

**MINUTES REPORT
EAGLE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ETAC)
Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

Committee Members Present:

Laura Greeno, Chair
Ed Elms
Kyle Philpot

Excused / Absent:

Betsie Hiatt, Vice-Chair
Mike Myers

Lee County Government Staff Present:

Becky Sweigert, DCD Planning
Nic DeFilippo, DCD Planning
Debbie Carpenter, DCD Administration

Outside Consultants/Members of the Public Present:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Laura Greeno called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm in the first floor conference room of the Public Works/Community Development Building, 1500 Monroe Street, Ft. Myers, Florida. Introductions were made with recognition of Mr. Kyle Philpot, a newly appointed member of the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 10, 2021

Ms. Greeno called for a review of the August minutes. There were no comments or changes.

Mr. Elms made a motion to approve the August minutes as written. Mr. Philpot seconded. The motion was called and carried.

2021-2022 NEST ASSIGNMENTS

Ms. Becky Sweigert welcomed Mr. Philpot and provided a brief explanation of what to expect from the committee. She understood that that he and Mr. DeFilippo had visited some of the nests he'd been assigned which was good since this meeting will kick off this year's nesting season and she was going to walk through the assignments. She mentioned that the Moody nest, LE-43A on his list, probably has about a year left before it can be determined to be lost or abandoned.

Mr. Elms said he hadn't seen anything at Manatee Bay for a long time. Ms. Sweigert suggested keeping an eye on it anyway; it will be probably be a year before the other nest can be considered lost. Although not officially on his list, he planned to get to the Pine Island Flatwood Preserve trail which has been under water for awhile but he was still not sure where the nest was. Ms. Greeno said the nest is on the trail system. Her contact has not seen the bird, but has heard it chattering. Ms. Sweigert confirmed there was no number for it yet.

For Ms. Greeno's list, Ms. Sweigert said she had added some. One was Larado Ave. She had thought this was Lockett Road and had actually given it the Lockett Road number, but then found that it was different. She thought the nest was back in the treeline but can be seen from the road. Another was Orange River. Ms. Sweigert has not seen the eagles, but has seen the nest which is very classic looking. It hasn't been confirmed so hasn't been officially mapped yet. She also added Nalle Road formerly Rosie's Tomorrow to the list.

Creekside Preserve (LE-118) needs coverage and might be one Mr. Myers could take over. However, Mr. Philpot lives in San Carlos so offered to take that one. It can be seen from the road but Mr. DeFilippo will see about getting a code for the gated community. There is some development pressure coming for that area and the nest was active last year so she would like to start checking it.

The meeting packet included a map of the potential Orange River nest. She thought it might be a second nest for Buckingham.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Mr. DeFilippo went over the No Construction list which included addresses where permits were in and construction was ongoing but has stopped as a result of nesting season. Mr. Philpot was at Bayshore Commons last week, it appeared the exterior construction had been finished.

The Active Construction list included those projects that were to be completed by October 8th or would be done in the very near future. One house by the post office was finishing up exterior construction and was doing interior only. The Franzone Road build, in Mr. Elms' territory, was a little unusual since it was being allowed some additional time. It is in the 630-660' range, the house has been under construction since 2017 and the work that's left is fairly minor, such as a pre-fab pool cage and some tile on the pool deck.

Ms. Sweigert asked Mr. DeFilippo to check on the Bank of America site, although not on this list, she understood they were still working in the 660' zone at the Publix at Calusa Cay. They should be implementing monitoring and she wanted to confirm that was being done. Mr. Elms asked if the same firm doing the Publix work would be doing the monitoring. Ms. Sweigert said they would check the management plan. He said he had been by there and it looked like there might be some landscaping work to be done but otherwise more was interior.

Member Reports

Ms. Greeno

- Lehigh Nest, there's one adult (she's gigantic). The nest can be seen but it took her a minute to find it; she said it was a couple trees over. She didn't see any signs of the other one.
- Imperial Marsh – FPL has been doing work all around there, so there probably won't be a nest this year and she did not know where they went.
- Galt – she has seen eagles all around it.
- Wild Turkey there were no birds at the nest yet.
- Prairie Pines there were no birds at the nest yet.

Mr. Philpott

- Bayshore Commons – Observed 2 adults. They were bringing in nesting materials.
- Donald Rd/Pritchett nest – Observed 2 adults repairing the nest.
- Littleton Road – Observed 2 adults bringing in nest materials.
- Moody Road – No birds seen, and he had driven all around the neighborhood. Ms. Sweigert pointed out a cell tower on Pondella where the adults can be seen perched at different times of the year, but she has yet to find the nest.

Mr. Elms

- Galt – He has seen eagles flying in the area of Galt, but not at the nest. The nest looks good.
- Vacation Lane – He saw two adults nearby on Stringfellow. The nest did not look good when he was there 2 weeks ago, but they have built it up since then.
- St. Jude's – Saw two eagles, one in the nest, one perched in the nest tree.
- Post Office and Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve Trail – He had not been out there yet because of water.
- Manatee Bay - He will keep looking but has not seen much happening there for the past couple years. Ms. Sweigert said that an application for a tower or something had come in but had been withdrawn. She would still like to monitor it since the residents think there are birds even though we have no record of any.

There was no public present. Ms. Greeno adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.