

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20060448

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:**

Determine whether Lehigh Acres Community Planning Corporation should be designated as an official advisory committee to the County Commission, or retain its current status.

**2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Gives committee official status as a Board-appointed advisory committee.

**3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

Retain current status similar to other planning areas of the County

**4. Departmental Category:** 4

**A4A**

**5. Meeting Date:** 04-18-2006

**6. Agenda:**  
 Consent  
 Administrative  
 Appeals  
 Public  
 Walk-On

**7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)**  
 Statute  
 Ordinance  
 Admin. Code  
 Other

**8. Request Initiated:**  
 Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Community Development  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 By: Mary Gibbs  
 Mary Gibbs, Director

**9. Background:**

This issue was raised as a commissioner item on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Board requested it be scheduled for discussion at the April 18<sup>th</sup> County Commission meeting. The issue is whether the Lehigh Acres Community Planning Corporation should become an official advisory committee to the County Commission, or retain its current status.

As an official advisory board, there would be ramifications in terms of precedent, cost, and open meetings and public records laws. (Cost would include staff support, both planning staff and county attorney, extra meetings, advertisements, minutes, etc.). None of the other planning communities in the county receive this type of support. An official board-appointed committee could discourage participation from other groups and the grassroots participation that such plans are based on. Staff recommends retaining the current status due to the cost and resources factor, as well as precedent. (Cost details will be provided to BCC under separate cover.)

It should be noted that the county is providing additional funding for Lehigh's Community Plan due to its geographic size and complexity of issues. Also, the Community Planning Corporation has been recognized as the group working with the county to select a consultant to prepare the Community Plan.

**10. Review for Scheduling:**

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
M. Gibbs				<i>JMC 4/6/06</i>	<i>4/6/06</i>	<i>4/6/06</i>	<i>4/6/06</i>	<i>4/6/06</i>	<i>HS 4/6/06</i>

**11. Commission Action:**

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
VS.  
COMMUNITY PLANNING PANEL**

List of Topics	Advisory Committee Boards Commissions (AC 2-3)	Community Planning Panel (AC 13-3)
Selection of Membership	BOCC	Community
Board Power to Dissolve/Rescind Appointment	Yes	No
Disclosure of Conflicts	Yes	Yes
County Staff Member Liaison	Yes	Yes
Term of Membership	1-2 years	No limit
Robert's Rules of Order	Yes	Required only if receiving funds from County
Vacancies	BOCC	Community
Authority to Call Meetings	BOCC, County Staff or Members of Advisory Committee Board, or Commission	Panel only
Minutes	Yes, signed by Chairman	Required only if receiving funds from County
Meetings Open to Public	Yes	Required only if receiving funds from County
Notice of Meetings	Yes	Required only if receiving funds from County
Board Authority to Sunset	Yes	No
Recipient of Public Funds	No	Yes, if requested pursuant to AC 13-3
County Attorney Coverage	Yes	No
Form 1 Financial Disclosure	Yes	Required only if receiving funds from County