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My Thoughts Exactly by Annette Kniola

By Annette Kniola
Posted July 5, 2012 at 11:38 a.m.

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A few weeks back, I had posted a blog titled Park Impact Fee Requests. You may want to read that first before moving onto what I write today.

To begin, you can find the documents for Collier County Park Impact Fee Graphs and Data that I used under the "Docs" page on My Thoughts Exactly by Annette Kniola found on Facebook. If you do not want to do all of that, the numbers are below to follow. But if you are to follow me on the documents from Facebook, disregard Option 2 altogether and focus solely on Option 1. Option 2 will just seriously confuse you and you do not need to worry about that right now.

Under Option 1, scroll down to the Park and Rec. Impact Fee page. Take a moment and look at all the numbers posted for each district and compare it to the graph too. Print it out if you want to work on the numbers with me.

Impact Fees Collected (1997-2011)

- District 4/Coyle- \$5,359,602
- District 5/Coletta-\$23,191,708 (Wow)
- District 1/Fiala-\$16,311,879
- District 3/Henning-\$23,457,172
- District 2/Hiller-\$13,120,950

Total= \$81,459,311

Total Park Construction Cost by District Allocated (1997-2011)
(Allocated means these numbers below show how much each district was given for their parks)

- District 4/Coyle- \$17,697,923
- District 5/Coletta-\$18,323,360
- District 1/Fiala-\$22,119,395
- District 3/Henning-\$26,879,882
- District 2/Hiller-\$17,557,044



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Total= \$102,577,604

Leaving us with the spending \$21,118,293 more than what was brought in.

If you are looking at the physical page with me, and with common sense that prevails me, these two rows should be switched. I hope you understand that. It's important.

Moving on. Take a look at District 5. In the Estates, we have brought in over \$23 million of impact fees from 1997-2011. And really, we have absolutely nothing to show for it. And that \$18 million that was allocated to our district? Where is that? And that \$23,191,708 amount we collected, go ahead and subtract that \$18,323,360. We should still have a reserve of \$4,868,348. But we don't. So where is it?

One thing you must keep in mind while you read this is that park impact fees are broken into two categories. Regional Park Impact Fees and Community Park Impact Fees. Regional Park Impact Fees CAN be distributed amongst the whole county where Community Park Impact Fees MUST stay within that district. I have requested those numbers, they are very important.

So my BIGGEST question is, how much of our \$23 million was Regional Park Impact money and how much was Community Park money? The graph does not break these numbers down. And I want details of where they all went. That's why this blog is going to be in stages. I do not have all the answers as of yet.

Back to the numbers posted above.

Now, from studying these numbers, I found something out of the ordinary. Look close, I mean real close, to these three districts. 1, 4, and 5.

Example. We here in District #5 were allocated around \$18 million. Now look at Fiala and Coyles district. Coyle was given over \$12 million more in Total Park Construction Cost Allocated and Fiala close to \$6 million more. Add those two together and what does that tell you? Hmmm.....very interesting indeed. Now this is all in theory, but a good one.

Did our money go to those two districts? And why on Earth would they be allocated so much money while we sit here with tiny Max Hasse Community Park as they continue to load up on parks? This has seriously frustrated me and I want answers. How can this happen? And for us here in District 5? If it shows we have almost a \$5 million surplus, where the hell is it?

So over all, here are the percentages that each District received. I divided that extra amount they got (or the negative what we got) into the amount allocated and here are those results.

District 4/Coyle- Extra amount \$12,338,321 or 70% MORE than what his District brought in.

District 5/Coletta- Less amount (-4,868,348) or (-)27% LESS than what his District brought in.

District 1/Fiala- Extra amount \$5,807,516 or 26% MORE than what her District brought in.

District 3/Henning- Extra amount \$3,404,710 or 13% MORE than what his District brought in.

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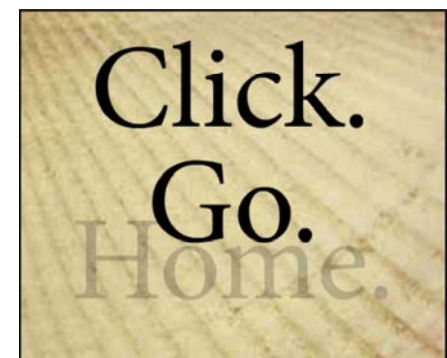
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District 2/Hiller- Extra amount \$4,436,094 or 25% MORE than what her District brought in.

And you wonder why I'm complaining.

Furthermore, these questions below are now in the hands of Leo Ochs and Parks and Rec. for years 1997 to the present. Features

1.Regional parks impact fees collected by impact fee district for unincorporated Collier county. (Like us)

2.Regional parks impact fees collected by impact fee district for incorporated Collier county. (Example, Golden Gate, City of Naples, Marco, etc.)

3.Community parks impact fees collected by impact fee district for unincorporated Collier county.

4. Community parks impact fees collected by impact fee district for incorporated Collier county.

5. Regional parks expenditures by project paid for by impact fees identified by impact fee district source for unincorporated Collier county and for incorporated Collier county.

6. Community Parks expenditures by project paid for by impact fees as identified by impact fee district source for unincorporated Collier county and for incorporated Collier county.

That's all folks! Stay tuned!

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July 5, 2012
2:27 p.m.

Hog writes:

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Very typical and interesting. Something def. stinks and I would go right to Coletta and ask him where that \$ went. It is his job to take care of the Estates people and he clearly isn't. It is unfathomable that there can be so many parks in town and 0 in Northern GGE. There is already plenty to do in town and nothing to do in the Estates. This is exactly why you see so many more tragedies among the youth in the Estates. A park would be a great way to keep the kids out of trouble. I'm becoming more and more disgusted with this situation. Stay on them Annette!

July 5, 2012
7:35 p.m.

AnnetteKniola writes:

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Oh I plan on it. Thanks Hog.

Reply to this post

July 6, 2012
8:08 a.m.

TheyPavedParadise2 writes:

<http://maps.colliergov.net/websites/p...>

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Have a look at the parks map. How could Coletta allow everyone else to have parks but the Estates? Even Ave Maria has parks. Splain Lucy!
Our money has been stolen.

Reply to this post

July 6, 2012
8:20 a.m.

Porkchopper writes:

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What a deal Coletta cooked up for the Estates. He got Oil Well Road for Ave Maria and Baron Collier Companies, Coyle and Fiala got park money. Golden Gate Estates got an aligator infested gravel pit.

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Well I suppose you have to put it in perspective, those of you who are new to Florida have to remember that Florida is the corruption capital of the Nation, and Southwest Florida has traditionally been the corruption capital of the State.

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb." Psalms 37:1-2

Thank goodness there is an election coming up, Coletta has done enough damage and it's time for him to depart.

July 6, 2012
9:45 a.m.

Notahiredblogger writes:

Suggest removal

Well Coletta did say that he wanted to stay on for 4 more years, to tie up loose ends and finish what he started. Yes 23 million and we still have dirt roads in the estates. So we would be re-electing him for what reason? So he can continue to milk the tax payers of district 5 so people in the other districts can have nice things. Seems completely fair to me right? The only way we will get treated fairly in district 5 is by electing Tim Nance.

Reply to this post

That's the only way. Coletta promised to run for 4 years and end it on his last campaign.

Oh and Jimbo, you can't pick your predecessor, we the people do that, the same one's that are going to hand you your pink slip in November. Bye bye, too many lies!

July 6, 2012
9:48 a.m.

Notahiredblogger writes:

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Oh and Annette, be careful what you say in your blog, if NDN doesn't like it, they will kill you off like they did Mark Strain and Peter Gaddy.

Reply to this post

July 6, 2012
10:58 a.m.

AnnetteKniola writes:

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Thanks for the insights everyone. But the comment on NDN killing me off would be terrible. This is all public information and they know I have been wholeheartedly working on the Estates and specifically this park.

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Now maybe my theory paragraph about the 18 million could be taken out, but really, it's all pretty legitimate.

I would be devastated if they took my blog away.

July 6, 2012
11:04 a.m.

napleschik writes:

Suggest removal

ARF!
Your bestest pal has done it to you and all of us. One call to Lytle and it all goes away. I'm really sorry you are so gullible. NOT!

Reply to this post

Arf Arf Arf Arf!

July 6, 2012
11:04 a.m.

swfl_ff writes:

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Good work Annette. Stay on top of this. What is truly a shame is that the chance of you folks seeing any real kind of park construction anytime in the foreseeable future is very dim. All these impact fees are now needed to pay for all the loans that the county has taken out to pay for all these fancy parks. Just about every dime is committed to paying off the debt.

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You folks in the eastern Estates truly got screwed over by the county in my opinion. Where was your commissioner in all of this? Too busy trying to give away the farm for Jackson Labs and kowtowing to the Barron Collier interests.

I do hope there is a change out there come election time. You folks deserve better than you have gotten over the past few years.

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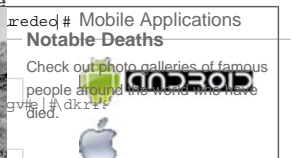
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