CBIA-County Builder Round Table Meeting Notes of 042220-Zoom Mtg.

## **Building Administration Topics/Discussion:**

- -Drop off and pick up of permits is going well.
- -Inspectors in the field are using all measures of safety protection
- -800 average of inspections per day
- -Number of permits and inspections for March 2020 : 4600 permits, 20,000 inspections. April figures will be ready for dissemination and up on the County website first week of May 2020. To review March 2020: <a href="https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/home/showdocument?id=91870">https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/home/showdocument?id=91870</a>
- -The County is moving forward with video inspections for air conditioning, water heater change outs, windows/doors and shutters. There is a huge learning curve for contractors and inspectors. Kathy will check with Diane Penniman to check if there are any training session scheduled. The County staff are working with contractors on an individual basis who would like to participate in video inspections. The County is evaluating expanding the opportunities for video inspections and will provide checklists for contractors as expansion proceeds. However, the video inspections are not being done live but the turnaround is generally one day because the video must be submitted before the inspection can be done. Currently the County is reviewing these video submissions daily.
- -Jon Walsh requested that any contractor having issues, please reach out to him via email at jonathan.walsh@colliercountyfl.gov

## **Contractor Questions:**

- 1. Is permitting running behind? Jon Walsh shared paper permits are slightly behind because of the drop off/pick up procedures.
- 2. How is the County conducting pre--app meetings for construction and site plans? Jon and Rich Long shared most pre-app meetings are being held via email. However, if a contractor has zoom or skype capability, these formats can be used. Kathy checked to see what format Matt McLean is using for site development pre-app. meetings. See his response below:
  - Dating back to last year, through the Land Development Industry Roundtable, the concept of an electronic pre-application meeting was discussed and a pilot program was initiated with several of our local consultants. In hindsight, this was great timing as currently all of the preapplication meetings are now conducted electronically. We are utilizing several different pre-app meeting

forums (email, teleconference, Skype for Business, etc). We are also offering the same type of post-review meeting if a consultant team would like to discuss comments of an application.

- Private Providers can provide remote inspections but how do they present reports to the County. Jon Walsh will look into this issue and provide solution to Kathy for sharing with CBIA members.
- 4. When will auto payment be live? Kathy reached out to Ken Kovinsky to provide an update. See his response below:
  - The county recently finalized the last remaining tasks that will allow us to transition to the new credit card system. The cutover to the new system is scheduled to go live next Tuesday (4/28/20) morning at 8:00 am.
- 5. Have any mechanical reviewers been hired? Rich shared they have certified tow current employees and the chief is also assisting with reviews. They have interviewed candidates and will hire two more mechanical personnel.

Next County-Builder Round Table meeting is scheduled for 3:30-4:30 p.m. on May 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be determined a few days prior to the meeting whether it will be held at CBIA and/or via zoom.