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Subject: Pine Is Plan Meeting 3-17-15 Directions

To: Kathy Malone <km654@cyberstreet.com>

Thank you to everyone who attended the Town Hall meeting on March 9 and our apologies to those of you who tried but couldn't fit into the hall. A You Tube recording of the meeting was sent earlier. It's heartwarming that Pine Islander's do care.

Thank you also for your generosity. We collected \$478 in our 50/50 buckets, donated \$240 to the Fishers of Men Church for the use of the hall and asked the Rev. Lemke to pray for our commissioners and bless our mission. The rest goes to Greater Pine Island Civic for expenses. GPICA Boardmembers are all volunteers and pay for our own gas and parking downtown.

The commissioner's reassure us that they also care about our islands and support our Community Plan. However, in light of recent pro-development and anti-taxpayer decisions concerning Conservation 20/20, our land buying program, and Development Impact Fee reductions of 80% for two years followed by 55% for the next three years (2015-2018), coupled with pressure we suspect might be coming from large land owners on our island plus the development community who publicly express their displeasure with all community plans, we need to know that majority, not special interest, still rules.

DATE & TIME: We need a great turnout at the county commission meeting on Tuesday, 3/17, 9:30 am. We do not all have to speak, just be there and make an impression when Phil asks us to raise our hands in support of our Plan. Your presence downtown will convince commissioners that you vote and you care.

ADDRESS: Meeting will be held at the Old County Courthouse, 2120 Main St., Fort Myers. There is an elevator to the 2nd floor commission chambers. A receptionist will direct you.

PARKING: On street parking is for 2 hours and they ticket. Better to park in a lot for \$5.00 for the day. There is handicap parking and easy access around the back of the courthouse at the adjoining Administration Building, 2201 Second St. Ask for directions to the 2nd floor elevator. There is a concession machine for coffee and snacks on the first floor.

SPEAKERS: Anyone may speak, if you wish. There is a table outside the front doors of the chamber with speaker cards and pens. Some of us will be there to help you. Fill one out. Write in Pine Island Plan, hand to County Mgr. Roger Desjarlais who sits at the table up front on the right. The Chair, Commissioner Brian Hamman, will call your name at the appropriate time. You will have 3 minutes at the microphone. There is a light that times you, Green for 2 minutes, Yellow for 1 minute and when it turns Red they will interrupt you and call the next speaker. Best to have written comments that can be read in under 3 minutes.

You may express your irritation but please be respectful of the office of county

commissioner. They do not respond to questions or engage in any conversation except among themselves or with staff. Dress comfortably, it is usually cool in the chambers. Restrooms are to the left of the commission chambers.

ATTACHMENTS: Downtown Map to Old County Courthouse
Downtown Parking Map
Greater P.I. Plan Meeting 3-17-15 Bluesheet
Buchanan Eagle Article re Town Hall
Roger Wood Letter on 3-9 Town Hall with 4 Key Points (re-send)

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