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interactive with “stations” to go based on interest. The team will display their progress on several elements and the community can observe and provide input, i.e., there will be one station for transportation, another for pathways and so on. The study’s objective is to create an integral community wide improvement plan with phased implementation. The six-month, three-phase study uses a holistic approach to gather information and give direction for future design of a scope of services. The team intends to recommend improvements that conform to this historical community. There are more efficient and less costly ways to maintain quality of life, both residentially and commercially. They can introduce sustainable and best management practices to achieve long-term cost benefit. The comment card lists the thirteen specific scopes of service and he encouraged the audience to complete the comment card. Community responses to the recent Strategic Master Planning survey found there are specific geographic areas with a number of needs. The areas include the U.S. 41 and community berms. The team will address elements of those areas and others including master streetscape, irrigation systems, public and foundation properties street lighting, sound abatement, safety concerns, security, pathways, traffic calming, community parks, entryways signage, public arts, new technologies, and tram stations. A level of consistency needs to be established and facilities brought into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The final plan will be the result of community consensus.

Madam Chair Womble pointed out project implementation will be over a series of two, five, ten or twenty years.

Mr. Mangan encouraged resident participation, feedback, and to attend the November 25 site walks and other workshops and meetings. He opened the floor to audience comments.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. John Mueller, resident of Bentwood Drive in Pelican Bay attended the meeting with his wife, Elizabeth. He exclaimed there is no time to wait, now is the time to implement improvements. The beach is important, but he is most concerned about noise pollution on Bentwood Drive. He compared noise on Bentwood to areas near U.S. 41. He did not see Bentwood Drive on the map and asked if it was a part of the project..

Mr. Mangan said the project is specific to the highlighted areas on the map.

Mr. Mueller suggested scheduling more site walks after the holidays. He admitted he completed the survey negatively and did not believe it adequately reflected community input. He thanked Mr. Mangan and for including the community in this effort from the very beginning and asking for their opinion.

Mr. Mangan said they would be scheduling additional site walks because it is a great way to learn about the community.

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Ms. Jan Martino, resident of Serendipity Drive in Pelican Bay resident said security is a major concern to address.

Mr. Ronald Fishbein said he hopes the team considers the community's natural environment and asked how they plan to preserve integrity of the mangroves.

Mr. Mangan said the scope does not address the mangroves specifically. Best management practices will consider related elements that can indirectly affect mangrove health, such as recommendations for removal of harmful and high maintenance plant species to reduce water use, fertilizer, and pesticides. A strong effort will be made to prevent or reduce damage and introduce better and sustainable choices. Those choices will guide them toward defining the community improvement plan.

Mr. Fishbein asked Mr. Mangan if he is aware of problems with Clam Bay.

Mr. Mangan said he is aware of problems with Clam Bay and this is only the beginning. Better choices will go a long way. Following this study, more will need to be studied.

A resident of Claridge at Pelican Bay said, "If it ain't broke don't fix it," and hopes they are addressing elements the community determined are essential to the future of Pelican Bay. Regarding noise, in Long Island where he is from, they try to prevent and control noise with concrete barriers. How does the team plan to address noise and hopes they are not planning to address noise with concrete barriers.

Mr. Patrick Donovan resident of Coronado at Pelican Bay asked if Phase III, item C6, the final design report with drawings scheduled for April 14, 2010 entails specific proposals and costs.

Mr. Mangan said yes.

Mr. Donovan asked how the approval process works.

Mr. Mangan said the Services Division is the same as the County and the Board will approve and pay for projects in areas of public land, i.e., roadways. The Strategic Planning Committee will approve and pay for projects on private or Foundation lands. Common interests, i.e., street lighting can be considered a common interest and project decisions and costs would be shared. Some projects will be recommended as high priority and should implement quickly, others will phase over time because they are a low priority. Implementation is not a part of this project. This project provides a plan for implementation.

Mr. Merlin Lickhalter said more definitive information would be available in March and be shared with the community before any decisions are made or money is spent. The entity responsible for the property is responsible for approval.

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Mr. Mangan said correct. The team observes and reviews ideas continuously and the better choice will evolve based how quickly they can implement, by priority and cost until they reach consensus.

Mr. Donovan asked if a project from several years ago to install bicycle lanes on Pelican Bay Boulevard and repaving of the Boulevard was complete.

Mr. Lickhalter said they did not install bicycle lanes because the community was against it adamantly.

Chairwoman Womble said there were parts repaved and the project is complete.

Mr. Donovan asked if widening the boardwalk to separate the tram from pedestrian traffic is under consideration.

Mr. Mangan said the boardwalk is part of the scope. There is an opportunity to widen, but as far as physical separation goes there are many environmental regulations as well as it is a multiuse facility, so it would be a challenge in terms of being finite. There is opportunity to build additional rest stations with shade and seating, but the outcome is yet to be determined.

Mr. David Ritger, resident of Pine Creek Lane in Pelican Bay said he does not understand the project and asked Mr. Mangan for clarification of the goals for lighting, berm and pathways.

Mr. Mangan said one important issue is inconsistency. Crosswalks are missing in areas they should exist, some are marked with signage, and some are not. Crosswalks need to be consistent communitywide. The pathways are too narrow; roots are pushing up the concrete. Landscaping along the roadway medians are blocking visibility and require much maintenance. Tree overgrowth blocks street lighting. They are meeting with the County's transportation department to discuss crosswalks to find out cost and priority. They can address quickly, elements that need immediate attention. There are ways to do things better and their goal is to create a consistent road map for a master plan with a known cost.

Mr. Ritger said he does not like public art and that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Mr. Mangan said public art is part of the scope, but this study would only identify a program of how it would come to be. They will not be installing art.

Mr. Ritger asked if recreational facilities are a part of the project. He hears there are not enough tennis courts and talk of a dog park.

Mr. Mangan said they would be looking at community parks, but not necessarily for tennis courts or dog parks.

Mr. Mueller suggested fountains be built for noise abatement. They should not rule out ideas and complete projects quickly.

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Mr. Charles Bodo, resident of Cannes of Pelican Bay asked what the outcome of this study would be. What is the prioritization process. Who is responsible for completion of a project. He asked for clarity of how doing something better would benefit. What are the cost savings for removing sod. The community needs specific information. They need to know what, why, and the cost.

Mr. Mangan said they know the Foundation owns certain lands, and the County owns other lands. The challenge is the common interest areas. The Services Division does not want to participate in a community art program. The Foundation owns the berm land. The bottom line is this study will produce a road map on how to proceed by decisions ultimately made by consensus of the community and approval by the entity that owns the property.

Madam Chair Womble said an inter-local agreement executed to integrate efforts of the Services Division and Foundation. This is not much different from what the Services Division has been doing for years except better because it is not putting on Band-aids, working with the community, eradicating duplicity, sharing costs, and implementing projects that will comply with a master plan and result in a better community.

Mr. Donovan asked if they are addressing or had any control over the decline of the Albertson's shopping center at Vanderbilt Road.

Mr. Moffatt said the Albertson's would become a large and experimental "green" Publix.

Mr. Mueller asked who has responsibility of the shopping center.

Mr. Lickhalter said County law requires construction work obtain building permits and the County issues the permits. He asked Mr. Jim Hoppensteadt if the Foundation has any control over work done to the exterior.

Mr. Hoppensteadt said the land defined by Pelican Bay is Foundation land and the Foundation requires approval to exterior design modifications. The shopping center is failing economically and the Publix will compete with Whole Foods and must succeed or other businesses will not go in. All parties are aware of the decline and they may do some parking lot improvements.

Mr. Mangan said that commercial interests are also a part of the scope. They are looking at commercial interests in terms of their relationship to the community because the geographic areas are not within the scope.

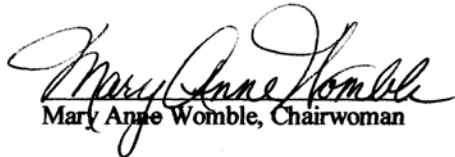
Mr. Donovan asked if the developer is responsible for the decline of the shopping center.

Mr. Hoppensteadt said the developer must maintain minimum standards and the Foundation would not involve itself unless they fail to maintain the standard. They are having a challenging but ongoing dialogue with the developer to resolve.

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Mr. Mangan asked if there were any questions and there were none. He thanked everyone for attending and participating and encouraged the audience to complete comment cards.

The audience applauded and the meeting concluded at 8:23 p.m.


Mary Anne Womble, Chairwoman

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