

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION
LANDSCAPE & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2017**

The Landscape & Safety Committee of the Pelican Bay Services Division met on Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 p.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

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 (*absent*)
Barbara Shea, Recording Secretary

Also Present

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

Scott Streckenbein, PBSB Board

Trent Waterhouse, Pelican Bay Foundation

Ron Turi, Collier County Sheriff's Office

APPROVED AGENDA (AS PRESENTED)

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Agenda approval
4. Approval of 07/18/17 meeting minutes
5. Audience comments
6. Update on Gulf Park Drive median cut-through
7. PB sidewalk redevelopment update
 - a. County cost sharing
 - b. PBSB ordinance amendment
 - c. Concrete sidewalk maintenance estimate
 - d. Tax consequences if PBSB takes over sidewalk maintenance
8. Update on landscape projects (Marion)
9. Electric powered bicycles on PB sidewalks
10. Chairman's comments
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

ROLL CALL

All members were absent and a quorum was established

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

APPROVAL OF 07/18/17 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Ventress seconded to approve the 07/18/17 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Sandra Doyle commented on her concerns over the recent PBSB proposal/discussion to install concrete sidewalks throughout Pelican Bay including (1) cost, (2) county contribution/cost-sharing, (3) impact on tree canopy, (4) impact on nature preserve setting, and (5) unintended consequences.

Mr. Gerry Moffatt commented on the lack of grass around the trees and along the sidewalk from Hammock Oak to the L'Ambiance front gate, resulting in slippery mud accumulating on the sidewalk after every rainfall. Mr. Bolick commented that although wart fern had been planned to be installed in these areas, he would work with L'Ambiance residents on possible alternative landscape materials in these areas.

Ms. Molly Moffatt commented on (1) the oak trees on the streets bordering L'Ambiance that need to be trimmed, and (2) the four foot high weeds growing within the canna lilies in the L'Ambiance lake that need to be removed. Mr. Bolick commented that staff will identify the weeds and address this issue.

Mr. Trent Waterhouse requested that the PBSB be vigilant and respectful of the view of the PBSB maintenance property by Chateaumere residents, and is appreciative of current and future collaboration between Chateaumere residents and the PBSB.

Mr. Jim Issenmann commented that the Oak Lake Sanctuary board formerly approved an offer of up to \$5,000 to cost-share with the PBSB on the Gulf Park Dr. cut-through project.

Mr. John D'Aquanno commented on broken pavers in the Pebble Creek crosswalk.

Mr. Ray Kretz commented on how traffic flows during recent multi-day flooding on PB streets would have been improved had there been a Gulf Park Dr. cut-through.

UPDATE ON GULF PARK DRIVE MEDIAN CUT-THROUGH

Mr. Dorrill confirmed that the County will provide for all engineering, design, and project management costs associated with the Gulf Park Drive median cut-through project. A copy of the preliminary opinion of cost of \$33,327 for this project, prepared by our ABB engineers, was included in the agenda packet.

Some of the committee members expressed concerns over "setting a bad precedent" if cost-sharing funds are accepted from the Oak Lake Sanctuary Association. By consensus, the committee agreed that the PBSB Board should make the decision as to whether to accept these cost-sharing funds.

Mr. Shepherd motioned, Dr. Chicurel seconded to recommend to the full PBSB Board that we proceed with the cut-through on Gulf Park Drive with a budget not to exceed \$40,000. The motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Ventress abstaining.

PB SIDEWALK REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

COUNTY COST SHARING

Mr. Dorrill commented on his recent meetings with the County's Chief of Transportation and Budget Director. Takeaways were (1) it is not possible to cost-share with the County for replacement of sidewalks, and (2) the PBSD would be eligible to replace PB sidewalks. The committee questioned whether the County, which currently maintains the sidewalks in PB, would make an annual payment to the PBSD in lieu of sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Dorrill commented that he would support this idea and would explore it further with the County.

DISCUSSION OF TAKING OVER SIDEWALK RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Shepherd described the two separate issues for discussion by the committee as (1) should the PBSD take over sidewalk responsibility, without changing to concrete, and (2) should the PBSD replace our asphalt sidewalks with concrete throughout the community. The agenda packet included copies of our engineer ABB's preliminary opinions of cost to replace sidewalks from the Commons to the North Tram Station from (1) asphalt to concrete, or (2) asphalt to asphalt.

Mr. Dorrill commented that if the PBSD were to take over the sidewalks, then any contracts entered into for sidewalk replacement and/or maintenance would be pursued under the County procurement process.

After discussion, the committee, by consensus, was in favor of taking over responsibility for PB sidewalks, including replacing asphalt sidewalks with concrete.

PBSD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Staff provided a draft copy of an amendment to the PBSD ordinance which included the addition of the words, "the installation of sidewalks" and "maintain any improvements" under Section Four, "Purpose; powers." By committee consensus it was agreed to amend the ordinance to add only the words "the installation and maintenance of sidewalks" following the words "water management" in the first sentence under Section Four, "Purpose; powers."

Mr. Cravens recommended that if the PBSD approaches the Board of County Commissioners to amend the PBSD ordinance, then the PBSD Board should consider the need for any other amendments to our ordinance, such as removing the limitation of a one year lifetime term for a PBSD board member to serve as chair.

The committee requested clarification from the County Attorney as to whether the PBSD would be obligated to install and maintain PB sidewalks if the ordinance were amended to include sidewalks in Section Four of the PBSD ordinance.

Mr. Dorrill commented that a request to amend the ordinance would require an advertised public hearing.

Mr. Trent Waterhouse suggested that the PBSD should consider the timing of a request to amend the PBSD ordinance in relation to the upcoming ruling on the PBF's appeal to designate Clam Bay a manatee protection zone.

Mr. Streckenbein suggested that the PBSD Board vote on taking over sidewalk responsibility before voting on an ordinance amendment.

Ms. Molly Moffatt questioned whether the PBSD would assume any additional liabilities as a result of taking over sidewalk responsibility. Mr. Dorrill commented that the sidewalks would remain "county sidewalks" and would continue to be under the umbrella of "sovereign immunity."

Mr. Shepherd motioned, Mr. Ventress seconded to recommend to the full PBSB Board that our ordinance be modified to add sidewalk maintenance and replacement obligations to our current palette of other obligations (purposes and powers). The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON LANDSCAPE PROJECTS

Mr. Bolick provided an update on recently completed and ongoing landscape projects.

ELECTRIC POWERED BICYCLES ON PB SIDEWALKS

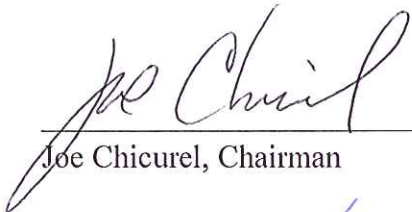
Dr. Chicurel expressed safety concerns over state law which permits electric-powered bicycles on sidewalks, not to exceed 20 m.p.h.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mr. Trent Waterhouse commented on the new "Slidr" transportation now available in downtown Naples, which will become available in Pelican Bay in 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.



Joe Chicurel, Chairman

Minutes approved [] as presented OR [] as amended ON [11-30-17] date