January 17, 2024

My name is Sue McMillin and I am here to again ask for your attention to have a sidewalk on Pine Ridge Road from Pointe Club Drive to Kelly Road or better yet, from Pointe Club Drive to McGregor Boulevard. This plan is

# 5 on your BPAC Committee list dated October 18, 2023. Another alternative would be to have the sidewalk finished from Ballast Pointe Drive to McGregor Road which is #8 on the BPAC list.

You may not be aware that there is major ground moving equipment of constant sand trucks driving west on Summerlin Road turning north onto Pine Ridge Road, then turning east at approximately at 16281 Pine Ridge Road in the development of a major residence living. (SHOW MAP). Pine Ridge Road is in vital need of a sidewalk on this Major Collector Road. This construction path is only going to become more dangerous as this construction continues. I also would like to add that #2 on the BPAC list of Gladiolus Drive sidewalk, south side, from Maida Lane to US 41, does have a wide welcoming sidewalk on the north side from Maida Lane to US 41

I have attended numerous BPAC meetings. In 2019, I presented 533 signatures on petitions from the 11 housing communities on Pine Ridge Road promoting a sidewalk. In 2020, I surveyed the 41 businesses on Pine Ridge Road gathering the number of 776 employees that go to work on Pine Ridge Road. Pine Ridge Road has more traffic than ever in 2024!

Are you aware that a person is able to walk, run, ride a bike, use a stroller to downtown Ft Myers, Minnesota Twins Spring Training Headquarters, Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, Ft Myers Beach, Shell Point Retirement Community, Bell Tower Plaza, North Ft Myers crossing the Caloosahatchee River using public sidewalks. Yet, there is not a continuous sidewalk on Pine Ridge Road. I would like to again plea with this committee to commit to having ASAP a sidewalk on Pine Ridge Road.

Thank you for your time and attention on this most important safety issue.

Sue McMillin