



Minutes of the Pelican Preserve Committee Meeting February 13, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Phil Mezey

Vice Chair: Robert Geppert via conference phone

Committee Members Present:

Bill van der Have

John Grega

Herb Freese - Absent

Christina Cascio

Management: Marybeth Goldman

Staff Members:

Diane Collins: Administrative Assistant

Scott Connell: Operations Manager

Residents:

Don Schafer

Gail Schafer

Lou LeMaire

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO:	To approve the January 9, 2014 minutes as written.
MADE BY:	John Grega
SECONDED BY:	Bill Van der Have
DISCUSSION:	None further
RESULT:	Motion PASSED 4/0

3. Review Resumes for Vacant Committee Position

Phil Mezey called an Executive Session and asked the residents sit in the lobby and when the Executive Session is concluded they would be invited back to continue the regular meeting.

Phil Mezey stated he received resumes from four candidates to fill the vacancy on the PPAC: Fran LaMaitre, Carolyn Smith, Ron Da Ponte, and Howard Reese. The committee discussed and reviewed each candidate and finalized their selection.



MOTION TO: To approve selection of Ron Da Ponte as the new Pelican Preserve Advisory Committee member.
MADE BY: John Grega
SECONDED BY: Christina Cascio
DISCUSSION: None further
RESULT: Motion PASSED 4/0

Residents were invited back in the meeting.

4. Finances (See attachments)

Christina Cascio stated January was a slow month which produced few invoices; however it was noted that the credit of \$10,761.00 was received in relation to the overcharge of the irrigation electric. She recommended doing quarterly variance reports moving forward. The cash balance for Jan 31st was not received prior to the meeting and she will verify it once received. She will contact Robert Rios at Meritus Districts to follow up on the status of the balance.

5. Follow-Up Three Way Stop at Trieste/Cypress Grove

Phil Mezey stated that installation of stop signs is not a simple process. Scott Connell stated Danny Nelson, District Engineer has completed the plans and went out for bid last Monday and bids will be due back on February 24, 2014. He stated the next steps are; review contract, apply for permits and the timeline is estimating mid March as start date. He stated the actual work will take 3-5 days. The posts for the signs are custom and will need manufacturing so this will bring the actual installation to mid April. The contractor must pull the permit from the City. John Grega stated the thermal paint does not hold up in the sun and starts to have a cracked appearance. Gail Schafer stated Pelican Preserve prefers to use paint because it holds up better. Phil Mezey requested Scott Connell to check with Danny to see if the thermal strip is mandatory at a stop sign installation. Bill Van der Have stated a white stop bar is necessary. Scott Connell contacted Danny Nelson during the meeting and Danny Nelson stated you could revise the plan and replace thermal strips with paint.

6. Traffic Sign Needs

Marybeth Goldman reviewed both Traffic Studies and the first one which was done for the golf carts all recommendations has been met. The second study there are eleven signs missing which state "Share the Road", five 30 mph signs missing and two 15 mph signs missing. Bill Van der Have stated the speed sign upon entering fulfill the need when exiting the community so a second speed sign is not necessary.

7. Ponds

Robert Geppert discussed the future costs of aeration, regarding the reserve recommendation. He explained to the committee that aeration installation is a two step cost process. Phase 1 is the cost to provide electrical power to the Pond bank and Phase 2 is for the actual aeration equipment and installation. The cost for aeration to the thirteen



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Basin Six Ponds, the northern portion of the community, is \$72,342 and an additional \$70,794 for providing electrical power, for a total of \$143,136.

He stated there are 15 ponds in Basin 2. The cost for aeration to the fifteen Basin Two Ponds, the southern portion of the community, is \$87,056, and an additional \$90,461 for providing electrical power, for a total of \$177,517; A grand total of \$320,653 for aeration.

He also stated the cost for ongoing electrical usage will be about \$92 per month for all compressors in both Basin 6 and Basin 2. Robert Geppert explained the reason for installing aeration into our Ponds is to improve and maintain the quality of our water. Benefits of this project are: Increased growth in fish, prevent fish kills related to rapid temperature changes, Improve the turbidity of the water, significantly extend the longevity of the pond by reducing the need for dredging by 12/20 plus years. Every community reviewed by the Ponds work group that has installed aeration credits that as the most important step in maintaining the health of the pond.

The current FY'13-14 General Fund 002 budget has \$100,000 allocated for Aeration. The Ponds work group is recommending to the PPAC to earmark the Construction Bond Fund refinance saving to the Aeration project as opposed to increasing the capital reserves. Phil Mezey requested to carry the reserve recommendation to the next meeting and propose to split funds and moving reserves.

Robert Geppert reported that the long awaited sterile carp have been installed in all the ponds under District management and the carp are thriving.

Robert Geppert stated the next priority pond of the work group is Pond 34, between Camarelle and Viadana. The shallow depth of this pond has created some special challenges to our service provider. Trying to maintain aquatic growth in an aesthetically acceptable manner consistent with the rest of Pelican Preserve has not shown the results we are striving for. The Pond has had numerous algae blooms in the water and floating scum issues. The Ponds work group in conjunction with our service provider has elected to be more aggressive in our efforts to remove some of the grasses behind the resident homes on both sides of the pond. The work is slated to begin in March.

**8. Monthly Walkabouts (Develop Digital File Showing Pelican Preserve Assets)
See attachment.**

John Grega provided a handout for the committee members and he started a Pelican Preserve Capital Asset sub-committee or work group. The work group members are Cindy Weigel from the Alliance, Scott Connell, Marybeth Goldman, John Grega and Herb Freese. Their goal will be to create a digital file showing CDD assets that have been turned over by Pelican Preserve and prepare a list of PP assets that will eventually be turned over to the CDD and the Master Association. The Work Group will meet once a month.

Scott Connell stated the District is developing a GIS Map and Phase 1 is completed. He stated it is basically going to be an overlay of the infrastructure within the District. He stated each layer can be viewed separately and there will be links to the Lee County Property Appraiser Site and SFWMD site so history can be reviewed regarding permits etc.

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He concluded that eventually all valves and their size will also be incorporated on this map. Scott advised that the GIS MAP is a work in progress and he hopes it can also incorporate all the capital assets.

9. Front Entrance Controls

Marybeth Goldman reported she shares with Mr. Freese her weekly report regarding the stats on traffic entering the gates. She stated the usage of the Capsure System continues to increase. The first training session is on Thursday, February 27th from 3-4 at the Theatre Room. There is limited seating so please call and make a reservation.

10. Front Entrance Lighting

Marybeth Goldman provided a petition started by Jack Dempsey. She gave an update on the lighting issue and revealed that her research uncovered the nine lights that were installed for up-lighting had the wrong size bulbs. Marybeth Goldman contacted the vendor and they are going to install LED lights to improve the situation. She stated these lights have to be ordered so it will take time. She will follow-up once the LED lights are in place and discuss the impact they have on the entrance.

Marybeth Goldman stated she has quotes regarding the entrance coming from the South. She discussed some options:

- Add one light at front and one light at oak tree – estimated cost \$15,000
- Use Sternburg lighting fixtures which are currently installed quote came in lower and they are approximately 17k to install two fixtures.
- Focus on South wall at Pelican Preserve Blvd. and Treeline and the lighting on the wall in the median to light up the fountain which also would include accent lighting for the two pergolas. This would cost an additional \$10,000 due to the boring and trenching that is necessary for electrical work.

She stated that light poles could be installed and the cost per pole is approximately \$5,000-6,000. Bill Van der Have asked if a monument would be installed. Marybeth Goldman stated the property has to be defined but most of it is owned by the CDD. She concluded that WCI is also checking on this suggestion.

Marybeth Goldman discussed the Christmas LED lighting and it is not cost effective. She stated regular lights would only last a few months. The LED lights will only last about one year. Phil Mezey requested this item to be placed on the next agenda for March 13, 2014.

11. Committee Member Requests and Audience Comments

Phil Mezey reported the CDD is moving to at least look at signing a contract with the City of Fort Myers for police entering our community and acknowledging our traffic signs so they can enforce traffic flow.

Marybeth Goldman stated the only knowledge she has on this topic is requirement of overtime insurance and the contract acknowledges Pelican Preserve traffic signs. She



stated vehicles can be pulled over for moving violation. She stated the residents need a consequence to abide by the laws within the community and the liability issue would be reduced by this action. She stated this would protect the community regarding safety. Don Schafer stated the CDD pays for additional detailing. Marybeth Goldman stated they are two different entities; one is Lee County and the other is City of Fort Myers. Robert Geppert stated the committee should not get involved. Phil Mezey stated Chairman Neubauer is going to involve community Presidents.

12. Set Next Committee Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for March 13, 2014 at 2 pm. Robert Geppert and Bill Van der Have stated they would be here for this meeting.

Phil Mezey stated he would attend the next Board meeting on February 19, 2014. Due to a Closed Door Session the regular meeting will begin at approximately 3:30 pm.

Gail Schafer asked if the candidate can be announced. Phil Mezey stated that the committee will recommend to the CDD Board that Ron Da Ponte be appointed to fill its currently vacant position.

13. Adjournment of the February 13, 2014 Meeting at 3:43 p.m.

MOTION TO:	To approve adjournment of the February 13, 2014 meeting.
MADE BY:	John Grega
SECONDED BY:	Bill Van der Have
DISCUSSION:	None further
RESULT:	Motion PASSED 4/0