

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION
LANDSCAPE & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 16, 2018**

The Landscape & Safety Committee of the Pelican Bay Services Division met on Monday, April 16 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 (*absent*)

Mike Shepherd

Scott Streckenbein (*ex-officio*)

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

Ken Dawson, PBSB Board

Nick Fabregas, PBSB Board

Pete Griffith, PBSB Board

Jim Hoppensteadt, Pelican Bay Foundation

Susan O'Brien, PBSB Board

APPROVED AGENDA (AS PRESENTED)

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Agenda approval
4. Approval of 03/12/18 meeting minutes
5. Audience comments
6. 41 Berm Survey and Audit Discussion & Presentation
7. Pelican Bay Residential Associations Presentation and Discussion Concerning a Crayton Rd./Seagate Bicycle/Pedestrian Cut-through and Related Issues
8. Update on County/PBSB Discussions about Pelican Bay Sidewalks
9. Committee member comments
10. Adjournment

THE MEETING CONVENED AT 1:15 PM

ROLL CALL

Mr. Hirniak was absent and a quorum was established

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

APPROVAL OF 03/12/18 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Shepherd seconded to approve the 03/12/18 meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

41 BERM AND DISCUSSION

Our landscape architect, Ms. Ellin Goetz of Goetz & Stropes, provided a preliminary overview of her vision of re-landscaping the US 41 berm which will include native slow growing plantings and trees, with emphasis on those which will lessen the US 41 noise and are storm-resistant. Using the current aerial survey of the berm, she will create a landscaping plan to fill all of the vacant spaces.

Staff provided a video showing the existing landscaping along the entire length of the 41 berm, as seen from the road.

Mr. Vince Vespo, Mr. George Talisse, Ms. Mary Anne Womble, Mr. Michael Yakubisin, Mr. Pete Griffith, Ms. Billy Jean Ferguson, Ms. Naomi Emmett and other residents commented on the increase in noise pollution from US 41. Highlights of suggestions/comments included:

- Many areas have been severely thinned out from Irma and some areas have no berm at all.
- Building a wall along the entire length of the 41 berm would be beneficial for sound mitigation, security, and looks.
- Raising or building up the berm may mitigate the high noise level.
- Replacement landscaping will have little effect on noise mitigation.
- It may be counterproductive to install \$400,000 of replacement landscaping, and subsequently consider either installing a wall or building up the berm, which may result in additional replacement of landscaping.

Mr. Dorrill commented that our engineer has surveyed and mapped the entire 41 berm area and identified 140 damaged areas. The next phase is for Ms. Goetz to provide a plan of specific recommendations for plantings in all of these areas. He commented that the PBSB does have the authority for “sound enhancements.” The PBSB does not own any walls or fencing; either an association or the PBF owns these existing structures in Pelican Bay.

CRAYTON RD./SEAGATE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CUT-THROUGH

Mr. Hank Rossi (a PB resident), representing four Crayton Road associations (Bay Villas, The Heron, St. Nicole, and St. Tropez), provided a presentation on cyclists and safety on Crayton Rd. in Pelican Bay, including explanations/reasons for their opposition to a proposed pedestrian/cyclist connection between Crayton Rd. and Seagate Dr.

Dr. Chicurel commented on the rarely-used existing bike lane on US 41. Mr. Rossi commented that this bike lane is unsafe, and alternatively, suggested the possibility of installing a safe bike path along the 41 berm. Dr. Chicurel encouraged Mr. Rossi to bring any defined proposals to the PBSB.

Mr. Streckenbein commented that the PBSB has no legal property interest in the “berm area” at the end of the Crayton Rd. circle (the County and the Naples Grande Hotel have those property interests).

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UPDATE ON COUNTY/PBSD DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PB SIDEWALKS

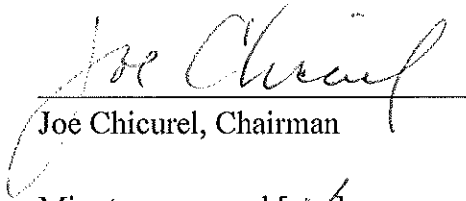
Mr. Dorrill commented that he is in the process of rescheduling a meeting with Mr. Nick Casalanguida, Deputy County Manager, to discuss Pelican Bay sidewalk replacement.

Mr. Streckenbein commented that he has observed the County making numerous pathway repairs on PB Blvd.

Ms. O'Brien relayed a message from a resident, Ms. Irma Johnson, who reports that she has not seen any pathway repairs on Greentree Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


Joe Chicurel, Chairman

Minutes approved as presented OR as amended ON [5-17-18] date