard with specifics and directions will be mailed mid-November.



# OBSERVER CORPS

## Overview

- I received a request from ACLU to check on an issue Janice Baum brought up about historic preservations. Her group felt that the Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney were manipulating Roberts Rules to avoid citizen input. Baum further asked that we be present to observe the 8/28 Commission meeting where issues of the Utility Commission and industrial zoning would be aired.
- Most towns and cities in Volusia are busily trying to cut budgets. Some have it much easier than others. While the town of Ponce Inlet has 65% non-homesteaded residents, places like Oak Hill, Edgewater, Pierson and others struggle for tax dollars to support their infrastructure. One size never fits all!
- The Florida Supreme Court ruled on what constitutes a "substantive change" to the wording in a second reading of an ordinance. This will make it easier for Commissioners to make changes without having to resort to starting the process over.

## Ponce Inlet Town Council

The Town Council has become the local Planning Agency in order to bring the Town Charter into compliance with the citizen visioning ideas of two years ago for maintaining a small waterfront fishing community. All new building in the waterfront district is suspended for one year. For the second time in three years, Mayor Nancy Epps has volunteered to speak to a classroom about the importance of students getting involved in local government. Ponce Inlet's allocation of boat slips has been approved as in compliance with the Manatee Protection Plan. Ponce Inlet used an aggregate plan to accommodate the working waterfront concept as noted.

## Daytona Beach Shores City Council

Like every other city, these past two months have been mostly about budget cuts. While cleaning out reams of paper in anticipation of having my terrazzo floors sanded and finished, I came across an article lamenting the long hours of the City Commission, frequently going on to past midnight. They are now generally very short, too short. I arrived 6 minutes after 7: last Wednesday. The meeting adjourned at 7:10. I appreciate brevity, but I also would like more explanation of some of the issues.

**Pat Gadbow**

## DeLand City Commission

An Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Code regarding Irrigation was proposed to eliminate the installation of new irrigation meters. The intent of this ordinance is to encourage residents to conserve water. New construction meters would measure water use and charge water and sewer rates after a set number of gallons/liters used. The St. John's Water Management District (SJWMD) has the authority to restrict the city to a set amount of water available for use. However, the SJWMD has no restrictions on private wells.

Alex Sink, Chief Financial Officer, sent a representative to the meeting to explain how the grants have changed under My Safe Florida Home.com. In order to qualify for a grant the house must be homesteaded, built before March 1, 2002, insured for under \$300,000 and located in a wind-borne debris region. However, the wind inspections are still free and certificates from the wind inspectors entitle homeowners to a discount from their insurance companies.

**Maritza Patterson**

## New Smyrna City Commission

Nora Jane attended the meeting Janice Baum alluded to for Carolyn Creech who was unable to attend. Nora Jane

observed that the Commission turned down the Utility Commission's request to remove a 63 inch diameter historic live oak in the parking lot, 200 Canal Street, at this time.

They passed an amendment to Land Development regulation **prohibiting** Home Improvement stores in light industrial zoning districts. A Communication Tower is considered a permitted use. They voted against the staff recommendation that they pay the \$53,686 owed to WAV. They voted to allow the Williamson extension to cross the western 800 acres that belong to the utility commission. This point would have the least impact on the water harvesting program or horizontal canals. All of this to be worked out with the city of Port Orange and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The Wildlife Foundation of Florida presented their ideas to the Commissioners for the old high school location.

- indoor fish tanks and fish hatchery
- save as much of the existing buildings as economically feasible.
- locate a boat launch off the existing parking lot.
- provide an observation tower overlooking marsh.
- build a welcome, information building and move Marine Discovery to this site.
- NSB High School has 150 students in Marine Biology waiting for some of this to open as a fish hatchery.
- local colleges also have plans to use it for their classes.

**Nora Gillespie**

- City Commission changed the land use designation to allow building two medical office bldgs. on S.R.44 at Wild Orange Dr.
- Allowed Flip Flop Grill a variance for protruding into the right of way "because it encourages business" (stated) while refusing a homeowner for a retaining wall that protruded 8 inches into the right of way (same meeting).
- Strengthened Comprehensive Plan to link land use and water supply planning as well as treatment capability.
- Required Home Depot to provide two smaller trees to replace large historic oak which was declining (possibly from their building practices). One Commissioner suggested there should be pre-construction requirements that developers protect trees from root damage.
- Will try to get grants from FEMA to raise level of houses in central beachside prone to flooding...also have a planned drainage project to address this issue.
- Approved all requests from developer of New Smyrna Harbor Yacht Club, new marina on north causeway. Essentially no questions because the project was shepherded through by very experienced and well known Attorney, Glenn Storch.
- The NSB City Commission is battling all kinds of opposition to its initial vote to reduce the maximum building height (and thus also density) in the ocean commercial zoning district from 8 stories to 4 stories in an attempt to keep the beachfront from being lined with high rise condominiums, affecting the low density neighborhoods and the charm and character of NSB. Among others putting heavy pressure on the City Commission is the Southeast Volusia Advertising Authority. A public workshop was held on October 17, primarily for affected property owners to be heard.

**Carolyn Creech**

### **Deltona City Commission**

The commission approved (6-1) the second and final hearing of rezoning approximately 5 acres located at 3131 Howland Blvd from C-2 (General Commercial) to Business Planned Unit Development (BPUD). The commission approved (5-2) the first hearing of zoning request from RE-5, Residential Estate Five to Residential Planned Unit Development (RPUD) on 45.2 acres located at 4000 Newmark Drive within the city of Deltona with the following conditions: (1) approval of the staff drafted developer's agreement; (2) provide a copy of an approved "School Capacity Enhancement Agreement" to be finalized by Sept. 1, 2007; (3) Approval of Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) by the City's transportation engineer.

The developer gave a power point presentation of the development called "The Preserve" that will provide 164 units of "cluster housing" using "smart growth principles." [Observer's comment: smart growth principles include commercial and business areas within close proximity, ideally walking distance, to the residential area. This is only a residential area, clustered to preserve the wetlands; which they are calling green space, that requires driving out to Howland to access commercial and business areas. This is where the traffic impact analysis is important since "The Preserve" only has access via Newmark and Courtland, both two-lane residential areas. It will be interesting what the Traffic Impact Analysis says.

### **Lake Helen City Commission**

Lake Helen has approved the use of golf carts within the city limits. Golf carts need to be registered by the police department and can only be driven on city streets. Information was to be made available on their Web site [www.lakehelen.com](http://www.lakehelen.com), but this reader could not find it. Horikami comments that some of the streets in Lake Helen are county roads and therefore it will be tricky to limit the golf cart use to only Lake Helen roads. The city of Lake Helen is going to restore one of their historic buildings: Hopkins Hall and they are discussing the bids and contracts for the renovations. Lake Helen has obtained grants for the renovations. The commission approved the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning which implements the Charter Amendments that take effect September 30, 2007. A woman wants to hold Homeopathic Institute classes in Lake Helen if she can find suitable space at minimal cost.

**Sandy Horikami**

### **Citizens Advisory - Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Karl Welzenbach, Executive Director spoke on 8/21/07 about the Land use Model "How Shall We Grow" and the new goals of factoring costs on all modes of transportation, not just roads. Many committee meetings will be set up in the two year period of the Federally mandated long range planning.

Jon Chaney, Volusia County Engineer, spoke about partnering with several cities on unfinished projects. He asked New Smyrna Beach & Edgewater for aid on 10th Street. Orange City for the Rhode Island extension. Port Orange for S Williamson, and Daytona Beach for Williamson & Clyde Morris.

### **Metropolitan Planning Organization**

The MPO'S adopted Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) methodology for Project Priority Selection Process applicable to cities and county. This puts everyone on same page and should stop overlapping of Traffic Improvement Plan (TIP) studies. This methodology complies with Federal mandates on uniform methodology in transportation

matters. DeLand was granted an exception by motion so that they could receive Enhancement Funds because of the MPO promise four years ago before change in granting. They voted to leave the I-95, Pioneer Trail interchange in the long range (20 year) planning. It is unfunded and ranked sixth for State funding.

### **Oak Hill City Commission**

Approved 2 lots on Eastern Shores for storm water project. While Oak Hill believes that FEMA owes them money for reimbursement for the 2004 hurricanes, FEMA is now claiming that Oak Hill owes them money for double payments. They will apply for an Echo Grant for VIA Hall restoration. The city will apply to Ponce Inlet Advisory Board for removal of abandoned vessels under their program. Oak Hill has three which need attention immediately. Voted to bring burns back further south to allow for city growth. Increased tag fees for animals to \$12 for unaltered and \$7 for spayed and neutered.

Due to past problems with extensive free parking of RVS at homes in the area, they proposed an ordinance permitting one RV per half acre residence, no dumping, suitable electric hookup, and securing of a permit for \$24 per unit for three week stay. In addition the RV owner must pay a fee for inspection. Those staying beyond permitted time will be fined \$25 per day. They will be allowed a total of 12 weeks per calendar year. Overstays of five days or more will be towed at owner's expense.

### **Edgewater City Council**

- Janet Shira of B&H Consultants reported, in order of importance, taxes, conservation, traffic circulation, coastal management and redevelopment of US 1 corridor.
- Passed a comprehensive plan zoning change for 79.18 acres south of Taylor Road & Glencoe Rd intersection as low density residential with conservation overlay.
- The 41 page Adult Entertainment limits has met all court challenges to date.
- There will be a charter change on the November 2007-ballot allowing for exceptions to 35 foot building height limit.
- During the public discussion time, it was noted that council is in violation of the charter which calls for \$1.5 million in reserve. Commissioners addressed this issue during their budget meetings. **Nora Jane Gillespie**

### **Ormond Beach City Commission**

- The City has proposed a 9% decrease in the millage rate from the roll back rate for FY 07-08. The budget was also approved for same period. Remarks from Costello (mayor) indicated that OB has the third lowest millage rate in the County. DeBary and Pierson are the lowest.
- A proclamation honoring the Scenic Loop advocacy group was presented.
- Citizens comment regarding the widening of Clyde Morris at Aberdeen and the "no walking" golf courses were heard.
- Two amendments passed to the comprehensive plans adding a School facilities element as well as the building heights restrictions and loop corridor. This does not allow road expansions through Beach and John Anderson Dr.
- Mayor Costello requested a study for feedback on the calls to 911 and the new system of dispatching

from Chief of police. Until this study is completed the doors to the Police Department will remain open.

**Maritza Patterson**

members to communicate with the legislators the dire urgent need for additional funding for Volusia schools.

**Ann Harrell**

**Volusia County School Board**

Due to the state revenue shortfall of \$1.1 billion, Volusia School District has had to reduce its budget by \$10 million. This budget reduction was a result of the school district receiving in May, 2007, a lower percentage increase in funding from the legislation this year than the previous year. Last year the increase was at 10.14 percent versus 6.17 percent this year, a decrease of 3.97 percent. Dr. Margaret Smith, Volusia School District superintendent and the school board members urged parents and community

**Daytona Beach City Commission**

Approved rezoning for Daytona Live, a \$4.5 million development. They approved rezoning for Gateway Daytona, a mixed use development on International Speedway. They set height limits on the beachside riverfront and west side of A1A at three stories in residential areas and higher around the bridge. The plan will be sent to Tallahassee for approval.

**Annette Parker**

**VOTER SERVICE**

We have successfully made it through another election season. We didn't moderate as many forums as we have in the past, but the quality of the ones we did was excellent. The attendance ranged from 75 to 150. We forged new relationships with AARP and the Orange City community, as well as renewing our bond with the American Association of University Women in New Smyrna Beach. Many thanks to all volunteers, who made time for the League: Jean Bragg, Noreen Brownson, Dennis Clayton, Summer Clayton, Pat Gadbow, Rosemarie Gore, Betty Johnson, Bob Miller, Judy Moore, Chris Mosely, Bea Romans, Claudia Roth, Jean Snyder, and Linda Sullivan!! We can all take a breather, but not for long. Before we know it, the next election season will be upon us.

It is also time once again for our exciting fundraiser that we have every other year. Yes, the Politicos on Parade committee is busy working already. Each of you can begin listing possible sponsors, groups, and/or individuals who will help us make this the biggest event we have had in years.

To each of you, keep up the good work of promoting the League and fulfilling our mission of voter education and service. And once again, thank you.

**Ann Smith, Chair**

**DUES REMINDER 2007-2008**

A dues notice went out in late July. We have received most members' dues; however, there are still a few members who have yet to remit. Please clip this form and return with your 2007-2008 dues.

Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Dues \$50.00 Household Dues \$75.00 Student Dues \$25.00

**Mail to:** LWVVC, P.O. Box 9695, Daytona Beach, FL 32120

## Report from the LWVVC Webmaster

As expected, the LWVVC website was visited by more people as the municipal elections drew near. A special LWVVC committee solicited responses from all candidates for municipal offices in Volusia County. We created a special web page, <http://www.lwvvc.org/municipal-elections.html> with links to separate pages for each of the 56 responding candidates.

During the summer, we averaged fewer than 100 visitors each month. When publicity made the Municipal Elections web page known, however, on September 28<sup>th</sup> the numbers jumped 96 visitors in one day, and these numbers remained fairly steady leading up to the primary on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The September numbers were 303 unique visitors, with a total of 547 visits. From October 1-25<sup>th</sup>, there were 378 unique visitors, with a total of 632 visits.

The value of publicity, both through LWVVC flyers and the Daytona Beach *News-Journal*, is shown in that in October more visitors went directly to the Municipal Elections page than went to the LWVVC home page.

Following the primaries, the Municipal Elections page was updated to list only those candidates who will be on the November ballot.

**Betty Drees Johnson, LWVVC Webmaster**

### **2007 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE**

#### **Municipal General/Runoff Elections – November 6, 2007**

**Early Voting – October 29-November 3**

#### **Rosemarie Gore Appointed to LWVF Climate Change Committee**

**Rosemarie Gore**, LWVVC Natural Resources Chair, has been recently appointed to the recently established LWV-Florida Climate Change Committee. The 15 members of this committee have many impressive goals:

- \*Educate local League leaders about this topic.
- \*Educate Florida citizens.
- \*Persuade Florida mayors in a local League area to sign the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.
- \*Support Legislation and Rule Making That Addresses Statewide Policies to Mitigate Impacts on Climate Change.
- \*Organize local Leagues and then lobby with one LWV voice.
- \*Partner with Like-Thinking Organizations
- \*Lobby Florida Legislators in the 2008 Legislative Session.

On October 5, Charlene Walker, LWVF Climate Change Committee, spoke publicly for the League at the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change.

#### **Welcome New Members**

**Melissa L. Borghorst**  
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130

Melissa attended the first Immigration Study meeting in Port Orange in Sept. In addition to immigration, she is also interested in protecting and conserving the environment.

**Sandra Gray**  
DeBary, FL 32713

A native Floridian, Sandra is a former member of the StJWMD Board, as well as the Fed. Reserve Board. She works actively for the welfare of our state and nation.

**Jane Wyles**  
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

A retired policy analyst from NY, Jane's interests are immigration, criminal justice, equal rights, ending discrimination, and hand-gun control.

## LWVVC 2007-2008 Upcoming Calendar

This calendar schedule is tentative and is subject to change

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Time</b>	
September 28, 2007 to November 6, 2007	Candidate Information for fall 2007 elections available on Web site	<a href="http://www.LWVVC.org">www.LWVVC.org</a>		Please tell your friends and enemies
Thursday October 25, 2007	Candidate Forum- Orange City	Dickinson Memorial Library, Orange City	7-9 PM	
Oct 29-Nov 3, 2007	Volusia County Early Voting- General Election			
November 6, 2007	General Elections			
Wednesday November 7, 2007	Politicos Meeting	Barnes & Noble Coffee Shop on ISB	4:30 PM	
Wednesday November 14, 2007	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Prof.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday November 17, 2007	November General Meeting-Joint Meeting with AAUW, Immigration Study Panel	LPGA Club House	9-11 AM	See Immigration Study Schedule for details
Wednesday December 5, 2007	Holiday Party	Pat Gadbow's	6 PM	See details in VOTER
Wednesday January 9, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Prof.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday January 12, 2008	Consensus Meeting for Immigration Study	Piccadilly Cafeteria, 200 North Ridgewood Ave, Daytona Beach	9:30 AM- breakfast choices from buffet; 10-11:30 AM consensus mtg.	
Tuesday January 29, 2008	Florida Presidential Primary			
Saturday February 9, 2008	February General Meeting- Climate Change?	TBA		
Wednesday February 13, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
Wednesday March 12, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Prof.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday March 15	March General Meeting Lynn Kennedy from One Voice: How are the Children?	TBA	TBA	
Wednesday April 9, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Prof.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday April 12, 2008	Annual Meeting- Janet Miller, Director of ACT Corp. on Mental Health Issues	TBA	TBA	
Saturday May 10, 2008	Politicos on Parade	Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach Street, DB	TBA	
Wednesday May 14, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Prof.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
May 17-18, 2008	LWVF Council Meeting	TBA	TBA	
Wednesday June 11, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Prof.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday June 21, 2008	June General Meeting- V. Cassidy, Attny for Ponce Inlet Town Commission on Freedom of Information and Observer Corps Report	TBA	TBA	

## Getting Ready for Immigration Consensus

Since April, the LWV-Volusia County has been officially studying immigration when we heard Diego Handel, Attorney, give an overview of current immigration issues in his talk at the Annual Meeting. In September, four unit meetings were held in four different locations in Volusia County to give members and the public an opportunity to hear about and discuss the eight background papers, researched and published by the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee, available on the LWVUS Web Site, [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org). At our Saturday, November 17, breakfast meeting with the Daytona Beach AAUW, we will hear four informed panelists discuss how immigration impacts our local area.

All of the above presentations and meetings are in preparation for the Consensus Meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2008 (See page 1). A good review for the Consensus Meeting is to read the four short Study Briefs that have all been published in THE NATIONAL VOTER and are still available at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org):

- Study Brief #1: "Global Interdependence and Migration," THE NATIONAL VOTER, June 2007
- Study Brief #2: "Immigration: Impact on the U.S. Economy," THE NATIONAL VOTER, June 2007
- Study Brief #3: "Border Enforcement," THE NATIONAL VOTER, October 2007
- Study Brief #4: "Family Reunification and Diversity Policies," THE NATIONAL VOTER, 2007

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***PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS QUESTIONS AND BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE JANUARY 12, 2008, CONSENSUS MEETING AT PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 200 N. RIDGEWOOD AVE, DAYTONA BEACH, BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M.***

**Question 1: Federal immigration laws should take into consideration criteria such as the following (not listed in any particular order or hierarchy):**

**Part Ethnic and Cultural Diversity**

a.

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Economic, Business and Service Employment Needs**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Environmental Impact/Sustainability**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. Family Reunification of Authorized Immigrants and Citizens with Spouses and Minor Children**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**e. History of Criminal Activity**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**f. Humanitarian Crises/ Political Persecution in Home Countries**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**g. Immigrant Characteristics (health and age)**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**h. Rights of All Workers to Safe Working Conditions and Livable Wage**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus



**i. Rights of Families to Remain Together**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**j. Rights of all Individuals in U.S. to Fair Treatment Under the Law (Fair Hearing, Right to Counsel, Right of Appeal, and Humane Treatment)**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**k. Education and Training**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**Question 2: Unauthorized immigrants currently in the U.S. should be treated as follows: (rate each one)**

**a. Deport Unauthorized Immigrants**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Some Deported/Some Allowed To Earn Legal Adjustment of Status Based on Length of Residence in U.S.**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Some Deported/Some Allowed to Earn Legal Adjustment of Status Based on Needs of US Employers**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. All Allowed to Earn Legal Adjustment of Status by Doing Things Such as Paying Taxes, Learning English, Studying Civics, Etc.**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**e. If Deported, Assess Fines Before Possible Re-Entry**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**f. Assess Fines Before Allowed To Earn Legal Adjustment Of Status**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**Question 3: Federal immigration law should provide an efficient, expeditious system (with minimal or no backlogs) for legal entry into the U.S. for immigrants who are: (rate each one)**

**a. Immediate Family Members Joining Family Member Already Admitted for Legal Permanent Residence in the U.S**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Entering the U.S. to Meet Labor Needs**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Entering the U.S. as Students**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. Entering the U.S. because of Persecution in Home Country**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**Question 4a:** In order to deal more effectively with unauthorized immigrants, Federal immigration law should include:

**Social Security Card or Other National Identification Card with Secure Identifiers for All Persons Residing in the U.S.**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**Question 4b:** Federal immigration law dealing with unauthorized immigrants should be enforced by including: (rate each one)

**i. Physical Barriers (such as Fences) and Surveillance at Borders**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**ii. Increased Personnel at Land, Air, and Sea Entry Points**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**iii. More Effective Tracking of Persons with Non-Immigrant Visas Until They Leave the Country**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**iv. Verification Documents, such as Green Cards and Work Permits with Secure Identifiers.**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**v. Improved Technology to Facilitate Employer Verification of Employee Visa Status**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**vi. Improved Technology for Sharing Information Among Federal Agencies**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**vii. A Program to Allow Immigrant Workers to Go in and Out of the U.S. to Meet Seasonal and Sporadic Labor Needs**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**viii. Significant Fines Proportionate to Revenue for Employers Who Fail to Take Adequate Steps to Verify Work Authorization of Employees**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**Question 5:** Federal immigration law should address and balance the long-term federal financial benefit from immigrants with the financial costs borne by states and local governments with large immigrant populations.

Consensus:  No Consensus

**Question 6:** Federal immigration law should be coordinated with U.S. foreign policy to pro-actively help improve economies, education and job opportunities, and living conditions of nations with large emigrating populations.

Consensus:  No Consensus

**Question 7:** Instructions: **If desired, please add your brief comments. (Limited to 150 words.)** Question 7: Comments

# DeBary Marina

## Administrative Hearing, September 26 – 28, 2007 Town Hall, DeBary, Florida

On June 12, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) denied approval of the riverfront Country Estate at River Bend development in DeBary. The proposed project falls within a mile of the highly ecologically sensitive Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve. Planned are 250 upscale residences with docks, a commercial marina, yacht club, wet slips and dry boat storage.

A period of intense negotiating followed between the DCA, DEP, City of DeBary and one of the development members, Joseph Krzys, of the St. Johns Partners, ended in failure to reach a settlement. It was DCA Secretary Tom Pelham who considered the 45 docks and ramp would generate excessive activity and in addition have an adverse effect on the aquatic sea grasses.

Judge Thomas Alexander opened the hearing at 9:30 a.m. on September 26, 2007. He described himself as an administrative hearing officer from Tallahassee with no connection with the agencies or entities involved. He emphasized that the state comprehensive plan did still stand and that only the ten acres for the marina would be considered. However, Attorney Michael Woodward countered, saying that all the environmental systems involved must be considered.

James Stansbury, the DCA planner assigned to review the development plans, described in detail the character of the site and how the development would impact the area. The department's chief of comprehensive planning, Mike McDaniel was called upon to verify the amendment was consistent with the comprehensive plan as well as existing management plans for the manatees and the Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve. Attorney Bryson represented the state. The City of DeBary Attorney Langley was the interrogator, representing the city.

EPA Environmental Specialist Watkins evaluated the site guided by the procedures of the department manual. He found a sandy bottom, sea grass, and a bi-valve species, which typifies the area as a Resource Protection Area I body of water. He also reported fine-grained sediment on the river floor which indicated a lesser quality of water.

Retired judge Fredric Hitt and his wife, who reside on this river site entered into the record 18 photographs of varying wildlife taken over a span of several years. The series of photos was undeniable proof in establishing the area as a wildlife refuge. Public comment was equally divided between those for and against the development.

In closing "the administrative law judge Alexander gave the attorneys a week to decide whether a hearing transcript is to be distributed. If so, the attorneys have 20 days after receiving the transcript to file a recommended order. If not, they have 30 days to file. Alexander wants to expedite his recommendation to the governor and Cabinet for their final decision either to uphold the state objections or allow the city adoption to stand."

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### WAV UPDATE

The WAV board has reaffirmed the establishment of a Technical Advisory Committee, and has asked the TAC to review the minimum flows and levels for Blue Spring set by the St. Johns River Water Management District. In correspondence with the District, WAV has raised concerns regarding the validity of the groundwater model projections versus actual levels. This model is intended as a guide in determining allowable future groundwater withdrawals as well as establishing groundwater deficits. The District projects deficits much higher than was reported in the past. In the interest of time and money, the WAV board has directed TAC to introduce into the projection site-specific data which, hopefully, will produce a result more realistic to WAV and acceptable to both WAV and the District.

Ideally, according to TAC, Volusia County would benefit having its own independent groundwater study, but the cost would reach 1 million dollars. It is estimated every one million gallons per day that the deficit can be reduced would represent a \$10 million savings in alternative water supply. Thus, through discussions at the TAC meeting on October 26, the committee will recommend to WAV that the east and west sides of the county collaborate on data collection to be entered into the model with the end result of a countywide model. This recommendation takes a stand and challenges the results of the District's draft document titled "Implementation Strategy for Achieving the Minimum Flow Regime for Blue Spring and Other Water Resource Constraints in Volusia County, Florida."

Currently attempts are under way to form regional partnerships to address alternate water supply planning. A group known as the West Volusia Suppliers has come together including DeLand, Orange City, Deltona and Volusia County; and another is the East Regional Water Authority which includes Daytona Beach, Holly Hill and South Daytona. It is not known whether there have been any formal agreements drawn among either of the two groups.

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