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Bayshore area residents invited to Lee County visioning workshop

Fort Myers, FL, Feb. 14, 2018 – Lee County is holding a visioning workshop for residents and businesses of Bayshore, a community located within unincorporated North Fort Myers, east of Interstate 75 and west of Alva. The public workshop will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Bayshore Fire Department Station 131, which is located at 17350 Nalle Road.

The visioning workshop is to define and update the community planning goals for Bayshore within the Lee Plan, as the county looks to the year 2040.

At the workshop, Lee County Community Development staff will begin by providing an overview of basic background information relevant to the Lee Plan, the community plans and the visioning event. After the short informational segment, guided group discussions will help to identify future opportunities and constraints for the Bayshore community. The workshop is scheduled to last until 9 p.m. Interested individuals are encouraged to arrive at 7 p.m. and stay until the workshop is finished.

A community plan is a goal in the Lee Plan specific to a defined area of the county where long-term objectives of the community, and policies to meet these objectives, are identified. There are 17 distinct community planning areas identified in the Lee Plan.

The Lee Plan requires certain day-to-day public and private activities to be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies in the adopted plan. It is a source of authority for the local government's land development regulations and for an array of official discretionary actions, including but not limited to, the capital improvement program. The Lee Plan represents the community's vision of what it will or should look like by the end of the planning horizon.

The purpose of community plans is to address specific conditions unique to a defined area of the county. Conditions may be physical, architectural, historical, environmental or economic in nature. All amendments will move through the normal process required to amend the Lee Plan with opportunities for public input – one hearing with the Local Planning Agency and two hearings with the Board of County Commissioners (transmittal and adoption).

For more information visit the website at <http://www.leegov.com/dcd/planning/cp/bayshore> or contact PODPlanning@leegov.com.

The next workshop in the pipeline: The Alva community visioning workshop for residents and businesses is tentatively scheduled for late March. More information will be forthcoming. The San Carlos Island visioning workshop was held Feb. 10.

Note to media: A map of the boundaries of the Bayshore area is available. Email bclayton@leegov.com and tengstrom@leegov.com

Directions to the meeting: East of I-75, heading eastward on Bayshore Road for about 2/3 mile and turning left on Nalle Road. Then continue northbound on Nalle Road and the fire department will be on the right.

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