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School site

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Since the new school area abuts Block lane, the residents want to make sure there is no access or egress from Block Lane. Is this in the plans?

Thank you

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Capital improvement

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The Estero River is an essential and very important asset for the Village, and must be preserved and maintained for storm water management, keeping it clean of bacteria, and for recreation purposes. The sedimentation reduction is crucial, and septic conversion to sewer along the river is crucial. In addition, the village should be utilizing the river for recreational purposes such as having a shuttle boat available at Koreshan park.

Capital expenses are important throughout the Village, but the river must work effectively to support all other capital improvements.

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workshop

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Workshop input

I applaud the Village of Estero for conducted many different studies to discover what the Village and our residents' values and need to enjoy living in our Village.

We found Education and Recreation were critical and this workshop is just one more critical step in being open minded and correct in our decisions going forward

Our research pointed out what we have now and what we need-
we need and our residents want

Quality Educations

Our Own Park (s),

Local volunteer Recreational programs

All aimed at providing a Healthy lifestyle for all ages.

The current Chinese virus has caused everyone to realize how important our employees who serve us as essential workforce is today. Our health care workers, our Village staff, the teachers for our schools, our small business owners and employees, our

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corporate businesses like Hertz and health care leaders like Lee Health and the many people who live and work in our shopping centers- they are the people who support a quality lifestyles for our senior citizens.

For the purpose of this workshop -let me add what I personally have been involved in trying to help make a difference

As a volunteer coach at the High School and researcher for the Village I found

We have interlocal agreement and two major properties being physically joined

Estero High and the Community park creating

An education/park campus in the Village

How do we take full advantage of this?

Smart goal would be to

Expand the edu/Park campus by purchasing the adjacent lands to the edu/park campus before the land is used for other purposes

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we need a Park in our Village and

prevent other development of that land.

to meet the need for a local recreational volunteer programs for our workforce and also to support the nearby planned schools on EHS property

Take advantage of past decisions

We saw the School District decided to sell 10 acres of land at the end of Bode lane which is part of the edu/park campus to Lee County without consulting the High school nor the Village. They placed a value of the land of \$600-700,000 dollars and transferred the money out of the Village to Bonita for a traffic light for the new Bonita High School

What we know -the land is not appropriate for a building, but the best use is for two 80x120 multipurpose fields to meet school and local recreation needs -and a plan had been created for these needed fields.

Proper correction would be:

The Village recapture the land for the same cost \$600-700,000 or negotiate price so money is left to invest in building the donated Losee plans and fulfill both the Village and Schools need for multipurpose fields with support facilities.

What we know

The School District realizes that two new schools are needed to meet the 140% growth in Estero and meet the needs of Lee County growth plans for young family housing being built up Corkscrew road.

A plan to put 5100 students on the Estero High campus has been proposed

Creating very young students in very close proximity to older students

Placing the schools on the practice fields and eliminating fields now used for athletic practice, ROTC and “boot camp” wellness program

Proximity of young and older students in a such high-density use area can cause bullying and consequences being depression and suicide among the students. Far from Ideal for quality education

Possible solution: Move one of the schools over to the 3 Oaks property for obvious reasons

What we Know – EHS has one of the largest athletic programs in Lee County

Estero High is one of the 3 High schools in Lee County out of 14 which has the highest athletic number of teams and athletes participating. The reason for the difference at Estero High athletics is the growth of soccer 4 teams (girls and boys) and up in coming Lacrosse 3 teams (boys and girls).-both sports with Varsity and JV/frosh teams)

Football can practice on a 60-yard-field, (football field is 50 yards wide) but Soccer and Lacrosse need a full multipurpose field (65 to 70 yard wide) to teach positional tactics, teamwork and play.

Challenge: our School District planning for schools needs to include practice field for a High School Football but the school district needs to adjust to account newer sports needs and possible over-use of one 70 yard field being asked support all three athletic

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seasons and use each season by (Season 1) use by two football teams, (Season 2) then followed by 4 soccer teams and then for (Season 3) by three lacrosse teams -one has to ask how will 4 teams practice on one field and will there be a safe field for the newer sports to use?

Possible solution; add a multipurpose field (80x120) to the plans as stated earlier in this email and consider using artificial turf for the stadium field to meet the needs of a larger athletic program and prevent overuse, high cost of maintenance and even loss of the field due to same overuse. Such a suggestion was made by both by Kathy and Marc Mora who were looking at overall costs and need to have safe playing surfaces.

What is needed

The Village and School District working together to meet both of their needs based upon the research and the taxpayers being served. This would also help Lee County to meet the needs of Southwestern Lee county to meet the growth they have created,

Respectfully submitted

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