



# Vanderbilt Beach M.S.T.U

## Advisory Committee

8300 Radio Road  
Naples, FL 34104

MARCH 11, 2021

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Chair Bruce Forman** called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M. A quorum of four was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### II. ATTENDANCE

Advisory Committee: Bruce Forman – Chairman  
William Sjostrom – Vice Chair  
Mark Weber  
Gabriella R. Miyamoto  
William Arell Harris

Staff: Harry Sells - Project Manager  
Michelle Arnold – Director, PTNE  
Rosio Garcia – Administrative Assistant

Others: Aaron Gross – Ground Zero Landscaping  
Mike McGee – Landscape Architect  
Wendy Warren - Transcriptionist

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Vice Chair Sjostrom moved to approve the Agenda of the Vanderbilt Beach M.S.T.U. Advisory Committee meeting as presented. Second by Ms. Miyamoto. Carried unanimously 4 - 0.*

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2021

*Vice Chair Sjostrom moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 Vanderbilt Beach M.S.T.U. meeting as presented. Second by Ms. Miyamoto. Carried unanimously 4 - 0.*

*Mr. Harris arrived. A quorum of five was present.*

### V. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE REPORT – Aaron Gross, Ground Zero Landscaping

Mr. Gross reported:

- Landscaping condition is satisfactory.
- Performed maintenance and applied herbicide on the north end and behind the wall area.
- Installed new plant material bordering the sidewalk north of Willet Avenue.
- Repaired construction damage to the irrigation system along the sidewalks.
- 8-0-12 fertilizer will be applied week ending March 20, 2021.

**VI. FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING – Kamila Perez, Samantha Gibson**  
**Samantha Gibson and Kamila Perez, Environmental Specialists, Collier County**, narrated the Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) slide presentation with an overview for pollution control and water quality enhancement for the Vanderbilt Lagoon and Cocohatchee River and landscaping recommendations for the Vanderbilt Drive refurbishment project. Key points included:

- Southwest Florida is in a tropical zone, 10A. Plant selection should reflect this environment and purchases should be from local nurseries.
- FFL embraces native Florida plants which require low water, fertilizer, pesticides, and maintenance and are salt and drought tolerant for landscaping with the goal of protecting water resources and enhancing site line visibility.
- Some plants recommended for restricted spaces include the Buccaneer Palm, Bay Cedar, Golden Creeper and Bromeliads.
- UF and FFL welcome the opportunity to work with the Vanderbilt Beach MSTU and the landscape architect to design an attractive, low maintenance landscape.

**VII. CONNER PARK, VANDERBILT DRIVE LANDSCAPING – Mike McGee**  
**McGee & Associates** landscape design for Conner Park is complete. A Request for Quote (RFQ) will be solicited from multiple landscapers by Mr. Sells.

Mr. McGee's next project will be a landscape design for the south corner intersection of Vanderbilt Road and Vanderbilt Drive by *Regatta at Vanderbilt Beach*.

Landscape refurbishment for Vanderbilt Drive will be undertaken on completion of the *Regatta at Vanderbilt Beach* project. Sight line visibility at finger street intersections and space constrictions between the road and sidewalk will be considerations in selection of plant material. Right of Way (ROW) areas require County approval.

**VIII. PROJECT MANAGER REPORT – Harry Sells**

**A. Budget Report for 3/11/2021**

Mr. Sells reported:

- FY21 Ad Valorem property tax revenue budget is \$1,444,900.00, an increase of 3%.
- The Millage Rate remains constant at 0.5000.
- Total funds available FY21 is \$5,202,501.33 including investment interest, transfers, and contributions (minus a 5% reserve of \$74,300).
- Transfers and Contributions, Line 11, in the amount of \$3,717,601.33, is a carry-over generated from 2020.
- Operating Expense Budget is \$4,927,328.83 of which \$443,063.55 is committed; \$332,318.49 expended.
- Unencumbered Operating Expense funds available are \$4,151,946.79.
- Purchase Order for Century Link (engineering design) in the amount of \$8,000.00 applies to Utility Conversion Phase IV.
- McGee & Associates Purchase Order for \$4,962.50 covers landscape design projects for Conner Park and the intersection of Vanderbilt Drive and Vanderbilt Beach Road by Regatta.
- Stantec's Purchase Order for \$253,671.00 covers construction, engineering, inspection, and easement survey services for Phase IV.

- McGee and Associates Purchase Order in the amount of \$6,937.50, issued on February 23, 2021, is for landscape design and construction documents for the south corner of Vanderbilt Drive and Vanderbilt Beach Road.
- Purchase Orders in red indicate that they have been closed out and the mone expended..
- Collier County Utility Water Sewer expense will increase due to Conner Park irrigation.
- Improvements General/Capital Outlay budget, Line 36, is \$145,172.50.
- Transfers to 111, Line 35, are for Staff salaries.
- Budget Transfers from Appraiser and Tax Collector, Lines 36 and 37, are fees billed by the appropriate entities for tracking and collecting services.
- Total Budget Available Balance as of March 11, 2021 is \$4,249,704.20.

*Approximately \$2,250,000.00, not reflected in the budget, is committed for Phase IV Utility Burial, Conner Park Beautification and the Lift Station projects. Remaining cash funds are adequate for FY22 commitments and new/ongoing projects such as landscaping.*

## **B. Phase IV Utility Burial Status**

Mr. Sells updated the Committee on the status of the project noting:

- An updated version of the survey has been submitted to the Growth Management Division (GMD).
- Status of the Right of Way (ROW) Permit application submitted to the County and permit request opened with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) for the two sub aqueous bores will be researched.
- A Purchase Order for Stantec in the amount of \$253,671.00 to perform Construction, Engineering, Inspection, and easement survey services for Phase IV has been approved. The firm's role will commence one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to construction.
- The MasTec North America contract for burial of conduit and placing of equipment for Florida Power & Light, Comcast cable and Century Link for Phase IV in the amount of \$1,765,869.40, in the number of base bids for Section 10,11,12 and 13 plus alternate 1 and reserve right, if alternate 2 is required to implement Alternate 2 for \$234,000.00, is scheduled to go before the Board of County Commissioners on April 13, 2021.
- Florida Power & Light Company's *Overhead to Underground Conversion – Customer Cost Sheet* for Phase IV was distributed. FPL requires payment in advance in the amount of \$162,359.00 to permit underground facilities installation. In lieu of direct payment, the County will purchase \$163,359.00 in equipment to be warehoused by MasTec. \$7,782.00 assessed by FPL to design the Phase IV underground network has been paid. The *Underground Facilities Conversion Agreement* will go before the BCC for approval April 13, 2021.
- Mobilization time is two (2) to three (3) weeks from issuance of the notice to proceed. Work will start on the north side.
- Estimated time frame for completion for the Phase is six (6) to nine (9) months.

## **C. Conner Park Beautification Status and Discussion**

### **1. Lift Station Fence**

Three (3) quotes ranging from \$69,745.00 to \$78,240.25 were received for construction of a pre-cast wall, wrought iron cantilever gate and ground cover plant installation at the

*Master Pump Station, located within the Right of Way (ROW) along Bluebill Avenue and Vanderbilt Drive just north of Naples Park.*

During discussion, the Committee agreed to accept the low bid submitted by EBL Partners.

*Vice Chair Sjostrom motioned to approve EBL Partners contract proposal in the amount of \$69,745.00 for installation of a decorative pre-cast wall, cantilever gate and landscaping at the Master Pump Station, located within the Right of Way (ROW) along Bluebill Avenue and Vanderbilt Drive just north of Naples Park. Second by Mr. Harris. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.*

2. Sidewalk Pavers - Vanderbilt Drive and Bluebill Avenue

A quote was submitted from Capital Contractors in the amount of \$229,853.35 to replace the concrete sidewalks by the north and south Gateway signs with pavers in color consistent with crosswalks and ADA compliant transition strips and curbing on the Vanderbilt Drive and Bluebill Avenue intersections.

*Vice Chair Sjostrom motioned to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve Capital Contractors estimate #100410, dated February 23, 2021, in the amount of \$229, 853.35 for architectural paver installation for the east/west and north/south crosswalks including ADA compliant transition strips and curbing on Vanderbilt Drive and Bluebill Avenue. Second by Chair Forman. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.*

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Potential Future Projects for Discussion

Future improvements to the Vanderbilt Beach M.S.T.U. for consideration include:

**1. Refurbishment of Vanderbilt Drive Landscape**

The project will be undertaken on completion of landscape designs for the north side of Conner Park and the corner of Vanderbilt Drive and Vanderbilt Beach Road.

**2. Refurbishment of Corner of Vanderbilt Drive and Vanderbilt Beach Road**

Project is in the planning stage with McGee & Associates Landscape Architects for the corner by Regatta of Vanderbilt Beach where Vanderbilt Drive and Vanderbilt Beach Road intersect.

**3. Sidewalks East and West Side of Gulf Shore Drive**

The Road Maintenance Department is considering sidewalk installation for 2025. Design and funding are required; sidewalks must conform to County code and be ADA compliant. A bike path should be incorporated into the project design. Property owners are responsible to install and maintain sidewalks in the Right of Way (ROW). Drainage would have to be redesigned to accommodate the installation.

**4. Lighted Street Name Signs at Intersections Along Gulf Shore and Vanderbilt Drives**

The project is under review pending development of technology to provide attractive, small scale LED Solar lighting.

**5. Refurbish Bridge of Channel on Bluebill**

The Committee suggested cleaning the waterway bridge and investigating the feasibility of treatment with a veneer stone. *Mr. Sells will schedule a meeting with the Road Maintenance Department.*

**6. Extend Fence on South Side of Conner Park**

Most members concurred the fence on the south side of the park should be extended approximately one-hundred and fifty (150) feet from the present end with columns spaced fifteen (15) feet apart.

Rough estimate received to grub 150 feet of scrub on the bank and install ten (10) sections of fence and ten (10) columns:

Cost for fence:	\$65,000.00
Cost for grubbing:	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,400.00</b>

During Committee discussion the following was noted:

- Two property owners on Flamingo Avenue do not support the fence extension.
- Extension of the fence without grubbing the area or a reduced overall length should be considered.
- The Parks and Recreation Department must approve the fence extension.

**7. FPL Box Wraps**

**Mr. Sells** will request feedback and approval from FPL for decorative wrap application on utility boxes.

**8. Trash Cans on Vanderbilt Drive**

Committee members voiced concern regarding trash collection maintenance.

**9. Radar Speed Signs on Vanderbilt Drive**

Clint Cluny, Chair of the Vanderbilt Waterway MSTU, suggested installation of radar speed signs on Vanderbilt Drive to calm traffic. Traffic Operations must approve installation.

*Mr. Sells will research options for radar speed signs and present specifications and price quotes at the April meeting.*

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

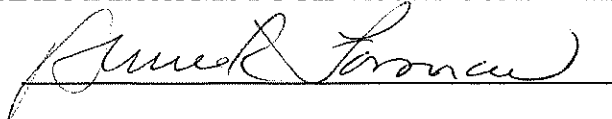
**X. PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENTS**

The Committee requested Staff research options for designated bike path lanes on Vanderbilt Drive or signage to create awareness for bicyclists and drivers.

**XI. ADJOURN**

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:49 P.M.

VANDERBILT BEACH MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Bruce Forman, Chairman

The minutes approved by the Board/Committee on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 “*as submitted*”  or “*as amended*” .

NEXT MEETING DATE:  
APRIL 8, 2021 2:00 P.M.  
8300 RADIO ROAD  
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