



**City of Bonita Springs
Outreach Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

I. PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Chairman Altony Lee, Board Members Mel Briceno, Michael Robinson, Jean Beauvoir, Andres Paz, Juan Romero *Staff*: Lora Taylor.

Absent: Board Members: Angel Cerritos, Mauricio Pallares, Lester James.

III. OLD BUSINESS

March 2022 minutes were approved.

IV. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

A certificate of recognition was presented to the family of Alejandro Anderson. Juan Romero spoke about the work and contributions Alejandro had made. He shared that Mr. Anderson played an active role in the community as a teacher and provided much assistance to those in need.

Brian Granstra (Lee County Continuing Education) and Ariel Pechokas (Collier County Continuing Education) shared that Mr. Anderson brought Lee and Collier together and the value in this.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education

Chairman Altony Lee invited Brian and Ariel to share information about their respective continuing education programs. Information given included

- Lee County classes are held at Bonita Springs High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- There are fall and spring semesters. Online courses are available.
- Cost is \$30.00 per semester but fee assistance is available.

- Summer courses are slated to begin in summer 2023.
- These are career preparation courses. They partner with agencies for jobs when courses are complete.
- English courses are also available.
- Collier County has a good partnership with Lee County. They offer day and evening courses. Integrated Education and Training courses are offered with healthcare, HVAC, sheriff's office call center and healthcare position training.
- These programs serve students and the workforce.

Fiesta Bonita Concert Review

Andres talked about the event that was held that weekend. Because the third day was too much, they decided to focus on the Friday and Saturday events, due to the amount of money that would have been lost if those days were cancelled. He would like the third day to be rescheduled. He thought the concert brought in a lot of people from outside Bonita Springs and raised awareness of the city. There were more than 2,000 attendees.

Potential dates for the rescheduled family friendly event were proposed. Lora Taylor will check on the proposed dates and the committee can decide at the next meeting. A rain plan was discussed since dates may fall in the rainy season.

There were two noise complaints received at City Hall. Lora Taylor reviewed the process when complaints are received and how they are handled with event organizers. Andres escorted one attendee out of the event who had complaints.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

March 2022 minutes were approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Meeting ended at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Vallante
Debbie Vallante, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:
OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Date: 8/16/22
AUTHENTICATED:

Altony Lee, Chairman