

MINUTES
Convocation of Governments

MEETING: January 19, 2018

PRESENT:

School Board: Bridget Ziegler, Chair; Jane Goodwin, Vice Chair; Shirley Brown, Eric Robinson; Scott Lempe, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer; Kathy Tomkins, Administrative Assistant

Sarasota County: Nancy C. Detert, Chair; Commissioners: Michael A. Moran, Paul Caragiulo, Alan Maio, Charles D. Hines; Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator; Moana Pele and Charlie Maloney, Deputy Clerks

City of North Port: Vanessa Carusone, Mayor; Linda Yates, Vice Mayor; Commissioners: Christopher Hanks, Jill Luke, Debbie McDowell; Peter Lear, City Manager; Patsy Adkins, City Clerk

City of Sarasota: Shelli Freeland Eddie, Mayor; Liz Alpert, Vice Mayor; Hagen Brody, Commissioner; Thomas Barwin, City Manager; Karen McGowan and Derrick Andrews-Wright, Deputy City Auditor and Clerks

City of Venice: John Holic, Mayor; Bob Daniels, Vice Mayor; Jeanette Gates, Council Member; Ed Lavallee, City Manager; Lori Stelzer, City Clerk

Town of Longboat Key: Terry Gans, Mayor; Commissioners: Jim Brown, Randy Clair, Irwin Pastor; Thomas Harmer, Town Manager; Jo Ann Mixon, Deputy Town Clerk

CALLED TO ORDER: 9:02 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Welcome and Introductions	Bridget Ziegler welcomed the County, City, and Town Commissioners/Council Members, School Board Members, and Representatives present.
Convocation Goals and Agenda	The School Board Members, Sarasota County Board, Commissioners, Council reviewed the Convocation Goals and Agenda.
STC North Port – Progress and What’s Next	Mike Endee presented an update on STC North Port. It was very well received. The Convocation acknowledged this is what can happen when we work collaboratively together. Several attendees joined a facilities tour prior to the event.
School Avenue	Kathie Ebaugh, the School Board Planning Director, provided historical content for this item. She explained what we are attempting to do with school safety and security. She hopes to receive the results of our ongoing traffic study in mid-February. The School Board would share those results with the City of Sarasota and schedule a conversation with elected officials.
Hurricane Evacuation Centers	<p>Richard Collins, Emergency Services Director, and Scott Lempe presented on the topic of shelters in Sarasota County. The intent of the presentation was to familiarize attendees with shelter requirements, our current inventory, and discuss the way forward as a community. The idea of both short and long-term solutions was well received.</p> <p>Bridget Ziegler informed everyone this topic will be discussed in more detail at the February 9, 2018 Hurricane Irma debrief.</p>
City of Venice	Ed Lavalley, Venice City Manager, thanked the Board for making the VHS tennis courts available to the public. He then talked about sharing resources – similar to the SROs in Venice schools. An example would be street lighting along Bahama Avenue in front of VHS and VES. The City also expressed a desire to expand their mentorship programs with kids – Government Day.

<p>City of North Port</p>	<p>North Port officials raised several capital investment opportunities which included a swimming pool, a traffic light, and swales at Glenallen. Bridget Ziegler thought it made sense to coordinate on projects that impact safety (traffic light), and swales were determined last year to be too expensive. North Port raised the topic of the wildlife corridor behind Heron Creek Middle School. Staff shared that we were willing to work with them on this topic, but also reminded the City of the significant SWFWMD restrictions on land use. This project may have potential to happen.</p> <p>North Port spoke of expanding their SRO program to elementary schools. The Board may consider what they want to do as part of the budget discussion.</p>
<p>City of Sarasota</p>	<p>Tom Barwin made a compelling case for a greater STC presence in north Sarasota due to the current and pending economic development in the region. The Board Members agreed this topic deserves more discussion. A concern was raised about the ability to hire building inspectors.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Shirley Brown thanked the County for working with the School Board regarding an accident at Pine View School.</p> <p>Thomas Barwin commented on impact fees and affordable housing.</p> <p>Charles Hines recognized the athletic accomplishments of area high schools.</p> <p>Linda Yates commented on the accomplishments and collaboration of the Convocation of Government meetings.</p>
<p>Open to the Public</p>	<p>Jacqueline Moore – Kindness Community</p> <p>Joan Herron San Luen – Water and conservation in Warm Mineral Springs, and wildlife in the Little Salt Springs Preserve.</p>

	Kristy Richardson – Building Inspector Training Roy Nystra – A citizen new to the area told the Convocation how much he appreciated everyone working together. He was very complimentary.
Adjourned	The Convocation of Governments meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Convocation of Governments meeting held on January 19, 2018, and approved at the regular Board meeting on February 20, 2018.

Secretary
Todd Bowden

Chair
Bridget Ziegler