

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION
LANDSCAPE & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 20, 2017**

The Landscape & Safety Committee of the Pelican Bay Services Division met on Tuesday, June 20 at 10:15 a.m. at the Community Center at Pelican Bay, located at 8960 Hammock Oak Drive, Naples, Florida 34108. The following members attended.

Landscape & Safety Committee
Joe Chicurel, Chairman
Tom Cravens

Bohdan Hirniak (*absent*)
Mike Shepherd
Gary Ventress

Pelican Bay Services Division Staff
Neil Dorrill, Administrator
Marion Bolick, Operations Manager

Mary McCaughtry, Operations Analyst (*absent*)
Lisa Jacob, Associate Project Manager
Barbara Shea, Recording Secretary

Also Present

Natalie Ashby, Collier County Sheriff's Office
Ken Dawson, PBSB Board

Thad Rhodes, Collier County Sheriff's Office
Dave Trecker, PBSB Board

APPROVED AGENDA (AS PRESENTED)

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Agenda approval
4. Approval of 05/16/17 meeting minutes
5. Audience comments
6. Administrator's Report and Updates
 - a. *Oak Lake Sanctuary noise abatement
 - b. *LED bulb conversion
 - c. *Gulf Park Drive median cut-through
7. *Right turn only onto US 41 at Gulf Park Drive
8. Pelican Bay sidewalks
9. Adjournment

** indicates possible action item*

ROLL CALL

Mr. Hirniak was absent and a quorum was established

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Ventress seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 05/16/17 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Ventress seconded to approve the 05/16/17 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DR. CHICUREL WELCOMED SGT. THAD RHODES AND CPL. NATALIE ASHBY OF THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Sgt. Thad Rhodes, Collier County Sheriff's Office, introduced Cpl. Natalie Ashby as the new Pelican Bay CCSO liaison officer. Additionally, he urged residents to secure personal property and recommended that residents call the Sheriff's Office whenever suspicious activity is observed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

OAK LAKE SANCTUARY NOISE ABATEMENT

Oak Lake Sanctuary residents Mr. Vincent Vespo, Ms. Jane Kretz, Ms. Janet Rathbun, Mr. Jim Issenmann, and Mr. Dennis Coyle commented on the increase in noise resulting from the removal of exotics along the east side of Oak Lake Sanctuary as mandated by Collier County Code Enforcement, and discussed possible mitigation options for the PBSB to consider.

Mr. Dorrill commented on the \$62,400 AB&B estimate (as included in the agenda packet) of a nine foot high, 200 foot long berm for fill only. If such a berm was to be installed, labor costs, landscaping costs, permits, and engineering costs would be additional costs. He suggested obtaining an acoustic survey comparing the noise level from US 41 heard in Oak Lake Sanctuary compared to the noise level in Oakmont.

By committee consensus, it was agreed that staff will investigate what effective methods of noise mitigation are available. After this information is received and reviewed by the committee, a site visit will be scheduled to assist in evaluating the recommendations.

Dr. Chicurel motioned, Mr. Cravens seconded to recommend to the full PBSB Board that no noise abatement construction be undertaken by the PBSB in Oak Lake Sanctuary. Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Shepherd seconded to amend the motion to add the words, "at this time." The amendment carried unanimously. The amended motion carried unanimously.

LED BULB CONVERSION

Mr. Shepherd motioned, Mr. Cravens seconded to recommend to the full PBSB Board that we complete the conversion to LED bulbs using the existing wattage bulb that we have already installed on Gulf Park Drive throughout the balance of the boulevard and we use the smaller wattage, which we already went to trial with, to the residential areas.. After discussion by the board, Mr. Shepherd withdrew his motion, and Mr. Cravens withdrew his second.

Mr. Shepherd motioned, Mr. Cravens seconded to recommend to the full PBSB Board that we complete the LED conversion throughout Pelican Bay including 80 watt equivalent bulbs on the boulevard and the 30 watt versions throughout the residential areas as per “option 1” on the agenda summary sheet included as part of this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

GULF PARK DRIVE MEDIAN CUT-THROUGH

Mr. Shepherd motioned, Mr. Ventress seconded to recommend to the full PBSB Board, at our own expense, the introduction of a cut-through on Gulf Park Drive located as nearly to the east as allowed by the various administrative agencies, as a stand-alone project, and without a deceleration lane. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Chicurel reminded the committee that the County has agreed to provide all the necessary engineering (at no cost to the PBSB) for this project.

Mr. Jim Issenmann commented on the positive responses to his survey of Oak Lake Sanctuary residents regarding the proposed Gulf Park Dr. median cut-through project.

RIGHT TURN ONLY ONTO US 41 AT GULF PARK DRIVE

Mr. Ken Dawson commented on the severe negative impact to the community which would result from restricting residents exiting the community on Gulf Park Drive to a “right turn only.” He provided results of his straw poll and a resident email which were all not in favor of this proposal. Dr. Dave Trecker also commented against this proposal and stated his preference for maintaining the current turning options.

Mr. Vincent Vespo commented that he was not in favor of a reduction in PB exit options and suggested a traffic light at this intersection.

Ms. Jane Kretz suggested that changing the exit options to “right turn only” would further reduce the property values of the residences in Oak Lake Sanctuary.

Mr. Shepherd motioned, Mr. Cravens seconded to recommend to the full PBSB Board that the exit from Gulf Park Drive onto US 41 southbound be made a right turn only intersection and that that be achieved by striping the left lane of Gulf Park Drive as it approaches US 41 in a converging fashion and the placement of one “no left hand turn” sign at the intersection. After discussion by the board, Mr. Shepherd withdrew his motion, and Mr. Cravens withdrew his second.

By committee consensus, it was agreed to not pursue restricting the egress from Gulf Park Drive onto US 41 to a “right turn only.”

PELICAN BAY SIDEWALKS

The committee reviewed AB&B’s preliminary opinion of probable cost to widen the sidewalks from The Commons to the North Tram Station, based on 10/06/11 plans, which included separate summaries of cost for concrete versus asphalt.

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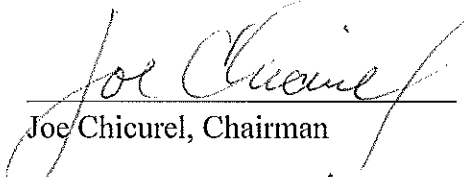
Mr. Dorrill commented on the widespread community dissatisfaction with PB sidewalks. He suggested amending the Pelican Bay ordinance so that sidewalk replacement and maintenance expenses could be funded from PBSB Fund 778.

Dr. Trecker recalled 2011 PBSB discussions on widening PB sidewalks which resulted in pushback from the community as a result of the project requiring the removal of at least 15-20 trees on PB Blvd.

Mr. Cravens summarized the three components/steps of a community-wide sidewalk project as (1) seek County support (and negotiate an annual contribution to the PBSB in lieu of County sidewalk maintenance) and an ordinance modification to allow the PBSB to take full responsibility for PB sidewalks and their maintenance, (2) determine design specifications (including width), and (3) determine the sidewalk material (asphalt or cement). By committee consensus, it was agreed to recommend to the full PBSB Board to begin the process to allow the PBSB to take full responsibility for PB sidewalks and their maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.



Joe Chicurel, Chairman

Minutes approved [] as presented OR [] as amended ON [7-18-17] date