



County Builder Round Table Meeting Notes

10/13/2021 - Via Zoom

- A request was made concerning the 40% lot coverage rule. Amelia had discussed this issue with Jamie Cook, and she was willing to meet with a group of interested members to discuss in the fall. Amelia will reach out to set a date for a zoom meeting.
- Currently, members are facing inspection delays. Rich shared that time slots are filling each day quickly. If you are having an issue with plumbing, electrical or structural inspection scheduling, please call one of the chiefs, and he will place your inspection in manually.
- Members don't want inspectors making our punch lists, and we should all be ready for inspections, but some inspectors stop the inspection if they find three items, saying it is not ready. This causes delays because we have to wait until the next inspection is available. Then, they may find three more things and stop it again. Six small items could be all found in total, but it could take three trips. No one is perfect, but completing the inspection means we can get the inspector back out when we complete the items and pass the inspection. This is overwhelmingly done with electrical inspections. Can you recommend a higher number to minimize trips? Rich Long will revisit this issue with all inspectors.
- A question came up whether private providers could provide all reports electronically. Jon will look into this possibility and let us know whether it can be done.
- Personnel Update – once the personnel study has been completed, CCGM will evaluate the potential for increased staffing and reach out for support from the industry.
- Several issues concerning conditions were shaded in terms of the length of time once corrected it is taking. Rich requested that members check the initial permit carefully and if conditions occur that should not be listed, reach out to the supervisor of that area. To see the listing of department heads, go to [Contact List by Division | Collier County, FL](https://colliercountyfl.gov/ContactListbyDivision) (colliercountyfl.gov)
- A member suggested that perhaps all intake should be under Rich Long. It was noted that Rich Long currently oversees about 2/3 of the permitting processes. Amelia and Kathy will reach out to Jamie French for this request.
- A member shared our appreciation for how helpful inspectors have been.
- Jon Walsh shared changes as of October 1, which included (1.) Changes in waivers based upon the state law implemented in the last session. See attached diagrams and note that single-family permit intake processed 30 working days is now in effect. Commercial permits are 45 calendar days. (2.) Permit Issued and Job Cart were two separate documents. They have been combined into 1 document titled "Permit & Job Cart" document.
- Jon Walsh shared that he has had a meeting with GGFD and NNFD to potentially develop a flat-rate fee of around \$100. The flat-rate fee would only apply to architectural review (not hood, gas, sprinkler, etc.) for fire and would be the "original" or application fee to hopefully streamline the application process. A standard application fee would then be known by all. All required fees per applicable fee schedules would be applied and required to be paid prior to permit issuance. They seem to be open to the change. CBIA has offered to discuss this matter

with our County G.A Council to see if we can support Jon in these efforts. Amelia will get back to Jon once the CBIA-County G.A Council has met and made a determination.

- Future meetings: November 10 and December 10.