

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION  
LANDSCAPE & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2018**

The Landscape & Safety Committee of the Pelican Bay Services Division met on Thursday, January 18 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 (*absent*)

Bohdan Hirniak (*absent*)

Mike Shepherd

Scott Streckenbein (*ex-officio*)

Gary Ventress

**Pelican Bay Services Division Staff**

Neil Dorrill, Administrator

Marion Bolick, Operations Manager

Mary McCaughtry, Operations Analyst

Lisa Jacob, Associate Project Manager

Barbara Shea, Recording Secretary

**Also Present**

Susan O'Brien, PBSB Board

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 12/21/17 meeting minutes
5. Audience comments
6. Administrator's Report
  - a. Sharrows update
  - b. Sod replacement update
7. Sidewalks vs. Pathways – What's the County definition for Pelican Bay?
8. Stop signs at the Hammock Oak/Pelican Bay Blvd./ Crescent intersection
9. Bicycle Safety Signs (Allow 3 feet between vehicle and bicycle)
10. Committee member comments and/or New business
  - a. Water Management Committee status
11. Old Business
12. Adjournment

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Cravens and Mr. Hirniak were absent and a quorum was established

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**APPROVAL OF 12/21/17 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Shepherd motioned, Mr. Ventress seconded to approve the 12/21/17 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ms. O'Brien commented on the unsuccessful appeal by the PBF to the FWC to obtain a Manatee Protection Zone designation for Clam Bay and the possibility of requesting an ordinance (from the Collier County Board of Commissioners) to restrict speed in Clam Bay.

Dr. Chicurel introduced our new Sheriff's Dept. liaison, Corporal Ron Turi, who works in the "community oriented policing unit." Cpl. Turi commented on "stepped up" traffic enforcement and the continued low crime rate in Pelican Bay.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

**SHARROWS UPDATE**

Mr. Dorrill updated the committee on a recent discussion with our sharrow contractor, McShea Contracting. McShea and the PBSB will experiment with 1 or 2 test patches, consisting of a thermoplastic sharrow on top of a black rectangle, on Watergate Way. Dr. Chicurel expressed concern over the consequences of the black rectangle wearing off, over time. He suggested the possibility of etching away the existing white painted sharrows. Mr. Shepherd would prefer not to change over to thermoplastic sharrows.

Mr. Dorrill commented that he will contact our engineer to determine whether the State of Florida has any statutes regarding the required distance between sharrows and the curb.

**SOD REPLACEMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Dorrill reported that a \$40,000 purchase order has been issued to Greener Grass for sod replacement, including labor; work is expected to begin next Tuesday.

**SIDEWALKS VS. PATHWAYS – COUNTY DEFINITION FOR PELICAN BAY**

Mr. Dorrill reported on his contacting Mr. Jamie French, Collier County Deputy Head of the Growth Management Dept., who stated that the required County width for sidewalks is six feet, unless a variance is obtained in the case of conflicts/obstructions, and then the requirement would be five feet. After discussion by the committee, it was agreed that Mr. Dorrill will re-contact Mr. French for additional clarification on a few different sidewalk scenarios.

Ms. O'Brien commented that P.B. walkways have always been referred to as "pathways."

**STOP SIGNS AT THE HAMMOCK OAK/PELICAN BAY BLVD. INTERSECTION**

Dr. Chicurel commented on the "intense" traffic at the corner of Hammock Oak Dr. and Pelican Bay Blvd. He suggested a traffic study to determine whether there is a need for a "four-way stop" at this intersection. As a first step, Mr. Dorrill will request the incident reports for this intersection for the past 2 years. Mr. Dorrill commented that there may be a fee for a traffic study.

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**BICYCLE SAFETY SIGNS**

Dr. Chicurel commented on the need for bicycle safety signs which show “3 feet – it’s the law” (distance between a bicyclist and a vehicle) on Greentree Dr., Oakmont Pkwy., and Ridgewood Dr., which do not have sharrows.

Mr. John D’Aquanno commented on groups of bicyclists which take up the entire right lane in the P.B. community.

**WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE STATUS**

Dr. Chicurel commented that he is not opposed to a recent suggestion that the Water Management Committee be folded into the Landscape & Safety Committee. Mr. Dorrill will follow up with Mr. Cravens.

Ms. O’Brien suggested that new board members coming on board to the PBSB Board on April 1 should be encouraged to participate on at least one committee.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Ventress commented on vegetation overgrowth (coming from Association property and private property) on our P.B. sidewalks. Dr. Chicurel suggested that Mr. Streckenbein discuss this issue at his next “Three Board Meeting.” Dr. Chicurel suggested that ideally there should be two feet of separation between the P.B. pathway and any vegetation, or one foot at a bare minimum.

Mr. Dorrill commented on the County Stormwater Utility concept presentation which he has scheduled to be presented at the Feb. 7 PBSB Board meeting. The consultant has been asked to specifically address the “credit mechanism” for communities like Pelican Bay. The County is proposing a new non-ad valorem special assessment which will be based on the classification of the amount of surface area of impervious material on a property owner’s site. The County’s first public hearing on this issue is scheduled for Feb. 13.


Dr. Chicurel suggested that staff provide a “palette” of ground cover plants at the next L&S Committee meeting for discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Streckenbein commented that the PBPOA will sponsor a “Meet the PBSB Board Candidates” forum on Thursday, Feb. 8, tentatively at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.**

  
Joe Chicurel, Chairman

Minutes approved  as presented OR  as amended ON 2/15/18 date