

**LANDSCAPE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010**

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the **Landscape Subcommittee of the Pelican Bay Services Division Board** met on **Monday, December 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Community Center at Pelican Bay, 8960 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples.

Landscape Subcommittee Members

Tom Cravens, Chairman
Johan Domenie

Geoffrey S. Gibson *absent*

Pelican Bay Services Division Staff

W. Neil Dorrill
Kyle Lukasz

Mary McCaughtry
Lisa Resnick

Also Present

Keith J. Dallas, Chairman, Pelican Bay Services Division Board
Tim Hall, Senior Biologist & Principal, Turrell, Hall & Associates
James Hoppensteadt, President, Pelican Bay Foundation
Molly Moffatt, Chair, L'Ambiance Association Landscaping Committee

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Audience Participation
3. Discuss Institute for Food and Agricultural Science (IFAS) Best Management Practices
4. Discuss Suggested Amendment to Existing Residential and Commercial Landscaping Contracts as they Pertain to Fertilization
5. Discuss Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) Guidelines for Permitted Acquisition of Grass Carp & Tilapia
6. Discuss Turrell, Hall & Associates' Proposal for Environmental Services & Demonstration Project
7. Educational Outreach to Members Regarding Best Management Practices Update
8. Audience Comments
9. Adjournment

ROLL CALL

With the exception of Mr. Gibson, all Landscape Subcommittee members were present.

DISCUSSION OF RFP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Chairman Cravens discussed the selection process for the RFP for environmental services in Clam Bay. The proposal was modified to include additional County projects. Next, the County appointed two additional non-Pelican Bay members to the selection committee due to a "dubious historical precedent" of having five members to a selection committee. The current structure has three Pelican Bay representatives (Mr. Dorrill, Mr. Cravens, and Mr. Lukasz) and two non-Pelican Bay representatives who will decide how to spend Pelican Bay funds. It seems to him that if the County wants to select an environmental consultant for its own projects that they should do so without any interference from the Services Division and co-mingling the two does not make any sense. He suggested that if the selection committee must have five members, that the Pelican Bay Services Division Board appoint the other two and they be Pelican Bay representatives.

Mr. Lukasz said the RFP is for any environmental services related to Clam Bay. Currently they use Turrell Hall and Associates.

Chairman Cravens said an environmental impact study (EIS) component is in the proposal.

Mr. Lukasz said there is boilerplate language in the RFP for an EIS, but that does not necessarily require the Services Division to perform one, it just gives the Services Division an opportunity.

Chairman Cravens said, "This whole thing smells like a fish that is rotting. What started out to be a simple Pelican Bay thing has been changed, modified, expanded, and other people have been put on this committee and I am just not happy with it."

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Mr. Dorrill said he is trying not to read too much into this, because the County takes a “macro approach to everything,” but he is genuinely concerned that the “Coastal Zone Management (CZM) people have their little tentacles in what we are trying to do.” The people who have been appointed to the Selection Committee “do not appear to be CZM people or moles,” but they need to “stay in the game.”

Chairman Cravens suggested that if the original selection committee of three (Mr. Dorrill, Chairman Cravens, Mr. Lukasz) is not sufficient, then they should request that two more people be added from Pelican Bay.

Mr. Dorrill agreed. At the end of the day, they need to select the consultant that is best representative of the Services Division’s needs.

Chairman Cravens said it is his understanding that the selection committee would short list three candidates and bring a recommendation to the Pelican Bay Services Division Board, who would then vote and make the final decision.

Mr. Dorrill said correct, however the Board of County Commissioners would ratify what the Services Division Board wants to do. He reiterated that he shares Chairman Cravens’ concerns and they should proceed cautiously.

The next selection committee meeting is December 14 and Chairman Cravens said he would like to reschedule after the holidays.

Mr. Dorrill agreed and tasked Kyle to contact Mr. Curran to reschedule due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Dorrill would contact the County Manager to discuss additional Pelican Bay residents to the selection committee.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Moffatt said she is Chair of L’Ambiance Landscaping Committee and was attending to learn more about the direction that new landscaping is going in Pelican Bay and provide input.

Mr. Hall said he was here to answer any questions and distributed one copy of the “Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Handbook - A Guide to Environmentally Friendly Landscaping” and an electronic copy of the “Green Industries Best Management Practices.”

DISCUSS INSTITUTE FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE (IFAS) BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Chairman Cravens reviewed the agenda packet that included the “Florida Friendly Best Management Practices (BMP) for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries” booklet and “Create a Florida Friendly Yard brochure.”

The Committee discussed how they would use the information and enforce BMPs.

Mr. Dorrill said the Foundation is well underway to engage a nutrient management plan for the community so they have a basis upon which to make decisions going forward. They do not yet know if they have a nutrient loading problem in Pelican Bay, but they will find out. In advance of that, any further governmental regulatory efforts that they would initiate or encourage the Foundation to legislate through their covenants would be very poorly received. However, the Services Division Board, for those areas that the Services Division is responsible for could take a BMP proposal to the Services Division Board to consider adopting with coinciding operating parameters.

DISCUSS SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPING CONTRACTS AS THEY PERTAIN TO FERTILIZATION

Mr. Dorrill said they prepared a suggested amendment to each association’s current landscaping contract that would put the obligation on the landscape contractor to have either a principal of the firm or senior management employee of the firm on site on the occasions when fertilizer is applied. In summary, they should encourage and endorse the nutrient management plan

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and the Services Division Board should take the initiative to be the first in line to formally adopt the BMP guidelines and develop some public education initiatives and tangible-type things that can be done at the association level.

Chairman Cravens said the Services Division Board endorsed the nutrient management proposal at the December 1 meeting.

Mr. Domenie asked if BMPs includes how they treat water bodies.

Chairman Cravens said the idea is if they practice BMPs, then their water should be better than if they do not practice BMPs.

Mr. Domenie asked if there was a difference between liquid fertilizer and granulated fertilizer.

Mr. Lukasz said that granulated fertilizer is slower release.

DISCUSS FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FFWCC) GUIDELINES FOR PERMITTED ACQUISITION OF GRASS CARP AND TILAPIA

Chairman Cravens said at the November 16 meeting they discussed using grass carp and tilapia to control duckweed in water bodies. He suggested they experiment in one lake.

Mr. Lukasz said they do not really have a problem with duckweed in lakes, it is more in the water bodies along the berm.

Mr. Dorrill said that any aquatic plant that has a root is a perfect opportunity to use grass carp and suggested they discuss with the full Board in January. He does not know that they would allow using permitted carp on a trial basis, but they would explore. He suggested they do a pilot project of enhanced littoral plantings instead.

Mr. Lukasz said in order to use grass carp littoral plantings have to be well established because the carp will go after the fresh plants. There may not be enough vegetation to support grass carp in the lakes. They would have to reevaluate. He added that at Grey Oaks, they stocked a lake with tilapia with minimal effect and many died last winter from the cold. It would cost approximately \$300 per acre to stock tilapia.

Chairman Cravens said there are mechanical means or skimmers used to remove duckweed.

DISCUSS TURRELL, HALL & ASSOCIATES' PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Chairman Cravens said at the November 16 meeting they had discussed a test demonstration project, however he agreed with Mr. Dorrill to wait until the Foundation's nutrient management plan is implemented and they have some baseline data.

Mr. Hall said they would have baseline data in a year, but it would take three years before they would have results that they could count on.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH TO MEMBERS REGARDING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES UPDATE

Mr. Dorrill said they have some upcoming opportunities in January for public education and outreach regarding BMPs within each of the condominium and homeowners associations within Pelican Bay.

Chairman Cravens said January 18, Doug Caldwell and Cathy Feser will speak about BMPs at the Men's Coffee. He would inquire with the President's Council whether they would be interested in a presentation regarding BMPs and the Foundation's nutrient management proposal. He asked if the Florida Friendly landscaping brochures are available from the IFAS extension office and suggested they obtain and have available to distribute at the Commons.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS No discussion

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WRAP UP

Mr. Dorrill suggested they take some of today's agenda items to the full Board in January to formally adopt the BMP guidelines and get some direction on an assessment or survey of lake vegetation for purposes of supporting grass carp.

The Committee agreed.

Chairman Cravens suggested they inventory the types of fish that are in water bodies in Pelican Bay.

Mr. Dorrill tasked Mr. Lukasz to take photos of recent littoral plantings to include in the PowerPoint on January 5, to show the inventory of existing conditions of aquatic plants.

Mr. Domenie referred to the discussion at the last meeting of field employees taking a refresher course to apply fertilizer.

Mr. Lukasz said field employees would take refresher courses in March at the time of ornamental plantings.

Chairman Cravens suggested that when day laborers apply fertilizer, they should be supervised.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.



Tom Cravens, Chairman

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