

The March 21, 2024 meeting of the Rainbow Lakes Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Dallas Seveland. Other committee members present were Gary Levit, Allen McKay, Katherine Bryant, Dan Wilshusen, and Rico Spicuzza. Guests present were Chad Wicker, MSTU Director; Katy Burton, Community Manager; Dana Olesky, Chief Assistant County Attorney; and Lt. Mongeluzzo, MCSO. There were 30 people in attendance. The meeting was opened with an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**\*\*Agenda Item Public Comment (1):\*\***

**\*\* (1A) \*\*** Michael Hassenfelt (5 minutes) – Peach Blossom – Garden Club Presentation – "I have a proposal for a Garden Club. Unfortunately, there is a lack of participation, so I cannot proceed with the proposal. The board is asking for help, as we don't have community support." Seveland asked if anyone else would like to speak.

Brian Chase – Nautilus – "I would be interested in a Garden Club to help feed the community. I would like to support that."

Thomas Mason – Ridgewood – "Interested in the Garden Club, we would like to help, and it's important to the community. We would like to volunteer. Just need a time and place."

Seveland stated that we currently do not have a Garden Club. It's a Garden Society. Unsure why it's advertised as a club. I want to clarify that.

**\*\*Approval of Minutes (2A) February 15, 2024:\*\***

Motion made by Wilshusen, seconded by McKay to accept the minutes from February 15, 2024 (2A). Motion carried.

**\*\*Committee Reports (3):\*\***

Building & Grounds: Bryant had nothing new to report.

Code: No liaison for that position.

Levy County: Wilshusen reported an update for the Levy County portion of RLE. We now only have two (2) open enforcement cases. Current road issues have been discussed with our maintenance department, and Pete Hodges from Marion County has visited to inspect these roads. The list of roads includes SE 100th Place, SE 110th Place, SE 134th CT, and SE 136th Terrace. The Levy County side of RLE is still looking for some sort of public safety assistance or presence.

Public Safety: McKay reported that there are no fire/rescue statistics available. He received a response from FDOT Engineer, Michael Sanders, regarding a traffic signal to be considered. A summary report from Michael Sanders recommends considering a traffic signal at the intersection of US forty-one (41) and Rainbow Lakes Boulevard. With the traffic signal being recommended for consideration, Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) should be undertaken to examine possible alternatives for improving the study intersection. See attached report.

Recreation: Gawlik reviewed recreation programs and events. Wicker will look into fixing horseshoe pits. Incentives for volunteers include free membership for clubs and the fitness center.

Roads: Levit reported that new construction is terrible. On Persimmon, a concrete truck tore up the road. If you see anything like this, please report it to the District Office or myself.

**\*\*Committees/Guests (4):\*\***

Lt. Mongeluzzo, MCSO – Reported that February was a good month. There was one (1) vehicle burglary and one (1) domestic violence case. He encourages everyone to lock their vehicles and mentioned that they are looking for homeless camps. Seveland noted that he has noticed more patrols and deputies. Lt. Mongeluzzo agreed that there should be a light on Hwy forty-one (41) and Rainbow Lakes Blvd.

**\*\*Consent (5):\*\* None**

**\*\*Old Business (6):\*\***

**\*\* (6A) RL Blvd Median –\*\*** Seveland asked Wicker if a bid had gone out for the RL Blvd median. Wicker responded that he would look into it and get back with the board.

**\*\* (6B) Crime Watch –\*\*** Seveland asked for any updates on plans for creating an independent RLE public safety services organization and citizen patrols. McKay responded that, as of now, there are no proposals. He asked if the Sheriff has any idea or plans for protection. Olesky explained that McKay is referencing the Federal Act Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 479, Section two (2), which was created for MSD/MSTU. The statute authorizes a Sheriff's Office and a Police department to give authority to operate a Crime Watch. They are not obligated, but the county does provide those services. Section (H) on page six (6) allows them to join with any other district or districts, cities, towns, counties, or other political subdivisions, public agencies, or authorities in the exercise of common power. For Marion County, the Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement, and on the Levy County side, Levy provides law enforcement. She spoke with Lt. Bloom, who mentioned that there were four-hundred (400) hours patrolled by C.O.P.S. in February on the Marion County side. Discussion followed.

**\*\* (6C) Broadband –\*\*** Burton stated that the contracts have been signed for the grant. Now it's between the state and service provider to set a date to install.

**\*\* (6D) Clubhouse –\*\*** Wicker stated that he visited the Clubhouse on February 12, 2024, with the Facilities Management Director of Marion County. He said the building is sound and in good shape. They are moving forward with the reroofing of the Clubhouse starting April 1, 2024. Wilshusen asked if there is a way to come to an agreement to have the bathrooms up to code and the asbestos removed. This building is a Marion County asset, and RLE residents are paying for it. Is there an offset that we can get? Some sort of portion returned. Wicker responded that the funds need to be budgeted. The building needs to be updated and remodeled, and is valued at much higher than the cost to rebuild it. Wilshusen asked if the board can be aware of bids going out. Wicker responded that he can keep the board in the loop. Discussion followed.

**\*\*New Business/Board Items (7):\*\***

**\*\* (7A) Splash Pad and Main Entrance –\*\*** Levit stated that we don't have it in the budget yet. Seveland suggested going with a two (2) year plan. Wilshusen asked Levit if he could come up with a proposal.

**\*\* (7B) Communicator –\*\*** Levit stated that no one knows about it or they have to ask for it. The board agreed to have it mailed out. Wilshusen stated that he did some research about bulk mailing. He doesn't know if the District Office has a bulk account. There are two-thousand (2,000) people that we will have to mail it to. It ranges from four-hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) for cart sort or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per mailing to residents. He would like it to return to mailing, and quarterly is fine. Gawlik mentioned that she saw the survey on Facebook and voted. What are the results of the survey? Gawlik asked Richardson. Richardson responded that she doesn't have access to the results. Burton stated that she has access to the Facebook account and can provide the results if needed. Gawlik stated that in the Communicator, there were minutes and contact information in the past. There are containers for the Communicator in front of the Recreation Office, and she also talks about the Communicator. Seveland asked Olesky if we are allowed to advertise businesses. Olesky responded that they keep it internal, and they would have to advertise all businesses, and some you don't want to advertise. Typically, they don't allow it, but she can look up the specifics of it and give an update at the next meeting. Seveland asked Rico Spicuzza for his opinion on the Communicator. Spicuzza responded that three (3) or four (4) years ago, they mailed out a detachable card if you wanted the Communicator mailed to have it continue to be mailed to you. He thinks we should do another detachable card to have it continue to be mailed. Discussion followed. McKay made a motion that a communicator be mailed out to all RLE residents sent out efficiently with minimal cost, seconded by Levit. Seveland asked Richardson to do a poll for this motion. Six (6) yes votes were received to have the Communicator mailed to every resident, and there was one (1) no vote against it. The motion carried. Wicker stated that on the Communicator, it is both mailed, emailed, and posted to Facebook. The options are provided if the residents want it mailed; they can contact the District Office. He mentioned that he is not sure if he is in favor of it. Last year, they had a workshop presented it to the Board of County Commissioners to make it a hybrid to go digital or mail to save money. The Advisory Board took a vote, but he still needs to do the research to see if it's cost-effective. Bryant asked how do new people know about it. Wicker responded that they are going to do some research and see how they can reach the new residents. Discussion followed.

**\*\* (7C) New Garden Club –\*\*** Seveland stated that there are certain guidelines and regulations. Every Club must appoint two (2) people, and the club name must have RLE in it. He is asking Richardson to send Michael Hassenfelt these guidelines and regulations. Discussion followed. Disruption in crowd, Chairman asked Lt. Mongeluzzo to escort Michael Hassenfelt away from the meeting.

**\*\* Prior Meeting Updates –\*\*** Seveland mentioned that the board would like to hear from Recreation Leader Robert Howard and Volunteer Recreation Committee Leader Marci McKay. McKay asked Recreation Leader Robert Howard if he is currently supervised by the District Office. Wicker responded that the board requested to hear about upcoming events, not about staff. McKay asked Howard if he comes up with the events and ideas. Howard replied yes, but also as a team as well. Levit asked if he controls his own budget. Howard responded no. Wicker mentioned that he doesn't understand why this has to do with events. Seveland responded that our Halloween event is on a Friday; can we move it to a Saturday? It hasn't been advertised yet. Howard responded that when Pam Spicuzza comes back, he can bring it up. Wilshusen asked if we can look at future events and make sure they don't conflict with our surrounding community events. Howard responded that they have flyers to reach out to the community that are approved to hand out, and our RLE Volunteer Committee will be handing them out. Seveland asked Wicker if we hired the part-time Recreation Leader. Wicker responded that they did hire the part-time position; he is in process with HR. Seveland asked Howard if the Youth Center will be open Friday and Saturday night again. Howard responded that they are talking about it and avoiding Sunday. Seveland discussed that the dinners are free, American Legion charges for dinners. Does this board think we should charge five (5) dollars for residents and ten (10) dollars for guests starting next year, starting January 2025? Wilshusen mentioned that these dinners were to create involvement. Motion made by Wilshusen, seconded by Levit to start charging five (5) dollars for residents and ten (10) dollars for guests for dinners. The motion carried. Levit mentioned that there are certain forms of identification needed to get into our free dinners. It needs to be clear what type of identification is needed. Seveland responded that it was a driver's license. Wicker mentioned that he can support utility bills, tax bills, or IDs. Motion made

by Wilshusen, seconded by McKay to accept utility bills, tax bills, or IDs with RLE addresses for identification at community dinner events. The motion carried. Marci McKay has been appointed to help and get more volunteers. They have four (4) members in their group. They need someone to be in charge of clubs and help run them. They need to take and advertise more about our RLE Fitness Center and other things going on in RLE. They have discussed the shuffleboard and the horseshoe pit. They need to be repaired so residents can use them or a club can start up again. Howard mentioned that they have the paint and decal for the shuffleboard courts. Seveland asked Wicker if we can check with maintenance to see what is needed. Wicker mentioned that he will look into it. Seveland stated that four (4) years ago, they didn't charge volunteer club fees or member fees. It was a way to say thank you for volunteering.

**\*\*General Public Comment (8):\*\***

**\*\* (8A) Angel Colon - Domino's Club President – Kingfish Rd –\*\*** "The club has been displaced, and we are seniors. We cannot meet in the Clubhouse because of construction, so they put us in the Community Center. The events that are held at the Community Center are on Fridays, interfering with our Club meetings. We would like a place that can sustain the Domino's Club. We have been denied the Community Center on Events that are scheduled for Fridays. I used to pick up the key for the Community Center, but someone decided that we didn't need the key anymore and that someone will let us in on Fridays. Why do dinners have to be on Friday nights? Find us a place to meet, or we will find somewhere else." Seveland asked if there is any date that the Clubhouse will be open. Wicker mentioned that he will look into when the repairs will be done and get back to them. They need to make that building a priority so that the building can be used for clubs or other events. Howard mentioned that they can put them in the Creative Art Center that has a key code for right now. Colon mentioned that the building is too far, as we have seniors.

**\*\* (8B) Theresa Rimar – Begonia Ct –\*\*** "At the end of Begonia, the fence is gone. They are driving down our roads and logging, causing wild hogs to come onto the resident's property and causing damage. I have contacted a few rescues to help ultimate the hogs." McKay mentioned that he will look into the issue.

**\*\*Announcement (9):\*\***

Seveland announced that the next meeting will be on April 18, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Community Center.

**\*\*Dedication of the George Pugliese Field at Sea Cliff Park Tuesday March 26, 2024\*\***

**The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

**Rainbow Lakes Estates  
Advisory Board Meeting Report  
G. Dallas Seveland - Board Chairman  
March 21, 2024**

**FIVE MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT**

If you did not contact the District Office to sign up to speak on an agenda item or during the public comment portion of tonight's meeting, please sign up at the door now and you will be allotted 2 minutes to speak. Those who did contact the District Office prior to 5 pm last Friday will be allotted 5 minutes. Please silence all electronic devices and find seats now.

**INTRODUCTION**

On behalf of the Rainbow Lakes Estates Advisory Board welcome to the March 21, 2024, Advisory Board Meeting.

As a courtesy to others please, silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. If you need to take a call, please step outside. Talking or outbursts from the audience during the meeting will not be permitted. Please take seats if they are available.

**Agenda and Public Comment**

Scheduled requests will be allotted 5 minutes. If you signed up at the door to speak you will be granted 2 minutes. If you have a non-agenda item to discuss you may do so during the general public comment portion towards the end of the meeting. No additional time will be allotted.

**Board Members & Guests**

If you wish to specifically call upon and speak with an individual in the audience during the meeting, please address the chair first. You do not need to address the chair to speak to other board members or to anyone from the public who is addressing the board during the Agenda or General Public Comment portions of the meeting. This board does not allow in the past nor will it allow in the future personal attacks or insults against Rainbow Lakes Estates Staff, Advisory Board Members or Community Volunteers. Please keep your comments appropriate.

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

Holy One, known by many names and beyond all names, Thank You for every seat that has been filled here, today. For each mind and heart that fills the presence of this room, we Thank You. Only You truly know what we are setting out to accomplish today. We have an idea, a vision, hints, and daily instructions. We have talents, abilities, and time to work. However, only

You can see in perfect detail the end of every beginning. Every project, every season, every life. Nothing is ever in vain, for even mistakes and missteps are used for good. Your righteousness transcends all our efforts and understanding. Forgive us for our pride. The pride that puffs us up and the pride that threatens to unqualify us. Strengthen our confidence in who You have made us to be. Set us free from comparison in order to work together efficiently. Bless this meeting today, all those present, all the residents, volunteers and employees of Rainbow Lakes Estates as well as the lives of those we will encounter afterward. Ready us to make every moment count.  
Amen

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### **Roll Call**

### **Agenda Items Public Comment**

#### **1A. Garden Club Presentation – by Michael Hassenfelt**

Please state and spell your name for the record. You are also required to give your full address.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**2A. Approval of Minutes for February 15, 2024 – Any questions concerning these minutes if not motion and second needed to vote and approve.**

### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Chairman: G. Dallas Seveland  
Vice Chairman/ Public Safety Representative: Allan (George) McKay  
Levy County Representative: Dan Wilshusen  
Roads Representative: Gary Levit  
Building & Grounds Representative: Kathy Bryant  
Code Enforcement Representative: Vacant  
Recreation Representative: Paula Gawlik

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE GUESTS**

Lieutenant Mike Mongeluzzo - Marion County Sheriff's Office  
Chad Wicker – Marion County MSTU Director  
Katie Freeman - Marion County MSTU Operations Manager  
Katy Burton – Marion County MSTU Recreation Manager  
Dana Olesky – Marion County Chief Assistant County Attorney

## CONSENT

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **6A. RL Blvd Median Island. Entrance Walls** – Update on the bids for landscaping and maintenance and has a contract been awarded.
2. **6B. Crime Watch** – Update on plans for creating an independent RLE Public Safety Services Organization and Citizens Patrol. I now defer to our Public Safety Representative Allan McKay and Dana Olesky Chief Assistant County Attorney.
3. **6C. Broadband** – This subject is open to board discussion and input from our Marion County officials.
4. **6D Clubhouse Roof** - Update on roof replacement.

### NEW BUSINESS

5. **6A. Splash Pad** – Discussion concerning building a splash pad here in RLE.
6. **6B. Communicator** – Is the current way the communicator is delivered via Facebook and home delivery by request to residents reaching all residents and if not, what could be possible solutions so that all residents are kept informed.
7. **6C. New Garden Club** – Discussion and vote.

### PRIOR MEETING UPDATES

8. **Recreation** – The board would like to hear from Recreation Leader Robert Howard and Volunteer Recreation Committee Leader Marci McKay

### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state and spell your name for the record. You are also required to give your full address.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Do any board members or board guests have anything they would like to announce?
- Dedication of the George Pugliese Field at Seacliff Park Tuesday March 26th at 10AM.

- Our next Meet and Eat Dinner will be held right here in the community center on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. This is free for all RLE Residents, proof of residency will be required.
- Rainbow Lakes Estates Car Show will be held here in the community center complex on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Our next Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:30 PM here in the community center.

**Meeting Adjourned**



Rainbow Lakes Estates

Recreation Liaison

Advisory Board Meeting Report

Position Items:

RLE Open Play Programs

Chip and Draft Shuffleboard Mondays are from 8am to 10am at the shuffle board court.

Tater Tot Tuesdays are from 10 am to noon at the Community Center.

Open Mic Night Poetry Reading is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 5pm to 7pm in the Community Center.

Joker's Wild Wednesdays are from 1:30pm to 3:30pm in the Community Center.

Family Game Night is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 4pm to 8pm in the Youth Center for members of the Youth Center.

Sling 'Em Horseshoes is Thursdays from 10am to noon at the Horseshoe Pit.

Pickleball is Mondays and Thursdays at 8am at the Sea Cliff Community Park.

For more information call 352-465-0630 or email: [Rainbow.Lakes@marionfl.org](mailto:Rainbow.Lakes@marionfl.org)

RLE Clubs

Fiber Craft Society meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 1pm to 3pm at the Creative Arts Center. Call President Jennifer Cocca 352-322-9682 for more information.

Dominoes Club meets every Friday at 7pm at the Community Center. Call President Angel Colon 352-229-0753 for more information.

Pins and Needles Stitchers Club meets Mondays from 10am to 2pm at the Creative Arts Center. Email president Marci McKay [mmckay15@gmail.com](mailto:mmckay15@gmail.com) for more information.

Poker Club meets every Monday and Thursday from 11am to 3pm in the Creative Arts Center. Call Larry Hoffman 352-208-8766 for more information.

Garden Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:30 in the Community Center. Call Shaaron Zeltakalns 352-489-7586 for more information.

Women's Community Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10am in the parking lot next to the Community Center, and then goes to a restaurant for lunch and conversation. Call Nancy Krauss 352-489-1490 for more information.

## Recreation

The Youth Center is open on Wednesday and Friday from 4pm to 8pm.

Plant Swaps are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Community Center.

The "Meet and Eat" Pulled Pork dinner is March 29 from 6pm to 9pm (or while supplies last) at the Community Center. Bring a valid ID with a RLE address on it. If you own property here or are a Snow Bird, please come to the RLE District office for a ticket to attend.

The PLAY soccer program will be from 4/4/24 to 5/9/24 from 11am to noon at Sea Cliff Community Park. It will cost \$45 per child and be every Thursday for 6 weeks.

The RLE Car Show will be April 20 from 10am to 3pm at the Community Center. A fee of \$15 is required to show your car, but it's free for spectators. There will be food trucks, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, a Bounce House, and trophies for best paint, best interior, most unique, people's choice and best in show cars. Call 352-489-4280 or 352-465-0630 for more information.

Movie in the Park will be 4/26/24 at 6:30pm at Sea Cliff Park.

An Ice Cream Social will be 6/28/24 from 6pm to 9pm in the Community Center for RLE residents.

Summer Camp will be 6 weeks in      Call 352-465-0630 for more information.

The Softball field Dedication in Honor of George Pugliese will be on March 26 at 10am at Sea Cliff Park.

Talk about the Fitness Center (welcome packet?) Horseshoe pit & shuffleboard  
Chad will look into fixing courts  
Incentive for volunteers - free member of clubs & fitness center

## Rainbow Lakes Estates MSD Advisory Board Report-

Levy County Representative: Dan Wilshusen

Items to report on:

1.) Code Enforcement-

We now have only 2 open code enforcement violation cases. All have been reported to Levy County code enforcement and they have been working on these.

Parcel ID 0686300700 had a camper and 2 tents, and a bunch of dogs removed from the property; owner will be going to a Special Magistrate on 20 March if the unpermitted structure isn't removed. The owner said it should be moved within a week. (Commercial Trailer Property)

Parcel ID 0683700900 has an unpermitted structure on property for a while with a bunch of stuff/junk on the property. Notice of Violation sent requiring the property be cleaned up and vacated or a Special Magistrate will be scheduled in April. (Barbara Cox/AGT Property)

2.) Roads Maintenance:

Current roads issues have been discussed with our Maintenance department and Pete Hodges from Marion County has been out and looked at these roads.

This is his list of roads that need attention per the report sent to me.

### LEVY COUNTY

FY 24/25

- SE 100th Place - 0.45 miles
- SE 110TH Place – west of 125th Ct - 0.15 miles
- SE 134th Ct. – north of SE 105th Lane - 0.1 miles
- High Should/Regrade swales section of SE 136th Terrace - 0.2 miles

Total: 0.9 Miles

3.) Public Safety:

Levy County side of RLE is still looking for some sort of public safety assistance or presence.

**Advisory Board Meeting Report for March 21, 2024****Prepared by A. George McKay, Rainbow Lakes Estates Public Safety Liaison**

Mr Chairman, As of meeting time Fire/Rescue statistics were not available. It would appear that the IT person who had previously quit has quit again. Chief Reeves is working on a more reliable solution in the future.

1. I received response from FDOT Engineer, Michael Sanders and here is the quote:
2. **Thank you Mr. McKay. The draft submittal was received yesterday, and the preliminary findings is that a traffic signal be considered. I clipped the recommendation portion of the report for your review. The department will also need to conduct an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) per policy to assess other traffic control alternatives in comparison with signalization before we can begin programming design and construction. With US 41 being a two-lane roadway, this significantly narrows the number of alternatives to be assessed, with a roundabout being the only other likely alternative for consideration. We will have the same engineering firm conduct the ICE analysis and should commence as soon as we give the notice to proceed next week.**

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A traffic signal at this intersection would provide intersection lighting and potentially better conflict control options could be considered with the closely placed Circle K driveways.

In summary, based on the results of the warrant analysis, a review of crash history, field observations, engineering judgment, other considerations, and conflicts with the Circle K driveways, **it is recommended a traffic signal be considered at the intersection of US 41 and Rainbow Lakes Boulevard. With the traffic signal being recommended for consideration, Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) should be undertaken to examine possible alternatives for improvement of the study intersection.**

### **IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of the traffic signal warrant analysis, a review of crash history, field observations, engineering judgement, other considerations, and conflicts with the Circle K driveways, it is recommended that a traffic signal be considered at the intersection of US 41 at Rainbow Lakes Boulevard in Dunnellon (Marion County), Florida. With the traffic signal being recommended for consideration, Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) should be undertaken to examine possible alternatives for improvement of the study intersection.

The following maintenance improvements are recommended for the intersection:

- Refresh the northernmost pavement arrow in the northbound left-turn lane.
- Refresh the edge lines and install RPMs in the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection.

It is recommended the local agency consider the following improvement:

- Refresh the stop bar pavement marking on Rainbow Lakes Boulevard.

Consideration should also be given to performing a lighting justification at the study intersection.