

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

The Landscape & Safety Committee of the Pelican Bay Services Division met on Thursday, August 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

Nick Fabregas
Pete Griffith
Mike Shepherd

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

Ellin Goetz, Goetz & Stropes (*by phone*)
Travis Gossard, Collier County Road Maint.

Trent Waterhouse, Pelican Bay Foundation
Tania Wroblewski, Collier County Sheriff's Office

APPROVED AGENDA (AS PRESENTED)

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Agenda approval
4. Approval of 07/19/18 meeting minutes
5. Audience comments
6. Administrator's Report
7. Sharrows
8. *Approval of engineering study bid to determine preliminary cost of replacing Pelican Bay sidewalks
9. *US 41 berm landscaping restoration plan approval
10. *US 41/Gulf Park Dr. intersection – "right turn only" discussion
11. Committee member comments
12. Adjournment

ROLL CALL

All members were present and a quorum was established

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

APPROVAL OF 07/19/18 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Griffith seconded to approve the 07/19/18 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dorrill commented on landscape maintenance labor issues including (1) the resignations of most of our day laborers, and (2) work being completed on an "overtime basis" by staff on Saturdays.

SHARROWS

Mr. Travis Gossard, Collier County Division Director – Road Maintenance, commented on his recommendations relating to sharrows, based on his 25 years of experience. Highlights of his recommendations/opinions included:

- Recommends purchasing a sharrow stencil, as the contractor's stencil quickly wears out. (He noted that at times the "minimum standards" for sharrows may change, and compliance to the new standard would be required within a designated time frame.)
- Recommends applying paint thickness of 20 mils.
- Does not recommend a painted black background box as it also fades quickly.
- Does not recommend thermoplastic sharrows which are "unfriendly" to cyclists (bumpy and slippery).
- Does not recommend using other colors, as they fade more quickly than white.
- Does not recommend "pre-formed heat in place" sharrows as they are expensive and slippery.

Dr. Chicurel summarized the discussion in stating that a white painted sharrow directly on the road is the most economical and best finished product. He suggested that staff obtain pricing for a sharrow stencil from McShea Contracting.

Mr. Gossard stated that he will provide a repaving schedule for Pelican Bay roads to Mr. Dorrill.

In response to a question from Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Gossard commented that he does not recommend seal-coating the existing PB asphalt pathways as it causes slipperiness in shady areas. He suggested that funds would be better spent on structural repairs to our pathways.

ENGINEERING STUDY BID TO DETERMINE PRELIMINARY COST OF REPLACING PELICAN BAY SIDEWALKS

A fee proposal to determine an estimate of cost for the replacement of all PB pathways with six-foot wide concrete sidewalks was provided by Agnoli, Barber, & Brundage, Inc. and included in the agenda packet.

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Dr. Chicurel commented that the County requires a minimum sidewalk width of five feet, or six feet if adjacent to a curb. Mr. Shepherd suggested that staff and/or ABB ensure that our replacement of existing pathways with six-foot wide concrete sidewalks would meet the County's LDC appropriate standards.

Mr. Cravens motioned, Mr. Shepherd seconded to recommend to the full board to approve the Agnoli Barber proposal to do an engineering study to determine the cost of replacing Pelican Bay sidewalks for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. The motion carried unanimously.

US 41 BERM LANDSCAPING RESTORATION PLAN

Dr. Chicurel commented on the agenda packet back-up material on our landscape architect Ellin Goetz's landscape plan to restore the working landscape on US 41, characterized by a psychological, visual, noise abatement barrier and with low maintenance drought tolerance character. Included were (1) a schematic which shows plant layering, (2) visuals of plants in the plan's palette, and (3) plan diagrams of the length of US 41 from PB Blvd. North to PB Blvd. South. Ms. Goetz's estimated cost to complete her landscape plan is \$359,980.

Ms. Goetz commented that she included 115 sabal palms in her plan for their resiliency to wind events, immediate height, and good visual and psychological buffering. The shrubs included in the plan will grow to 10-15 feet at maturity.

Mr. Cravens commented that the plan includes mahoe trees, a known exotic invasive species, and questioned the risk of the County requiring removal. Ms. Goetz commented that she does not believe that the County would ever require removal of the existing mahoes.

Mr. Bolick commented that he had no problem with including plantings in the restoration plan which are not currently included on the approved PBSB palette of plants, as they all are "low maintenance."

Mr. Trent Waterhouse, Chairman of the joint PBF/PBSD US 41 berm subcommittee commented on Ms. Goetz's plan. Highlights included:

- The joint PBSB/PBF US 41 subcommittee, the PBSB, and the PBF Strategic Planning Committee should work together on the US 41 berm restoration project.
- The plan should be presented to PB residents (who mostly return to their winter residences in the fall) and give them an opportunity to air their concerns.
- The plan does not adequately address security concerns.
- The plan may not adequately address noise abatement, as FDOT recommends 18-foot high plantings for noise abatement.
- The plan does not include bougainvillea which could address security concerns. In response to Ms. Goetz not including bougainvillea as it results in a "maintenance nightmare," he questioned whether we could explore an alternative.

Mr. Griffith commented on the plan's use of sabal palms in areas 17, 18, and 19, the berm area in front of Ridgewood Park, which was especially hard hit by the hurricane. He suggested that sabal palms will not reduce the noise and light pollution (from US 41) to the extent that shade trees would. He urged a significant reduction of sabal palms in the plan with an increase in shade trees.

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After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee, Mr. Dorrill, and Ms. Goetz for Ms. Goetz to prepare a supplemental plan for areas 17, 18, and 19.

Mr. Fabregas motioned, Mr. Cravens seconded to approve Ellin Goetz's plan to include supplemental plans for sections 17, 18, and 19. The motion carried unanimously.

US 41/GULF PARK DR. INTERSECTION – "RIGHT TURN ONLY"

The committee reviewed data on the Gulf Park Drive/US 41 intersection provided by the Sheriff's Dept including (1) crashes and fatal injuries for 2017 and 2018, and (2) traffic counts from 2014 – 2016.

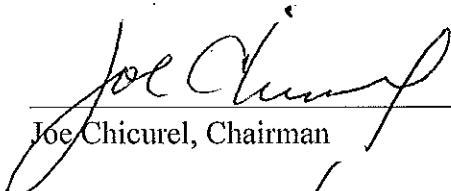
Mr. Griffith motioned, Mr. Cravens seconded that we approach the County to make this exit from Pelican Bay (at Gulf Park Drive) a right turn only. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.



Joe Chicurel, Chairman

Minutes approved [] as presented OR [] as amended ON [9/20/18] date