

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

Blue Sheet No. *2006 0542*

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:** Discuss the options available for the formation of a Community Planning effort for the North Fort Myers Planning Community and give Staff direction on how to proceed. Options: (a.) Standard Community Plan approach or (b.) Modified Community Plan approach

**2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Determines the most appropriate way to proceed with this Community Planning effort.

**3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Option a.

**4. Departmental Category:** *4*

**A4A**

**5. Meeting Date:** June 27, 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** *Development*  
**By:** Mary Gibbs/Jim Mudd

**9. Background:** The North Fort Myers community is in the process of establishing a Community Planning Panel. To date, there have been several meetings among community leaders, residents, the District #4 Commissioner, Smart Growth Director and the Community Development Staff.

County Administrative Code 13-3 sets forth the process by which Community Planning Panels are assisted with a community planning effort. However, initial discussion about the best way to proceed with the plan for North Fort Myers have led the group towards an approach similar to that being undertaken in Lehigh Acres. Lehigh Acres involves unique circumstances and issues that led the Commission to direct staff to modify the standard Community Planning procedure. Rather than providing a grant to the Community Planning Panel, a hybrid approach was developed for Lehigh that involves the hiring of planning consultants with oversight by County Staff. This hybrid approach was meant to deal with the numerous issues involved with a rapidly growing 97 square mile pre-platted community. The expected costs for this hybrid process will be in excess of the \$50,000 limitation included in AC 13-3.

North Fort Myers would also like to pursue a hybrid approach. The Community Planning effort is requested by petition of 25 North Fort Myers residents, who come from diverse locations within North Fort Myers. There are two options for the Board to choose from, (a.) Standard approach – Community selects its consultant and manages the project with a \$50,000 County grant to offset the costs to the Community, (b.) Modified approach – County selects the consultant and manages the project paying the full cost with input from the Community Planning Panel and interested citizens.

Staff recommends the standard approach (Option a.). The Community Panel and the consultant will identify critical issues with potential geographic sub areas to receive potential specialized approaches as identified through the standard approach scoping plan. Any future funding requests regarding this planning effort will come back to the Board for review.

Attachment: North Fort Myers Statement of Purpose signed by 25 residents

**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.	
<i>Mary Gibbs</i>				<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i> 6/15	<i>[Signature]</i> 6/15	<i>[Signature]</i> 6/15	<i>[Signature]</i> 6/15/06	<i>[Signature]</i> 6/15/06

**11. Commission Action:**

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

Rec. by CoAtty
Date: 6/15/06
Time: 4:25pm
Forwarded To: Co.Admin
6-15-06 4:30pm

NORTH FORT MYERS COMMUNITY PLAN  
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We the undersigned agree to the establishment of a community planning approach to address the current and future needs of North Fort Myers.

To this end we agree to assist in the creation of a panel, to serve on the appropriate subcommittees, and to pursue the development and adoption of amendments to County Plans and processes that address North Fort Myers particular needs.

We also request our District Commissioner to pursue the necessary funding for this community planning approach.

Signed,

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