

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION  
Municipal Services Taxing & Benefit Unit**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015**

**THE LANDSCAPE & SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION WILL MEET AT 1 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT PELICAN BAY, LOCATED AT 8960 HAMMOCK OAK DRIVE, NAPLES, FLORIDA.**

**AGENDA**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Approval
4. Approval of October 30 minutes
5. Audience Comments
6. **Bicycle Safety Workshop and Clinic update sponsored by PBSB**  
*Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 2-4 PM at Community Center at Pelican Bay*  
Presentations by Naples Pathways Coalition, Naples Police Dept., & Naples Cyclery:
  - o Explaining the Rules and Florida Laws as they pertain to cycling, bike lanes, sharrows, operating a motor vehicle on roads with bicycle lanes, and cycling on sidewalks/paths in Pelican Bay
  - o Q & A from the audience
  - o Hands on bicycle safety checks, adjustments, and evaluations - free of charge
  - o Rollerblading on the road information
7. **Landscape Update and Overview Presentation by Staff**
  - a. The committee needs to have a grasp and knowledge what our landscaping operation entails; what projects are underway; and what projects are planned
  - b. Update on staff's manpower needs audit and budgetary needs this year and next year
  - c. The committee's goals are to maintain Pelican Bay's landscape in optimum appearance and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles, residents, and future residents
8. **Oakmont Lake Path update**
9. **Chairman's comments and committee member comments**
10. **Adjournment**

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**SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014**

The Safety Committee of the Pelican Bay Services Division met at 1 PM on Thursday, October 30 at the Community Center at Pelican Bay located at 8960 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Fl. The following members attended:

**Safety Committee**

Joe Chicurel, Chairman  
Tom Cravens

John Iaizzo  
Scott Streckenbein  
Dave Trecker *ex-officio*

**Pelican Bay Services Division Board**

Ken Dawson  
Susan O'Brien

**Pelican Bay Services Division Staff**

Neil Dorrill, Administrator  
Marion Bolick, Operations Manager

Mary McCaughtry, Operations Analyst  
Lisa Resnick, Recording Secretary

**Also Present**

Corporal John Scaduto, Collier County Sheriff's Office  
Corporal Lee Van Gelder, Collier County Sheriff's Office  
Dr. Joseph Doyle  
Sandra Doyle

**REVISED AGENDA**

1. Pledge of Allegiance *add-on*
2. Roll call
3. Agenda approval
4. Audience comments
5. Administrator's report
6. Neighborhood watch program; Sheriff's office presentation and discussion
7. Old business
  - a. Repaving Pelican Bay Boulevard and sharrow markings update
  - b. Community bicycle/pedestrian/motor vehicle education program update
  - c. Vegetation trimming and overgrowth onto pathways and roads discussion on PBSO operations; manpower and organization
8. New business
  - a. Oakmont lake path discussion: safety; responsibility; repair maintenance; replacement
  - b. Discussion of maintenance on Pelican Bay Boulevard pathway *add-on*
9. Adjournment

**ROLL CALL**

All members of the Committee were present and a quorum was met.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Streckenbein seconded to approve the agenda as amended. [Add "Pledge of Allegiance" to before "Roll call" to all agendas going forward; add 7b. "Discussion of maintenance on Pelican Bay Boulevard pathways"]. The motion carried unanimously.*

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Dr. Joseph Doyle expressed his thanks to Mr. Dorrill for pushing through the repaving of Pelican Bay Boulevard.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Dorrill indicated that he had nothing to report under this item; however, he would be making a few comments under other agenda items.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTATION – NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

Corporal Scaduto expressed his thanks to the committee for inviting them today, and briefly advised them of a crime of opportunity that occurred when an unlocked car with its key left in it was stolen.

Corporal Van Gelder was then introduced, and presented an overview of the Neighborhood Watch program to the Committee, noting the major components of it as personal responsibility for safety of oneself, and awareness of what is going on around you. He explained how to get this organization started, and its possible effectiveness in a community.

At Mr. Dorrill's request, the Corporal agreed to check on the use of state of the art cameras in other gated communities in the area, as apparently these cameras are highly effective in catching tag numbers and improving facial recognition. It was noted, however, that these next generation cameras are very expensive.

Corporal Van Gelder agreed to come at any time to make presentations to the community regarding Neighborhood Watch, and was thanked for today's appearance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Repaving of Pelican Bay Boulevard and Sharrow Markings update**

The repaving should be completed within the coming week, and the thermoplastic striping will be applied once the asphalt has cured. The sharrow markings will be painted on.

An article was written by the Dr. Chicurel for the Community newspaper advising residents of the new markings.

The issue of car carriers and the damage they can cause to the uncured roadway on Pelican Bay Boulevard was discussed, and suggestions were made to enforce the laws against unloading on the public roadways. Mr. Dorrill will follow up with Mr. Casalanguida at the

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County Roadway Department on this issue. The residents have also been advised of the problem.

B. Community Bicycle/Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Education Program Update

A booklet has been prepared for the outreach program advising residents and guests of the responsibilities of all users of the roadways. This information is also being rotated on the digital bulletin boards throughout the community as well as appearing in the e-newsletter sent out by the Foundation and the Community newspaper.

A bicycle forum and clinic will be presented by the Naples Pathways Coalition in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office on February 24th of 2015 at Pelican Bay.

A brief discussion was held regarding the problem with bike riders cycling through the stop sign at Pelican Bay Boulevard and Golf Park, and Corporal Scaduto indicated that both he and his sergeant felt that it was time for some law enforcement on this issue. The area will be monitored and information forwarded to the Sheriff's Office related to the best time for this operation to take place.

C. Vegetation Trimming/Overgrowth onto Pathways and Roads/Discussion on PBSO Operations

Overgrowth on pathways and roadways causing a safety issue for cars, cyclists and pedestrians, as well as being unsightly, continues to be an issue. The Chairman felt that additional full time help was needed in the maintenance section of operations, and should be budgeted for.

Dr. Chicurel suggested that a Motion be made that this topic be opened for Committee discussion, and Dr. Trecker then suggested that the proper Motion should be for the Board to investigate additional funding to facilitate ongoing maintenance of the shrubbery. Dr. Chicurel motioned to direct staff to report to the Safety Committee on what is needed in manpower and budget increases to maintain the Pelican Bay roads and pathways free of vegetation overgrowth and tree encroachment where it is the PBSO's responsibility. After a brief discussion it was determined that a motion was not necessary, and the staff was then directed to report to the Committee on what was needed as far as manpower and budget increases for this work.

The Committee then discussed responsibility as it relates to individual communities versus the PBSO on this issue as well as whether it was an issue of not enough manpower or prioritizing manpower. Mr. Dorrill advised the Committee of the many items that are handled by the landscaping crew, adding that their equipment was recently evaluated and is in very poor shape, which adds to the problem. He felt that a study of this entire issue would be helpful.

***Dr. Trecker motioned, Mr. Cravens seconded to make a recommendation to the full Board to ask staff to do a manpower analysis to determine whether additional manpower was needed or if shifting of manpower is needed to address the problem. The motion carried unanimously.***

Ms. O'Brien then suggested that staff obtain bids to do a onetime major trim in the community, which would give the Committee an idea of costs to maintain this work. After a brief discussion regarding responsibility, the Committee agreed to look into this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### A. Oakmont Lake Path Discussion: Safety, Responsibility, Repair, Maintenance & Replacement

The disrepair of this pathway was noted, and more than one fall has occurred on it. The Foundation is maintaining that it is the PBSB's responsibility, and the first issue to be determined is what entity is responsible for this lake path. In response to a Committee member's question, Mr. Dorrill indicated that Pelican Bay has 15 to 20 foot public drainage easements and responsibilities to spray, maintain and convey water around lakes. If the PBSB is going to assume responsibility for the pathway, they will need a license agreement with the Oakmont HOA.

After a discussion among the Committee members, it was agreed that a letter would be written to the Foundation advising them of the dangerous conditions of the Oakmont path, and reminding them of their responsibility. Mr. Dorrill will call his contact at the Foundation and advise him of the Board's efforts to determine responsibility for the various areas and amenities in Pelican Bay, and that they will be receiving a letter in that regard.

##### B. Pelican Bay Boulevard Pathway Maintenance and Repair

Mr. Cravens noted that there are areas of this pathway that have holes and roots that have surfaced, making this pathway dangerous for walkers. The County has been maintaining this walkway, but the repairs are done on an irregular basis. Mr. Dorrill agreed with this assessment, noting that the County has a budget for this work and prioritizes pathways that are closest to schools. He suggested that if Pelican Bay wished to act on this, he would prefer that they funnel money through the County's program and liability to supplement what they do. Mr. Cravens will point out some of the areas to Mr. Dorrill, who will follow up on them with the County.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Cravens motioned, Dr. Chicurel seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.*

**BIKE LANES**

**CYCLING  
SAFETY**

**THE  
FLORIDA  
LAW**



**WHERE: Pelican Bay Community Center**

**WHEN: Wed. Feb. 25, 2015**

**WHO: The Naples Pathways Coalition  
Naples Police  
Naples Cyclery**

The Pelican Bay Services Division Board is sponsoring a **bike lane (bicycle) safety workshop and clinic** for the community.

Mark Dillon, a Pelican Bay resident and Naples Pathways Coalition Board member, has developed an outstanding program to help us ride, walk, and drive safely on Pelican Bay paths and roads.

Bring your bicycles for a **FREE bicycle safety check-up** by Naples Cyclery. Bring your helmet for proper sizing. Tire pressure and seat height adjustments will be performed by the experts. All services will be free. So bring your bikes and understand the rules and laws that will make cycling and driving a car more fun and safe.

Save the date: Wed. Feb. 25, 2015 (2-4 PM) at the Community Center.

Joe Chicurel, PBSB Landscape & Safety Committee Chairman

## **Rollerblading on the road:**

### **Question**

I inline skate at an average speed of 13-15 mph in the bike lane on my local South Florida streets. While 99% of the cyclists are very positive; with words of encouragement, allowing me to draft when I crank up to 16-18 mph and generally courteous, there are some that are negative with "Get out of the bike lane" and much worse.

### **Answer**

Bicycle lanes are part of the roadway designated for preferential use by bicyclists.

#### ***Florida Department of Transportation Plans Preparation Manual***

*Bicycle Lane – A bicycle lane (bike lane) is a portion of the roadway (either with curb and gutter or a flush shoulder) which has been designated by striping, special pavement markings, and signing for the preferential use by bicyclists.*

#### ***Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices***

*Bicycle Lane – A portion of a roadway that has been designated for preferential or exclusive use by bicyclists by pavement markings and, if used, signs.*

*Preferential Lane – A highway lane reserved for the exclusive use of one or more specific types of vehicles or vehicles with at least a specific number of occupants.*

**Persons on roller skates are not permitted on the roadway, whether in the bike lane or not.**

**s. 316.2065 – Bicycle Regulations**

*(12) No person upon roller skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device, may go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk.*

Although in-line skates are certainly serious exercise equipment these days, the statutes do not consider that.

Highway facilities are not designed for optimum use by all users, and some communities try to accommodate in-line skaters by not strictly enforcing this provision. Some strictly enforce that sub-paragraph. You should check with your local police department or sheriff's office to determine the policy in your community.