

# Community Improvement Plan

*The natural next step*

By The Strategic Planning Committee



Pelican Bay has two organizations committed to, and focused on, maintaining and enhancing the infrastructure and amenities of our community. From its very inception, the "founding fathers" of Pelican Bay anticipated the need to augment typically delivered municipal services

and protect residents' quality of life and property values. To that end, the Pelican Bay Services Division (PBSD), and the Pelican Bay Foundation (Foundation) were established.

The PBSD has responsibility for the community's "public" streets and land;

specifically by working on crosswalks, landscaping, irrigation, street lighting, storm water management, etc. The Foundation exerts the same focus on the community's "private", or common lands. Both entities consider safety, security, and property values as their overriding priorities.

The PBSD funds its work through a municipal tax and the Foundation funds its work through annual assessments and resale fees.

It is with this joint sense of community responsibility that the PBSD and the Foundation have embarked upon

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the Community Improvement Plan. The primary purpose of developing a plan is to ensure that money spent in Pelican Bay is spent wisely. The plan will prioritize elements within the community which impact safety, security and property values. So that community initiatives can be consistent, uniform and coordinated, the PBSD and the Foundation have retained the services of a locally established and renowned engineering and landscaping firm, WilsonMiller. The PBSD and the Foundation are sharing the cost of the consulting firm.

Starting in October 2009, WilsonMiller conducted the requisite on-site evaluations

and inventories. A series of information, education and feedback meetings on topics such as crosswalks, pathways, lighting, the berm along the mangroves, the berm along U.S. 41, our community parks, streetscape (or median landscaping), etc. have been held. As of the anticipated publishing of this article in mid-January, 15 meetings have been held with WilsonMiller and Pelican Bay representative organizations.

Both the PBSD, and the Foundation have significant funds already set aside for the recommendations that will come from the plan. To reiterate and address expressed concern of some residents, what is being

worked on is a plan, not a spending schedule.

Once the plan is completed, each organization, consistent with its respective areas of responsibility (PBSD — public lands; Foundation — private, common lands), will further vet, discuss, evaluate and justify the funding, either out of their reserve, or capital funds (depending upon the nature of the expenditure). Again, as of the writing of this article, no projects have been approved, or specifically funded by either organization.

If you have additional questions, or feedback, please direct those to either Suzanne Minadeo (sminadeo@pelicanbay.org) or Lisa Resnick (lresnick@colliergov.net).

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Hi Lisa,

In the latest issue of the Pelican Bay Post there is a page 1 article entitled "Community Improvement Plan". At the end of the article it requests feedback be sent to you or Suzanne Minadeo. I am writing to give you "feedback".

The article states, "Both the PBSB, and the Foundation have significant funds already set aside for the recommendations that will come from the plan". The article further states .....(The appropriate organization) "will---evaluate and justify the funding, either out of their reserve, or capital funds .....". In the case of PBSB, I believe this is misleading. The PBSB FY 2010 Approved Budget shows a total of \$1,924,500 available for yet to be named capital projects. While this is a meaningful sum of available funds, it is likely to cover only a small portion of the recommendations yet to come from Wilson Miller which are the responsibility of PBSB. I suggest at the next PBSB Board Meeting, staff give us an up to date amount of funds available and this matter be discussed. Thanks.

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