

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20040417**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Present Verandah-FIREWISE Community/USA Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 3

COMMISSION DISTRICT: CW

**9:30 #4**

3. MEETING DATE:

**04-20-2004**

4. AGENDA:

\_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT

\_\_\_\_\_ ADMINISTRATIVE

\_\_\_\_\_ APPEALS

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\_\_\_\_\_ WALK ON

\_\_\_\_\_ TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:  
(Specify)

\_\_\_\_\_ STATUTE

\_\_\_\_\_ ORDINANCE

\_\_\_\_\_ ADMIN. CODE

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Albion

B. DEPARTMENT County Commission

C. DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

BY: *Albion*  
*by kgf*

7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	OA	OM	Risk	GC	N/A
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10. COMMISSION ACTION:

\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

\_\_\_\_\_ DEFERRED

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER



**LEE COUNTY**  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

***The Board of County Commissioners***

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas:** Following massive wildfires around the country in the mid-1980's that destroyed 1400 homes, the FIREWISE Communities/USA program was launched; and

**Whereas:** The FIREWISE Communities/USA program is administered nationally by the National Association of State Foresters, the U. S. Forest Service and the National Fire Protection Association to recognize subdivisions or neighborhoods that take action to protect themselves from wildfire disasters; and

**Whereas:** Recognition is given to communities that complete the following five-step checklist:

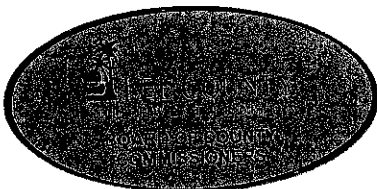
- ❖ Assess the wildfire hazard in the community;
- ❖ Establish a Firewise task force or committee to develop a plan designed to lower the assessed wildfire risk factors and monitor the program's progress or status;
- ❖ Observe a FIREWISE Communities/USA Day each spring dedicated to a local Firewise project;
- ❖ Invest the equivalent of \$2 per resident in time, money or in-kind services to a local Firewise project;
- ❖ Submit an annual report to FIREWISE Communities/USA that documents continuing compliance with and participation in the program; and

**Whereas:** On March 31, 2004, Verandah officially received its 2004 FIREWISE Community/USA designation. This recognition has only been afforded to four other communities in Florida and only a handful of others across the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE** Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida would like to take this opportunity to recognize Verandah and The Bonita Bay Group for their commitment and dedication in achieving the FIREWISE Communities/USA designation.

Duly Executed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**Chairman**