

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION  
LANDSCAPE & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

The Landscape & Safety Committee of the Pelican Bay Services Division met on Thursday, February 15 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  
Lisa Jacob, Associate Project Manager  
Barbara Shea, Recording Secretary

**Also Present**

Ken Dawson, PBSB Board

Scott Streckenbein, PBSB Board

**APPROVED AGENDA (AS PRESENTED)**

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Agenda approval
4. Approval of 01/18/18 meeting minutes
5. Audience comments
6. Administrator's Report
7. Sidewalk amendment change discussion
8. Sharrow update
9. Chairman's Comments
10. Committee Member Comments
11. Adjournment

**ROLL CALL**

All members were present and a quorum was established

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

<p><b>Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Shepherd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.</b></p>
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**APPROVAL OF 01/18/18 MEETING MINUTES**

**Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Shepherd seconded to approve the 01/18/18 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Dave Richter commented on the “terrible shape” of the plantings along US 41, resulting from Hurricane Irma.

Mr. Ken Dawson commented on concerns voiced by residents at a recent Oak Lake Sanctuary annual meeting, which included vehicles speeding on Gulf Park Drive, and vehicles not stopping at crosswalks. In response, Dr. Chicurel will request that our extra seasonal Sheriff patrols target Gulf Park Dr.

Mr. Streckenbein provided a report on his Feb. 9 five mile walk on P.B. walkways with Mr. Tim Durham, Executive Director, County Manager’s Office. Highlights included, (1) Mr. Durham appeared to be very concerned over the poor condition of our walkways, and (2) Mr. Durham will put together a report on his observations of PB walkways which will be submitted to Mr. Nick Casalanguida, Deputy County Manager, and Mr. Travis Gossard, Director of the County’s Road Maintenance Dept. Mr. Streckenbein emphasized that he will pursue every avenue to get our walkways “corrected.”

**ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE**

In response to recently voiced concerns by the L&S Committee, Mr. Dorrill reported that there will be no new wart ferns planted by the PBSB. After committee discussion of alternative groundcover plants such as artillery fern and liriopse, the committee and staff agreed to experiment with liriopse as a ground cover.

Mr. Dorrill provided photos of different color options of dwarf pentas and possible additions of coleus for the summer planting season, for review by the committee. By committee consensus, it was agreed that 2 colors of the “Graffiti Series” pentas would be planted, and would include “lipstick” and either pink or lavender. No coleus would be planted.

Mr. Dorrill provided an update on our hurricane cleanup including:

- Staff has submitted a purchase requisition (awaiting County Procurement approval) for the grinding of our remaining horticultural debris into mulch, which will be utilized in the PB community.
- During the past week, a FEMA assessment team has been on site, documenting hurricane damage of street lights, signs, and waterway debris.
- Our engineer, ABB, has completed a survey of the post-storm condition of the US 41 berm, identifying gaps, and quantifying and identifying replacement landscape materials. It will include measurements of lost fencing and wall structures. However, the PBSB will not re-establish these structures as we have no maintenance responsibility of these. Landscape replacement costs are not FEMA reimbursable.
- Sign and streetlight repair and replacement costs, not reimbursed by FEMA, should be reimbursable by our County property insurance.
- The total PBSB hurricane repair and replacement costs cannot be quantified at this time.
- The PBSB does have the authority to levy a special assessment.

**SIDEWALK AMENDMENT CHANGE DISCUSSION**

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Dr. Chicurel commented on his takeaways of resident concerns voiced at the Feb. 7 PBSB Board meeting:

- Residents questioned the accuracy of the estimated annual cost to maintain PB walkways, as presented by the PBSB.
- Residents urged the PBSB to strongly pursue the County to do its job to maintain and repair our PB walkways, and then if this process fails, the PBSB should strongly pursue obtaining County funds to help pay for the PBSB to take over this responsibility.
- Residents expressed concerns over our unclear endgame.

Dr. Chicurel commented on a recent discussion with Mr. Dorrill on an alternative “triage” approach to taking over walkway maintenance which would include:

- Determine the linear feet of walkways exhibiting serious safety concerns, such as severe drop-offs, major holes, and chronic slick spots, and extrapolate out a cost for “phase 1” repairs.
- Determine the linear feet of walkways exhibiting features such as cracks, unsightly edges, and surface irregularities, and extrapolate out a cost for “phase 2” repairs.
- Completion of the two phases could be scheduled over 3 to 5 years.

Mr. Cravens commented on the lack of a clear understanding of the cost to repair our walkways. He pointed out that the estimated annual maintenance cost, as provided in the “Pelican Bay Walkways” presentation (at the Feb. 7 board meeting), is based on an extrapolation (to the PB community) of the inadequate dollars spent by the County on walkway repairs throughout the entire county. Mr. Cravens expressed his preference for no ordinance amendment at this time, and instead, suggested that the PBSB propose a specific PBSB repair project to the County, which would serve as a test to allow us to gain a better understanding of the true costs. Mr. Dorrill questioned whether the PBSB would have the current authority to spend PBSB funds on such a project.

Mr. Shepherd suggested developing a 3 – 5 year plan for replacement of our walkways, as they are 36-38 years old and near the end of their full lifespan. He also expressed support for strongly pursuing the County to complete repairs on those areas requiring immediate attention (for safety reasons).

Mr. Streckenbein commented that his meeting with Mr. Tim Durham may result in a PB resurfacing project, which could “buy us some time” to reserve funds for a future communitywide replacement project.

Dr. Chicurel provided photos of walkways in disrepair for review by the committee and audience members.

**SHARROWS UPDATE**

By consensus of the committee and staff, it was agreed that (1) the sharrow contractor would complete one “experimental sharrow” consisting of a black rectangle painted over an existing sharrow, with a new painted sharrow applied onto the black rectangle, and (2) Mr. Dorrill would explore the process of “grinding” or “sandblasting” an existing sharrow, before the black rectangle was painted.

**CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

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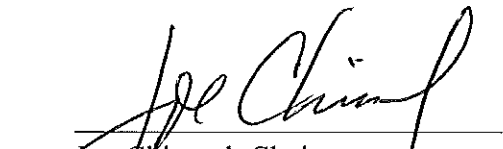
Dr. Chicurel commented on his dissatisfaction with various PB landscaped areas by providing photos of areas including (1) large areas of pine straw in high visibility areas, (2) pine straw on top of Asiatic jasmine in a median bed, (3) unattractively landscaped medians, and (4) pine straw on sloped areas, resulting in pine straw falling into the roadways.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Cravens requested that Mr. Dorrill explore whether the maintenance of the butterfly garden, at the PBF Commons, could be taken over by the PBSB, as PBSB Supervisor Pedro Pineiro has butterfly garden expertise.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.**

  
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Joe Chicurel, Chairman

Minutes approved [] as presented OR [] as amended ON [ 3/12/18 ] date