

ROADWAY LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Lee County Board of County Commissioners

LEE COUNTY ROADWAY LANDSCAPE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
May 3, 2016

FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC WORKS CENTER
1500 MONROE STREET, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

AGENDA PACKAGE ACCESS

<http://www.leegov.com/gov/dept/dot/rlac/Pages/default.aspx>

1. Call to Order 6:00 P.M. (Winston Church)
2. Approval of the April 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. (Winston Church, 5 min.)
3. New Business:
 - a. 60% plans. Delprado Blvd. from Hancock Bridge Pkwy to Pine Island Rd. (Ensite, Jonathon Romine, 20 min.)
 - b. 16/17 Prioritization List updates. (Bob D., 10 min.)
 - c. Ronnie Simpson discussion (Bob D. 10 min.)
4. Old Business:
 - a. Project Status Update:
Projects in CIP maintenance:
 - Gladiolus Dr. / Bass Rd. from Winkler Rd. to San Carlos Blvd. / Health Park to Gladiolus Dr. final 5/7/2018.
 - Colonial Blvd. from the Six Mile Slough to S.R. 82 will finalize 11/20/2018
 - Three Oaks Pkwy. / Imperial Pkwy. from Bonita Bill St. to E. Terry St. final 1/19/2019
 - Summerlin Rd. from Boy Scout Dr. to Cypress Lake Dr. final 11/11/19
5. Other Business: (10 min. per topic)
6. Adjourn by 7pm

NOTE: The Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee (RLAC) consists of members appointed by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners to advise on matters related to roadway landscaping activities in Lee County. The committee meets regularly and meetings are open to the public. For more information, please contact Bob DeBrock at (239) 533-9425.

C/O Lee County Department of Transportation, 5560 Zip Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33905 (239) 533-9400

ROADWAY LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RLAC)

DATE: April 5, 2015
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: 2115 Second Street, Fort Myers, Florida

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Sibley, District 2
Greg Diserio, District 4
Stephen Brown, Horticultural Extension Agent
Debbie Hughes, Fort Myers/Lee County
Garden Council
Winston Church, Keep Lee County Beautiful
Clark Ryals, Urban Forester
Phil Buck, FNGLA
Jennifer Evans, Florida Native Plant Society
James McCord, American Society of Landscape
Architects

OTHERS PRESENT:

JB Schuetz, City of Ft. Myers
Jonathan Romine, Ensite

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronnie Simpson, Arborist-International Society of
Arboriculture
Gail Archer-Dearie, District 1
Al O'Donnell, District 3

MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT:

Barbara Niland, District 5

STAFF PRESENT:

Doraine Wetzel, LCDOT
Robert DeBrock, LCDOT
Beth Workman, LC Community Development
Matt Zimmerman, LCDOT

Quorum was confirmed with 9 members present.

Winston Church called the regular monthly meeting of the Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee (RLAC) to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of the February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Winston Church asked for a motion to approve the February 2, 2015 RLAC meeting minutes, a motion was made by Jennifer Evans to approve the minutes, seconded by Clark Ryals; the motion was called and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

60% Plans, Summerlin Rd. from Boy Scout Dr. to Colonial Blvd.

Bob DeBrock stated that the City of Ft. Myers had concerns with the maintenance and appearance of this portion of Summerlin so it was decided to make some improvements by installing a core level of landscape. This is the last segment of Summerlin that needed landscaped to complete Summerlin to Sanibel.

Jonathan Romine of Ensite presented the 60% conceptual landscape design plans for Summerlin Rd. from Boy Scout Dr. to Colonial Blvd. The plans include some tree removal and a core level plan with no irrigation. When inspecting the existing landscape they found that some of the trees have safety concerns. There are 28 trees needing removed some as a result of accidents, there are Oaks that are planted too close together, some have not been properly pruned and some are dead. After removing these trees there will be 79 new trees added consisting of Hong Kong Orchids, Cathedral Live Oaks, Royal and Sabal Palms. Rustic pine bark nuggets will be used and Bahia sod. The design intent is to soldier the Royals at each end and fill in with Oaks and Sabals, keeping the clear zone and site line issues at the intersections. The constraints dealt with are narrow medians and clear zone requirements.

Debbie Hughes questioned the choice of using Hong Kong Orchids. Jonathan stated that he is keeping consistent with the rest of the roadway. James McCord added that they do well in medians. John Sibley inquired on understory planting. Jonathan stated there are a few understory plantings along Summerlin but to stay within the core level specifications he has not added any in this design. Debbie asked the size of the Oaks being removed. Jonathan said the largest are 24" caliber. Bob mentioned that due to them planted so close together the trees have been stunted. Jonathan stated that they are saving all trees that can be saved. Removing the bad trees will allow others to thrive.

JB stated there was a concern of the height of the Royals by the Cities Beautification Advisory Committee, they are asking for 10 foot gray wood instead of the designed 6 foot. The RLAC members all agree with the smaller ones. He also suggested peanut grass instead of Bahia.

Stephen Brown suggested using an enhanced fertilizer for the Hong Kong Orchids due to potassium deficiencies

Greg Diserio made a motion to accept the 60% Conceptual Landscape Plans for Summerlin Rd. from Boy Scout Dr. to Colonial Blvd., seconded by James McCord, motion was called and carried.

16/17 Prioritization List

Bob DeBrock spoke to the committee on the prioritization list asking them to give him a list of roadways that they would like to have prioritized. All suggestions can be sent to Bob though email. There is no funds available presently but we should be working on the list and also focus on the maintenance issues we currently are experiencing.

Delprado Blvd. from Hancock Bridge Pkwy. to Pine Island Rd.

Bob DeBrock stated there is a CIP project for 16/17 for Delprado from Hancock Bridge Pkwy. to Pine Island Rd. The 100% plans that were approved by the RLAC are not feasible so this will be redesigned to meet core level with no irrigation. Original plans state that we would be moving some of the Sabals however the medians are high and the Sabals have problems so the Sabals will be pulled out. Bob would like to have another meeting in May to present the 60% plans for Delprado. The committee agreed to meet on May 3rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project Status Update by Bob DeBrock

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JB asked about Daniels Rd. Bob said it is complete; one Simpson Stopper may need changed out.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bob has tried contacting Ronnie Simpson and has not been successful. He asked the committee if we could vacate his position in hopes to refill this spot. He represented the ISA. Debbie recommended Dr. A.D. Ali, she will contact him and see if he would be interested.

James McCord made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Clark Ryals; motion was called and carried.

Meeting Adjourn at 6:30 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Doraine Wetzel
Administrative Assistant

Chairman

Date

Secretary

Date

Attachment: Attendance Record

**Lee County Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee
12 Month Meeting Attendance Record**

A = Absent, EA = Excused Absence, V = Vacant

	2015 May	2015 June	2015 July	2015 Aug.	2015 Sept.	2015 Oct.	2015 Nov.	2015 Dec.	2016 Jan.	2016 Feb.	2016 Mar.	2016 Apr.	2016 May	Total
Voting Members														
Al O'Donnell												A		
District 3														
Barbara Niland	A	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING	EA		1
District 5														
Greg Diserio														
District 4														
James McCord		NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	EA	NO MEETING			1
American Society of Landscape Architects														
Vacant	V				V					V				V
Horizon Council														
Phil Buck	A	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING			1
Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association														
Debbie Hughes	EA	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	EA	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING			2
Ft. Myers/Lee County Garden Council														
Gail Annette Archer-Dearie	A	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	A	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	A	NO MEETING	A		3
District 1														
John Sibley														
District 2														
Clark Ryals														
Urban Forester														
Jenny Evans					EA	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	EA	NO MEETING			2
Florida Native Plant Society														
Ronnie Simpson	A	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	A	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	A	NO MEETING	A		3
International Society of Arboriculture, Certified Arborist														
Stephen Brown														
Horticultural Extension Agent														
Winston Church					EA	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING			1
Keep Lee County Beautiful														
Non-voting Members (Staff)														
Beth Workman														
Community Development														
Bob DeBrock		NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING			
Department of Transportation														
Parks & Recreation														