

BCC 9-12-19 #42

From: Simmons, Cyndi M
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 8:35 AM
To: bccassistants
Cc: Klug, Della; Estrada, Sue M; BoardRecords,
Subject: FW: Citizens to be Heard

I don't think all of you were copied. Below is Commissioner Seel's response to Norm Lupo for future Citizens To be Heard.

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From: Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 12:12 AM
To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Cc: Norman L - Correspondent <normlupo@outlook.com>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Greenleaf, Kim <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Walsh, J Doyle <dwalsh@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Vandenberg, Courtney <cvandenberg@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Simmons, Cyndi M <csimmons@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Klug, Della <dklug@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Burton, Barry <bburton@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Citizens to be Heard

Hi to all,

Based on good discussion by the County Commission, it was decided at last night's meeting to do the following:

At the 9:30 am meeting, Citizens to be Heard will be after Presentations and Public Hearings.

At the 2 pm meeting, Citizens to be Heard will be after Presentations.

We believe that will allow our citizen's to access our County Government and be heard in a timely manner.

Thanks to everyone for these positive changes.

Karen

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 12, 2019, at 9:10 AM, Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us> wrote:

Good morning, Commissioner Seel,

Since I am not able to be at the meeting today, please let the record reflect that I am ok with leaving the placement of the 'Public Comment' portion of the agenda to the discretion of the Chair.

As I recall from the previous conversations on this issue, there are many sound reasons that can be made for wherever the 'Public Comment' might be placed.

It also appears to me that there are only 3 or 4 folks who have voiced a concern about the placement of this item and many others who like it.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this issue.

Take care and nice to have you back!
Janet C Long

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 11, 2019, at 11:50 PM, Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us> wrote:

Hi to all,
I'll be bringing this up at tomorrow's meeting under County Commission Miscellaneous - agenda #42.
I wish to ask you all if you want Citizen's to be Heard moved to the front of the agenda rather than it's placement now.

Thanks,
Karen

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 5, 2019, at 1:00 AM, Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us> wrote:

Hi to all,
This has been discussed over many years as to where "Citizens to be Heard" is on the regular County Commission agenda.
It has been agreed upon in the past, but if any County Commissioner wishes to change this, please let me know.
Thanks,
Karen

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 4, 2019, at 7:40 PM, Norman L - Correspondent <normlupo@outlook.com> wrote:

<https://pinellas.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=643349&GUID=2AA9C43A-FC45-4BE1-98A8-2328EE00854E&Options=info&Search=>

Welcome to Pinellas county government agenda meetings
Re. Item 38.
TAKE THE POLL.
How many think it is unacceptable for the chair, any Chair, (or being condoned by the other commissioners) to have the public comment so far far down on the bcc agenda. ?
So much to accommodate citizens/taxpayers wishing to speak who have to wait and wait with all the above and sometimes long agenda items, to speak for only 3-min's before their elected well paid

county commissioners. Is this deliberate or by accident?

So much for the PC Governmental Organizational Chart showing CITIZENS at the very top.

Observation

How many informed citizens know the reasons and answer and will remember that when the next elections comes around. ?

What U say? Take the poll...thanks . Will share the citizens feedback and data with the press.
