

LIVE COLLIER COMMISSION BLOG: Collier County votes to suspend affordable housing fee program

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The owner and manager of the proposed continuing care retirement home is Life Care Services.

According to attorney Rich Yovanovich, the company owns and manages 10 other continuing care retirement communities, and manages an additional 86.

"They're not new to Naples. They are the original developers of Moorings Park," Yovanovich said.

The development, which would include 340 apartments for independent living and 80 beds for those who need more intensive health services, would be a place where residents can age in place, Yovanovich said.

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Commissioners unanimously approved rezoning of land to create the Siena Lakes continuing care retirement community.

The new 764,478-square-foot project would sit on 29.25 acres of land bordered on the north by Orange Blossom Drive, about 1,000 feet east of Airport Road, and west of Livingston Road.

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Before heading to lunch, commissioners decided to reassess the process used to hire a Collier County Airport Authority executive director, and to which body that manager should report.

Currently, the director is interviewed and hired by the airport authority board, but has a contract with the Board of County Commissioners. Some commissioners feel the reporting requirements are confusing and an airport director shouldn't feel torn between two bodies.

In the interim, Debbie Brueggerman will fill in as director until a replacement can be found for Theresa Cook, who resigned to take a job in Oregon. Brueggerman is currently the operations manager for the three airports, and Cook's top assistant. Airport Authority members will first look to the American Association of Airport

Executives Web site to advertise for a new manager, said authority chairman Byron Meade.

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Collier County commissioners unanimously approved suspension of the affordable housing impact fee deferral program.

The exception: 36 agreements with Habitat for Humanity for 100 percent deferral of impact fees, valued at \$531,498. An impact fee is money collected from developers to offset the effects of new growth.

Prior waivers issued to Habitat for Humanity would still be viable. Habitat chief Sam Durso said he is fine with this. Commissioner Frank Halas said there's a glut of affordable housing on the market and the program can be revisited when that situation changes.

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Is there still a need for affordable housing in Collier County? When commissioners return from their break, they will review the affordable housing impact fee deferral program. Habitat for Humanity has 36 projects waiting for deferral status.



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