

**CITY OF PLANTATION
PLANTATION, FLORIDA
JACARANDA GOLF COURSE MEETING**

April 6, 2011

I. WELCOME – Mayor Bendekovic

Mayor Bendekovic opened the meeting. She advised that this is an informal meeting and that there would not be a vote. She explained the purpose of the meeting and requested feedback and concerns. The City will meet with Scratch Golf after concerns are noted. She then explained the format and noted that any comments can be made by email to the Mayor, any Council member or staff.

Mayor Bendekovic introduced the following City Council members that were present:

- Councilman Peter Tingom
- Councilwoman Lynn Stoner

II. PROPOSED ROADWAY SITE PLAN AMENDMENT – Brett Butler, City Engineer, Presentation of proposed roadway site plan showing a revised traffic pattern that maintains vehicular access to Pine Island Road and Broward Boulevard.

Mr. Butler provided a brief presentation of a site plan application presented by Jacaranda Golf Course. He spoke about traffic and advised that the Golf Course has requested to make some changes to the traffic configuration. Sea Turtle Manor is a public road, Jacaranda Country Club Drive, up to a certain point, is a public road and Jacaranda Lane is a private road. These are the three ingress and egress points to and from the Golf Course Club House property; however, these roads are private and are owned and controlled by the Golf Course ownership. Their goal is to generate a discontinuity on the south side of the property so there will not be any circulation of traffic along the back side of the property. They propose to do this by converting a one-way roadway to a two-way roadway configuration. The roads will allow access to and from Sea Turtle Manor but everyone will be prevented from coming around the back side of the facility. Navigation can also be done on Jacaranda Lane; however, there is a discontinuity that will not allow traffic flow to the back. The traffic flow patterns are essentially the same but done in a two-way configuration. All of the access points will be left open. The roadway will be 20 feet and a curb is proposed. There is no point of continuity as far as pedestrian activity to and from the property; therefore, they are required to provide a continuous sidewalk connection, which is an ADA requirement, along the east side of Jacaranda Country Club Drive all the way to the facility. They are proposing ten-foot lane widths, properly marked. There is a roundabout, which they preferred and it does manage traffic. Staff has reviewed the plan three times and it meets Code requirements. Staff has not found any objections to the plan; however, there have not been any formal site plan approvals or permit applications filed. It was noted that the applicant also includes a request to convert an existing tennis court area to a parking area.

The following people made comments regarding traffic:

Michelle Klemko, attorney with Becker & Poliakoff.

Joe Telles, Vice President of Las Haciendas.
Rose Bechard-Butman, resident.
Jean Weaver, resident.
Mary Perry, Treasurer for Cedar Villas.
Phyllis Dolinsky, resident.
Mike Gimble, resident.
Henry and Lisa Van Baalon, residents.
Barry and Elisabeth Small, residents.
Bill Goldstein, resident.
Nancy and Allan Ribbler, residents.
Jeffrey Straw, resident.
Ian Berkowitz, resident.
Laurence Skolnik, resident.
Marilyn and Nat Levin, resident.
Bobbie Ordet, resident.
George Coren, resident.
David Lutgar, resident.
Eyal Aviani, Coronado II.
David Leskar, resident.
Lewis Druss, resident.
Bill Peoples, resident.
Larry Levine, resident.
Beverly Jutsky, resident.
Bert Cowart, resident.
Robert Cowart, resident.

Mayor Bendekovic indicated that she will not speak on individual police items.

III. **OTHER ISSUES** – Dan Keefe, Assistant to the Mayor

1. Cameras – Currently, seven cameras are located on golf course property. All camera locations have been inspected by the Police Chief and Assistant to the Mayor and cameras are directed to property lot lines and are not positioned to view adjacent property owners' backyards.

Mr. Keefe advised that currently the City does not have any legislation that prohibits security cameras.

Mayor Bendekovic commented that if anyone has an issue with the cameras, the Chief of Police will visit the property and inspect the cameras.

The following people made comments with regard to cameras:

Larry and Holly Scherberg, residents.
Charlotte Wintermeyer, resident.
Mike Gimble, resident.
Jewel and Larry Smith, residents.

2. Drainage – One drainage project behind the 9th tee on the west course had been completed. The City has requested an “as-built” drawing to confirm that the constructed swale area is providing drainage as intended. Some water has pooled on the golf course area and City staff will discuss with the design engineer and the golf course to determine an appropriate remedy. A second drainage project behind the Trellises has been designed by the golf course and reviewed by the City and an engineer hired by the Trellises. The project is currently on hold pending tonight’s meeting and a meeting to be scheduled with the golf course owners.

Mr. Keefe indicated that there are two areas of concern regarding drainage with adjacent property owners to the golf course.

The following people made comments regarding drainage:

Larry and Holly Scherberg, residents.
Howard Horowitz, resident.
Eyal Aviani, resident.
Dr. R. Chirinos, resident.
Rosa Ramos, resident.
Dan Hurtak, resident.
Donna Greer, resident.
Lewis Druss, resident.

3. Landscape – The golf course has addressed most of the landscape issues on the perimeter of the golf course. Some residents have continued to express concerns with the continued reasonable maintenance of the homeowner side of landscaping. These concerns have been expressed to the golf course by both the City and representatives of the Jacaranda Federation of HOA’s.

Mr. Keefe advised there have been several issues with landscape maintenance primarily. There is currently no landscape Code for perimeter golf course planting; maintenance would have to rise to a level that does not meet Code.

The following people made comments with regard to landscape:

Mary Perry, resident.
Mike Gimble, resident.
Laurence Skolnick, resident.
George Coren, resident.
Bill Peoples, resident.
Rose Buttman, resident.
Larry and Holly Scherberg, residents.
David Leskar, resident.
Stephen Rottblack, resident.
Donna Green, resident.
Dan Hertak, resident.

4. Encroachments – Several homeowner irrigation encroachments exist on the golf course. Jacaranda has proposed that an encroachment easement could be issued on a year to year basis for an annual fee of \$50 per property owner per encroachment. As an alternative, Jacaranda will offer an easement to each homeowner abutting the lakes who may purchase from the Club the strip of land between their property line and the lake bank for the sum of \$1,000. This easement or deed will be conditioned on the property owners maintaining, in reasonable condition, the areas subject to the easement on the property owner's side of the lake or pond, as the case may be.

With respect to property owners with encroachments such as decks, docks, or walls, Jacaranda will make a reasonable effort to convey to the property owner on a square footage basis. The consideration for the conveyance shall be the assessed land and building value of the conveyed parcel as listed by the Broward County Property Appraiser.

Mr. Keefe read the aforementioned comments.

The following people made comments regarding encroachments:

Ian Berkowitz, resident.
Rick Collum, resident.
Stephen Rottblack, resident.

5. Lake Ownership – The City has recently acquired two lake properties through the tax deed process from Broward County, on the golf course. One lake is behind the golf maintenance building to the east of Park Lane and the other is to the north of the first tee on the west course adjacent to Wimbledon Lake Drive. City staff is currently reviewing ownership of the lake properties.

Mr. Keefe advised that from time to time the City acquires property through the tax deed process, where the property taxes have not been paid for a period of time. If Broward County does not have a use for the property they will give it to the City. The City normally tries to get the property back to the original property owner and if that cannot be done they try to take adjoining properties and provide the property back to the Homeowner's Association; in this case one to the Homeowner's Association and one to the Golf Course.

The following person made a comment regarding lake ownership:

Nat Levine, resident.
Ian Berkowitz, resident.

In response to Ms. Levine, Mr. Keefe indicated that City staff is currently checking on ownership of lake property.

Mayor Bendekovic thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She will be meeting with Scratch Golf and afterwards she will get back with the residents to discuss the available options.

IV. OPTIONS – N/A

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Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Sharon Uria, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Susan Slattery
City Clerk

RECORD ENTRY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Original of the foregoing signed Minutes was received by the Office of the City Clerk and entered into the Public Record this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Susan Slattery, City Clerk