



## 2014-15 COTI Sanibel Accomplishments

*Working effectively with the Sanibel elected leaders and management, COTI and the City has taken action on numerous important issues affecting the island.*

### COTI Accomplishments

- One or more COTI Board Members attends every City Council and Planning Commission meeting in order to monitor all issues and actions. This leads to thoughtful deliberation, research and discussion of all issues.
- Proactively promote adherence to the Sanibel Vision, Sanibel Plan, Land Development Code, and efficient, effective government.
- Proactively collaborating and leading in the formulation of appropriate and realistic actions to mitigate the impact of peak season traffic on all residents, workers and visitors. More on this later.



A COTI member attends every City Council meeting.

- Monitored the progress on the City of Sanibel Civic Core
- Advised the people most concerned about the Doc Ford permitting process 18 months before the permit application. Proactively ensured that the construction would adhere to the Sanibel Plan and Land Development Code. Recommended specific restrictions and limits on the project to address citizen concerns.

## SANIBEL SUCCESSES

### COTI encouraged and collaborated with City leadership to:

- Prohibit large buses from bringing day-trippers to our beaches;
- Create a more rigorous permitting process for any on-island bus tour services;
- Continue the effort to prohibit unsupervised Segways use on Sanibel's shared paths;
- Initiate the creation of architectural standards to ensure attractive resort redevelopment;
- Create a new rigorous permitting process for floating docks, helping to ensure safety and protection of our ecosystem.
- Create a consensus on the revised Dark Skies ordinance with well-defined requirements, a January 1, 2018 implementation date and the requirement for a proactive citizen education campaign; and
- Promote positive action on Florida Amendment 1, on the 2020 Funding and on various Lee County initiatives.

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## COTI Community Successes

- We have joyously celebrated Sanibel's and COTI's 40th Anniversaries.
- We have expanded the number of people we regularly communicate with, to over 1200 households and 1800 people - a five-times increase in four years!
- We have grown contributing COTI membership by more than 40% in the last year.
- Sent more than 35 informative News e-Messages and Action Alert e-Messages in the last 18 months.
- We have endorsed Chauncey Goss for City Council, who won the impressively!



COTI Celebrates 40th Anniversary

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## Opportunities for Action & Vigilance

### Off-Island Issues

- Action is needed to moderate accelerating growth of Lee County land development, population, tourism and vehicles in a manner that reduces the impact on our community and ecosystem;
- Action is needed to help improve the quality of our waterways by supporting SCCF's recommendation to fix our water pollution and Everglades southern water flow problems at its source; and to complete construction of reservoirs that will allow for improved water flow management.

### On-Island Issues

- The monitoring of the Sanibel commercial redevelopment actions.
- The completion of the Sanibel resort district redevelopment architectural standards.
- The continued analysis, planning and decision making to move the "Sanibel Civic & Cultural Core" initiative forward in a fiscally responsible manner.
- The creation and implementation of an education campaign to inform property owners of the revised Dark Skies regulations.
- The enforcement of the two new Sanibel bus ordinances.
- The Sanibel initiative to improve how the city handles reclaimed water in a way that helps protect our waterways.
- Welcoming a new generation of residents and snowbirds into our organizations and civic life - the baby boomers are coming and will have impact on the future of Sanibel.

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### A Closing Note

***The above list of issues and actions is ambitious. Success requires leadership, the ability to form a consensus, collaboration with other Sanibel organizations and encouraging CITY leaders to take the right actions.***

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## COTI Annual Meeting Video

For a further understanding of how COTI works, watch any of these video selections from our 2015 Annual Meeting:

- President's Remarks by Jim Beauchamp
- Citizen of the Year Mayor Kevin Ruane
- Keynote Speaker Wayne Daltry, who addresses problems of growth and development on Sanibel's greater watershed area.

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