

Dasari, Rebekah

From: Carole Haley <chaley80@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 3:51 PM
To: PZmail
Subject: Fwd: Infrastructure Improvements

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Hello -

Below is a message from 2020 responding to the request for infrastructure improvements for Delray. Nothing has changed in the contents of this request so I am resubmitting my original message for 2021.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Carole Haley

----- Original Message -----

From: Carole Haley <chaley80@comcast.net>
To: pzbagendacomment@mydelraybeach.com
Date: 06/19/2020 10:56 AM
Subject: Infrastructure Improvements

Good Morning -

Thank you giving Delray residents to opportunity to submit comments on the subject of the infrastructure improvements. My comments are below:

Replace the unsightly trash containers along the streets. Clean and repair the paver/brick sidewalk areas.

The landscaping along 5th and 6th Avenue which was part of the traffic calming project several years ago is in need of serious maintenance. One of the landscape areas is directly in front of our townhouse development and we have noticed that the plantings are no longer enhancing the swale. Further south we notice more of the same near Mallory Square. Weeds and litter have taken over.

Narrowing the 5th and 6th Avenue corridor from 3 lanes to 2 lanes has resulted in a "racetrack" environment and the daily starting line is the traffic light at Atlantic Avenue and SE 5th Avenue. If drivers don't use this light, the second starting line is the traffic light on the corner where we live - SE 5th Avenue and SE 1st Street. We have been residents of the Courtyards of Delray for about 20 years. This community is directly across the street from the IPIC Theater. IPIC has had several car crashes that have hit their building on SE 5th Avenue. We sit on our balcony in the evenings and our neighbors comment that we are watching the "drag races". It is dangerous and loud. Traffic calming is not in effect. Traffic is also much faster than the speed limit. As a result, the sidewalks do not create a safe walking environment for pedestrians. I think most residents living along this corridor would like to see the original intent of traffic calming enforced with whatever it takes.

Thank you - Carole Haley
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Delray Beach, FL 33483
561-441-3925

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From: helen martin <hb.martin@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:51 AM
To: PZmail
Subject: Infrastructure Improvements Hearing

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Hello and thank you for opportunity to voice my opinion....

Regarding the Capital Improvements for Delray Beach, the number one priority for the long term health and safety of all citizens and visitors should be to build a modern water treatment facility.

There is no greater threat to the future of Delray Beach than ignoring the real science behind today's toxic chemicals that taint our drinking water pouring through our faucets into our home and businesses.

The continued statement that our water is tested three times daily and meets EPA standards or state standards is simply NOT acceptable. Many in the U.S. are working to update the EPA regulations on drinking water to today's modern levels of safety. The standards set through our state of Florida and the federal government are decades old and do not address the forever chemicals and current knowledge of what harms us in our water. To continue to overlook this science is ridiculous as it IS an exact science and NOT some ludicrous conspiracy theory.

There are many ways one can be educated on this subject. I hope our government officials will look to the actual national science experts on this environmental outrage that has plagued Delray for years. We MUST build a new facility and enter the modern era with regard to our water supply, or pay the price in illness or death, continued fines and perhaps real estate decline, as a result.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Helen Martin

Delray Beach resident

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From: Ross Lumsden <ross@gciconstructs.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:23 PM
To: PZmail
Subject: Improvements

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Please replace the seating at veterans park waterfront!

Thank you!

Ross D. Lumsden
Vice President
Gerrits Construction Inc.
Office: 561.477.3553
Cell: 561.319.5405

<https://hes32-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=www.gerritsconstruction.com&umid=409df318-266c-4653-b0ca-40b6f27f2ba5&auth=cc7d853984a8cacb7156786bb0e1a2cc23b6ca8c-560e59305cb21967104175f52ed3aa7d458d4bfa>

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From: Kathy Burstein <kathyburstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:48 PM
To: PZmail
Cc: Petrolia, Shelly; Boylston, Ryan; Johnson, Shirley; Frankel, Adam; Casale, Juli
Subject: Capital improvement plan — suggested addition

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Good evening,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Capital Improvement Plan. My request is related to improvements on Homewood Boulevard. I would like the city to consider adding a right turn lane from Homewood to eastbound Atlantic Ave., and a left turn signal from Homewood onto westbound Atlantic Avenue.

Traffic backs up on Homewood to turn left onto Atlantic during morning and evening rush hour, and I believe this condition will deteriorate further when the express lanes open on I-95. Adding a turn lane and signal would improve traffic flow and increase safety at this intersection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Burstein

Sent from my iPad

From: [K.T](#)
To: [PZmail; Alvarez, Amy](#)
Cc: [Carlos and Victoria Cavanagh](#)
Subject: Rio Del Rey Shores 2021 HOA Input for Infrastructure Improvements
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 1:55:23 PM

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Good Afternoon,

- As a Delray Beach HOA, we would like to respond to the recent 2021 call for Public input for the Planning and Zoning Board on two issues: (1) SE 8th Court and (2) SE 10th Street, adjacent to the ICW, flood heavily during rainstorms. Both cul-de-sacs have inadequate drainage into the ICW.
- In the case of SE 8th Court, two new houses were built in the last two years and we were given to understand that the problem would be addressed at the time since our HOA had repeatedly brought the flooding issue to the City's attention, over several years. The project still has not started. We request an updated timeline and some specifics on this project.
- The SE10th St drain needs cleaning out. It is clogged. Per discussions with City staff over the past year, a new drain needs to be installed by the City.
- These locations don't have backflow during king tides and the flooding is now more frequent and dangerous to city residents.

Thank you for your assistance on the above issues,
Rio Del Rey Shores Homeowners Association
Carlos Cavanagh, President
Kathleen Turner Sparks, Secretary

From: [paul ludwig](#)
To: [Alvarez, Amy](#)
Subject: April 19th 2021 Infrastructure meeting
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:55:37 PM

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Amy,
In reference to page 76 on Atlantic Dunes Park.

Help make Atlantic Dunes Park a Historical Preservation Conservation park.

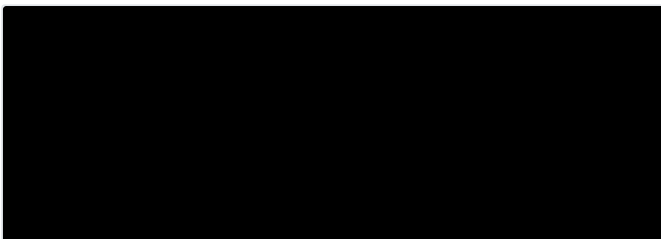
Save the Trees and Birds at Atlantic Dunes Park ADP. \$2.5 million dollars to be spent on the removal of 80 Historical trees which would mean a reduction of 40% tree canopy. Replacing w new costly trees that would require a sprinkler system (planting plastic in the ground) maintenance of system, waste of a costly and precious resource, water. Putting a playground next to the handicapped parking lot is a recipe for disaster. An education area which means less plants and trees when the current pavilion could be used for such educational purposes. A grilling area in the middle of the nature area, which means a smoke filled environment for the existing residents of squirrels, blue jays, cardinals, egrets, herons and other wildlife.

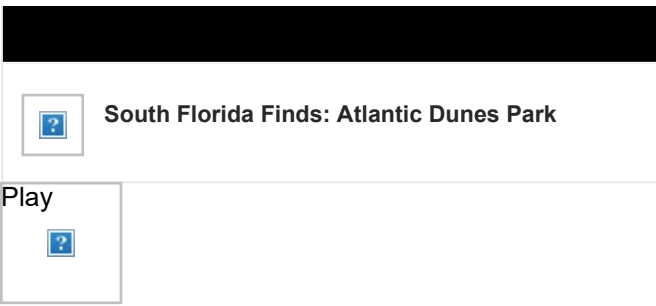
Hopefully the Historical Preservation board and city planners can draw up some plans that leave the 80 Australian Pines trees, one Almond tree alone and remove the smoky grilling area to keep the wildlife on the nature trails healthy. Thank you! Save the trees and birds! Just what we need, is another professionally landscaped, manicured, sun parched park! Atlantic Dunes Park is the last slice of serenity, peacefulness and natural beauty along the beach, with its abundance of wildlife and canopies of shade. It's a crime to destroy that, our taxes can be put to much better use!

\$2.5 Million could be used for other necessary city budget items. \$85,000 already wasted on surveying and developing plans.

<http://chnng.it/jN2ZVhRc> Let's make Atlantic Dunes Park a Historical Conservation Preservation unique park.

[South Florida Finds: Atlantic Dunes Park](#)





Atlantic Dunes Park, save the trees. The city of Delray Beach parks and recreation dept and city planners want to kill all 80 Australian pine trees that are 60-80 possibly 100 years old, also a single almond tree. They say these trees do not allow for undergrowth. Currently these trees provide 40,500 square footage of shade at the park. This would be an approximate loss of 40% of the tree canopy. They border the lifeguard and handicap parking lot, existing boardwalks and restroom facility. These areas do not have any undergrowth potential as there are cement, asphalt, boardwalk and the bathrooms building, space where nothing can grow anyways.

These trees currently are homes to roosting herons and egrets. The existing and proposed ADA boardwalk is also shaded by these beautiful trees. Hence these trees do not need to be removed nor replaced. The financial cost to the city and taxpayers for their removal and costly replacement is unnecessary. The beauty of this unique park is these trees and the birds that live, roost and breed in them. (I also do not see how putting a grilling area in the middle of a natural area will help the existing cardinals, blue jays and squirrels who already live there, with the smoke from grilling).

My family and I have been residing in Delray for over 40 years and have enjoyed ADP and these trees, birds, squirrels and wildlife and fauna. These current plans

must be stopped.

Thank you for your time, please help save these innocent trees. These "non-native" trees have these same rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of hosting wildlife, they just cannot talk, lobby or protest, and they are peaceful and beautiful. Please help save these trees and taxpayer money.

In 1992 The Town of Gulfstream made the 2-mile stretch of North Ocean Boulevard and the accompanying canopy designated by the Florida Legislature as a State Historic Scenic Highway. As such, the historic canopy continues to be preserved.

Here are just some of the reasons and comments people (over 760 persons) who have signed the petition;

I am 100% in favor of making this revered Park an historic icon and preserving the majestic pines. Gayle C.

Leave the trees alone. They may not be indigenous, but they now belong. Kris M.

I don't want to see these trees cut down and make Atlantic dunes a nature preserve. Nizan M.

Please protect these trees. Kyle C.

I want the Australian Pine trees to be preserved and remain in the Atlantic Dunes Park over the long term. Over the years, the beautiful majestic Australian Pine trees have been needlessly removed from many other parks, leaving little shade left in the park. It is a waste of money to pay for removal of the Australian Pines, pay for replacing them with new trees that will not produce shade for at least 10 years, paying for an invasive sprinkler system prone to vandalism, and paying to water the area with city water. Ken E.

As a resident of the Seagate neighborhood, we want to preserve our local beach & its habitat. Additionally, the Linton Bridge has become very crowded since the development to the West. During season, it's not uncommon to sit thru 2-3 lights to cross. We do not need to encourage more tourists to use the Linton Bridge, as locals already use it to avoid the heavy traffic along Atlantic, and DBP do not need the burden of Additional patrols in the area, that has already experienced an increase in crime. We vote, NO!! Melanie E.

As a very long time resident of the Delray beach Boynton beach area I am sickened by developers wanting to remove trees that have been there for most of my lifetime-I am 74 and have lived in this area since 1949. Please consider that wildlife inhabiting this area has really no place to go too many condos and mansions and not enough green places. This is a park leave it alone and don't put in grills either who wants smoke-surely not the animals, and a lot of humans are disturbed by it as well. Paula P.

Save the trees! Nicole B.

My husband and I spend 4-5 months every year in Delray Beach and walk to the Atlantic Dunes. What a crime to think of removing the natural habitats of wildlife and destroying healthy beautiful trees that give Atlantic Dunes its unique look. Don't do it. Anita R.

I don't want to see this beauty destroyed! Angela D.

Fires and other natural disasters kill millions (in Australia's case a billion) of animals. What terrible crime it would be to purposely wipe out this long standing ecosystem. I think these particular trees are worth leaving alone. Invasive species should be sought after while very young in order to minimize the impact to all creatures that have become symbiotic with their environment. Including us! David O.

\$2.5 MM...is a ridiculous amount of money for something that is totally unnecessary. Rick F.

I want you to know how much I appreciate your spearheading this effort, making us aware and organizing the action. It is your kind of community commitment that makes Delray Beach a special place. Thank you. Really. Lani S.

Please confirm that this letter has been received and will be presented on April 19th 2021.

Thank you

Paul Ludwig

Pauldcr@yahoo.com

561-271-8764

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561-271-8764

From: [SJ Helpard](#)
To: [Alvarez, Amy](#)
Subject: Atlantic Dunes Park
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:02:50 PM

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I have lived and paid taxes in Delray Beach for 40 years.

I am 100% in favor of making this revered Park an historic icon and preserving the majestic pines. Please help the many who want this park to be a historic protected sanctuary.

Thank you

Susan Helpard

2475 Sundy Ave,

Delray Beach, FL 33444

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From: Hilary sinberg <hihil@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:06 PM
To: PZmail
Subject: Trees at Atlantic Dunes

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Why would anyone want to spend over \$2 million on an unnecessary project? It's a small but beautiful natural area, of which there are so few left. Maybe whoever proposed this should take a walk through the area and enjoy the wildlife and serenity of the area.

Hilary Sinberg
644 Ibis Drive
Delray Beach, FL 33444
561-302-2304

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Donna Palatas](#)
To: [Alvarez, Amy](#); [PZmail](#)
Subject: Keep trees and remove grills - Atlantic Dunes Park
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:37:33 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to ask that the Australian pine trees and almond tree remain at Atlantic Dunes Park because they are home to herons, egrets, and other wildlife, and should be protected and remain a resource for park goers.

I also request that grills be removed from this area because their smokiness is detrimental to the health of cardinals, herons, and other wildlife.

Although I currently live in Kansas, I plan to spend time in Delray Beach now that I am retired, and look forward to being able to enjoy these trees and healthy wildlife, without grills, in this area.

Thank you,
Donna Palatas
6610 W 93rd Terrace
Overland Park, KS 66212
913-269-4689

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From: [Gail Baldwin](#)
To: [PZmail; Alvarez, Amy](#)
Subject: Atlantic Dunes proposed changes
Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:57:15 PM

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Dear Board,

As a resident of Delray Beach for 35 years, I call Atlantic Dunes my favorite beach!!! It is so perfect the way it is encompassing the beautiful beach overlooking the ocean, updated boardwalk, lovely pavilion and the beautiful nature walk through the hammock. Please preserve this lovely part of old Florida and not make it some new pet project. It needs to be preserved and not changed unless you want to update the bathrooms although they are just like most of the restrooms at other Palm Beach County Parks. We don't need more parks made into "McMansion" versions. For what??? No way will this project get my approval.

Please preserve this lovely park as a historic piece of Florida, home to much wildlife. The Australian pines are unique and deserve historic preservation status just like the beautiful canopy in Gulfstream. It's crazy to say the trees don't allow for undergrowth. Maybe you don't know that undergrowth is the main reason for forest fires! That is why planned burns are done on a routine basis in many parks all over the state and the country, just to prevent forest fires! Here we don't have to do this, we have natural protection already. Once destroyed, we can never get it back. What are you thinking? Please don't change it!

Sincerely,

Gail Baldwin

475 Canal Point North, #112

Delray Beach, FL 33444

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From: Robert Murphy <murphyrobertf@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:00 PM
To: PZmail
Subject: Pines at Atlantic Dunes Park

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I'm Bob Murphy at 1075 Avocet Road, Delray Beach. For years I have taken my children and now my grandchildren to ADP. The tall pines are a beautiful integral part of this seaside oasis. Please don't remove them. It would be sacrilegious! Spend the money instead on the many needed infrastructure repairs and improvements in the City. Thank you

Phone: 610-996-7827

Dasari, Rebekah

From: Lawrence Bonner <lbonn2@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:18 PM
To: PZmail
Subject: REMOVAL OF TREES 2.5 M PROJECT

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As a very concerned longtime resident of Delray Beach I would ask that any decision on removal of The trees (Australian Pines, etc.) would be a TRAVESTY.

This is a long standing ecosystem that should be left alone.

We have many other issues in the city that the funds can be used for wisely.

Thank you.

From: [Jolene Best](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Annual infrastructure Improvement
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 3:24:34 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am just responding to the email I received from The City of Delray Beach as a resident of east Delray Beach.

My husband and I love living here and all the improvements downtown. However, what about the rest of east Delray Beach?

Can Swinton Avenue finally get re-paved or re-surfaced? (North of Atlantic really needs it badly; the bumps are just terrible!)

Lake Ida Rd west of Swinton to Congress needs road resurfacing as well.

Also, this is just an observation from a runner and person who walks downtown everyday. The roundabouts at NE 3rd St and NE 2nd Ave and NE 2nd St. and NE 2nd Ave are just downright dangerous! It would honestly be better to have 4 way stops. Drivers actually speed up to beat other drivers, the curbs get run over and frankly people just don't care about other drivers or the rules of the roundabouts. I have witnessed more times than I can count drivers going up over curbs and pedestrians moving quickly out of the way (myself included.) It really doesn't slow traffic down at all, those roundabouts actually make traffic worse. I have also seen garbage trucks and firetrucks have very difficult times with the roundabouts.

A left arrow on Swinton Ave going north and south at the cross section where DaDa, Space of Mind, etc. all meet would help traffic.

Thank you for asking for public input on our wonderful city.

Have a great day!

Jolene Thompson

From: [Ellen Dickson](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Cc: bjvic@mac.com
Subject: BPOA input regarding infrastructure improvements
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 10:35:56 AM

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All-

This is the BPOA (Beach Property Owners Association) input regarding infrastructure improvements for the City's annual Infrastructure Improvement Hearing.

The BPOA is cognizant of the problem building a continuous sidewalks on Venetian, Gleason and Andrews but our hope is that it remain a priority on new builds where sidewalks can be added.

In an effort to keep as much sand out of storm drains as possible, the BPOA recommends Knee walls be installed around beach entrances where needed. This would be a cost effective way to keep drains from clogging with run off sand.

We stand firmly behind the Coastal Protection Plan for dune restoration. This would be important for sustainability of the dunes and the reintroduction of native plants that would help anchor the dunes.

Storm water issues/drainage issues are presenting themselves with the apparent rise in water levels. The intersection of Seagate Drive and Hibiscus has an issue with water ponding after rain that takes a half day to clear. The reason may be the City's several storm water inlets on the street corner have a poorly functioning storm sewer outlet to the intracoastal.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

BPOA

From: [Rodney Covey jr](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Dunes park
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:07:57 AM

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Hi my name is Rodney Iam emailing you because I do not want the trees at Atlantic dunes park taken down . Iam a long time Delray Beach resident who has grown up at this beach and enjoy the canopy and nature trails there .It also serves as a natural preserve for the birds and other wildlife .you really need to please reconsider this matter of redoing this beautiful place thanks

From: [Way Hoyt, Tree Trimmers and Associates](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Cc: hh@harrison-gallery.com
Subject: Australian pines at Atlantic Dunes
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 5:50:19 PM

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Please accept these comments regarding the possible removal of Australian pines at Atlantic Dunes. I am an horticulturist and have been involved with other groups of Australian pines in the Town of Gulf Stream, Key West, and Sanibel Island.

Please keep some things in mind about the trees on or near the beach:

- a. They currently give great light shade
- b. The limbs from Australian pine start fairly high on the trees. This allows people in the park to watch all of the activities for distance (verses native trees with low branches that block visibility) this can be a safety issue for families with children or disabled. It also allows visibility to swimmers in the ocean (safety)
- c. although Australian pine are exotic, they are not very invasive in their current location. Seedlings are likely coming up only in disturbed soil. Weeds/seedlings are easily controlled.
- d. Most native trees do not perform well in zones 2 and 3, where they are exposed to wind, sand, and salt. Most trees, including Florida natives, are simply not going to perform well in that harsh environment. Seagrapes, buttonwood, and mangroves are the most likely, but even these have troubles establishing in the harsh exposures near the beach. ALL of the natives will probably at least 10 years before they become established offer any significant of shade.
- e. Likewise any environmental benefits for wildlife will also be 10 or more years
- d. The Australian pines already offer significant benefits for wildlife (mostly birds), but other wildlife also use Australian pine for nesting material
- e. Australian pines are (contrary to popular beliefs) very storm tolerant.....that is why they are still present in their current locations. They are deep-rooted and are no more likely to be blown down in storms than any other trees (seagrapes are shallow-rooted and commonly blow over much more easily than Australian pines). Green or silver buttonwood are deep-rooted, but have low branches that block visibility.

Please keep in mind, that I am NOT anti-native. In my own yard that I planned from scratch, most of my chosen trees are native. Live oak, wild tamarind, lignum vitae, crabwood, sabal palm, thrinax parviflora, wild coffee, dahoon holly, coontie, and joewoods, black ironwood, and red ironwood are some of my choices. None of the above would be suitable in the harsh environment of the park. I hope that these thoughts are considered before taking drastic action by removing the established trees.

C. Way Hoyt

Oakland Park, FL

P.S. People from Europe or the African continent are not native (including myself)

From: [Rhonda K](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: City Services Please for Verona Woods
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:30:50 PM

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Honorable Mayor Shelly Petrolia
Honorable Vice-Mayor Shirley Johnson
Honorable Deputy Vice-Mayor Adam Frankel
Honorable Commissioner Ryan Boylston
Honorable Commissioner Juli Casale:

As a resident of Verona Woods, located on Germantown Road between Congress and Military, I would like to address the following issues and request assistance in resolving them...

Lighting:

The east side of Via Verona going south has city lighting which does not provide sufficient lighting to provide any benefit. There is an Areca hedge which gets trimmed regularly to allow as much light as possible but it is still lacking and dangerously dark. We, as residents have repeatedly been told that these lights will be replaced with LED lighting that will rectify this issue and that it can take up to a year to do so. We have been given this information for several years now with no result.

I believe the lack of lighting has made our neighborhood much more attractive to thieves and burglars as they can move undetected. The incidence of break ins and attempted break ins has increased exponentially in our neighborhood and Andover situated directly south of us as there is an emergency exit easement crossing the canal. Not long ago armed robbers used that easement, under cover of darkness, to escape from Andover after an attempted break in while the residents were at home. Upgraded lighting will definitely help, additional lighting would be greatly appreciated by the community, Andover and the Delray Beach Police Department who would not have to be deployed to our communities as frequently.

Resurfacing:

Verona Woods was built in 1984 and since then there has been very little maintenance of our City-owned streets, the occasional patching and tree root trimming was recently performed, which was much appreciated as roots had broken large swathes of road and raised up close to a foot in many areas. However, the overall deterioration, including potholes and cracks has steadily increased over the years resulting in standing water and dangerous conditions, a number of residents have experienced falls and damage. The city has come through on occasion and marked the streets for repair but then there is no followup and they continue to deteriorate. The standing water is a HUGE problem. For example after a rain I must go down the street to my neighbors driveway to be able to cross the street to go to another neighbors house as the water is so deep and wide along Via Verona and Genoa Way and lasts for hours. Nearly every home in the community experiences this same problem. And then there are the mosquitos...

In early 2019 we were informed that the City was in the process of updating its Pavement Condition Index (PCI), to prioritize streets by order of necessity. Given that our community hasn't been resurfaced in over 35 years, I would hope that it would be placed at or near the top of that priority list.

Reclaimed Water:

Several years ago, the City of Delray installed a reclaimed water main down the main street of our development (Via Verona) but did not provide access. Recently an additional reclaimed water main

was installed down Germantown Road, again no access was provided. An individual homeowner on Greenbriar may or may not have 'tapped' into this main with the assistance of workers while installing the water main line. This has not been confirmed. In the interim we have variously been told that we could 'tap' into this system for irrigation purposes. And we have been told that we cannot. We have also been told that the city was going to provide this access to all residents of the city.

As you are aware the utilization of reclaimed water saves not only the valuable resource, water, but the cost of filtration of potable water. An accurate and concise response, in addition to access to reclaimed water, on this matter would be greatly appreciated!

Respectfully,

Rhonda Bilut

847.370.1639

From: [Dr. Bettina Martinez Hackert](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Verona Woods Commentary for infrastructure hearing
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:59:00 AM

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To whom it may concern

This letter is written as an attempt to get the City of Delray's attention to address some long-standing issues in the Verona Woods neighborhood as a Public Comment for (4/19) Public Infrastructure Hearing.

Lighting Issue:

We live in Verona Woods which is on Germantown Road. Via Verona is the main entrance off Germantown Road into our development. The Association has installed and maintained lighting at the entrance to Verona Woods at the intersection of Germantown Road and Via Verona; however, on the east side of Via Verona as you travel to the back of the development, there is insufficient lighting.

- It is extremely dark along Via Verona all the way to the end. We NEED to have more lighting installed.
- Our HOA and individual residents have been asking the City for lighting improvements for years – as recently as Feb. 2021 FPL informed our HOA that Verona Woods is on the list to have the existing lights upgraded to LED (but it could take up to a year.)
- However, just upgrading the few existing lights we have is not enough, we need more lighting – just last summer several armed criminals parked on Via Verona (because it's completely unlit) and attempted to break into a house in Andover.
- Additionally, car break-ins have become a regular occurrence in our neighborhood and the frequency seems to be increasing. Several were reported in our neighborhood just this Easter Sunday. The pitch-black main street of our neighborhood obviously makes our neighborhood attractive to burglars.
- It's also an extremely unsafe conditions for pedestrians after sundown along Via Verona, due to the lack of lighting.
- Over the years, we've submitted multiple requests for additional streetlights with no action.
- It is imperative that the City of Delray Beach take action to address this dangerous condition in our neighborhood – a few streetlights are a modest investment to take a substantial liability off the City's books...and make the residents of Verona Woods safer.

Resurfacing Issue:

- Verona Woods was built in 1984 and since then there has been no maintenance of our City-owned streets – just a few patches that don't even address some of the most damaged areas.
- Our association has been begging the city to resurface our streets for years.
- There are massive potholes, cracks, and indentations that hold large amounts of standing water.
- City workers spray painted marks on the streets to indicate the broken asphalt, however it's been so long since the areas were marked, the spray paint has worn off and is no longer visible
- In the meantime, we've had a child wreck his bike due to the broken asphalt, as well as several other reported injuries.
- This is another dangerous condition in our neighborhood that we need the City's assistance to resolve.
- We were told in 2019 that the City is updating its Pavement Condition Index (PCI), to prioritize streets by order of necessity. Given that our neighborhood is relatively small and

hasn't been resurfaced in 37 years, it should be at the top of that priority list.

Reclaimed Water Issue:

- Several years ago, the City of Delray installed a reclaimed water main down the main street of our development (Via Verona.) Via Verona has four "t" streets that go to the west of the main street. The irrigation system for Verona Woods is from the reclaimed water.
- The City recently installed other reclaimed water mains on Germantown Road which parallels our development.
- Homeowners in Verona Woods were told by some of the workers that they had the ability to tie into the reclaimed water lines.
- Numerous homeowners have expressed an interest to tie into the reclaimed water lines.
- We should not be watering our lawns with potable water when reclaimed water is so close – this is poor water resource management and a waste of money for residents.
- Please assist us with this access.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Bettina Martinez-Hackert
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From: [Lonnie Schwimmer](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Verona Woods - Salerno Way
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:40:57 PM

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Hi There-

The city has done an amazing job in Downtown Delray but it is time some of the love comes our way, to the residents West of I95. Our streets in Verona Woods have never been repaved and are 37 years old. They are patched, dangerous and an eyesore.

Also, Old Germantown Road itself is becoming rundown and losing its charm. The road is bumpy and more importantly has recently become dangerous with people speeding.

Downtown is thriving, it is time the rest of the city is brought back to life. That includes our community.

We pay taxes as well.

Thank you,
Lonnie

Lonnie Schwimmer
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From: [arlene willman](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: City of Delray Infrastructure Hearing on April 19
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:57:23 PM

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I have been a resident of Verona Woods since its inception in 1991. My husband and I bought our lot and watched our house being built and moved in during May of 1992. Over the past 30 years, there has been very little maintenance done in our neighborhood. We have been severely overlooked by the City. Granted, we are a small community of only 42 homes, but nonetheless, we are residents of Delray Beach and should have our voices heard. Below is a list of times and items for which I personally have contacted the City.

CONTACTS WITH CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

December, 2018 - Notice to City about condition of streets and insufficient lighting.

No response

Various meetings 2019 - Homeowners attended at City Hall and verbally expressed concerns

March 25, 2019 Attended City Commission meeting and expressed Verona Woods concerns. the City "put us on the list for consideration" however, nothing was done

May 5, 2019 Expressed concern for need for street repaving – sunken areas in street collected water from reclaimed water flushing each night. Sent photos depicting problems.

July 14, 2019 I have personally attended several meetings. I had requested the website where we could check to see where Verona Woods was on the list of infrastructure jobs being done.

(No response)

August 5, 2020 - Reiterated how City workers marked problem places on our streets and sidewalks many months ago but never repaired. Marking paint had actually disappeared due to the length of time since it was applied.

Notice to city about broken pavement and child falling from his bicycle. Some of the broken pavement places have been repaired, but there are others which still need it.

August 11, 2020 - Notice to city about condition of streets/lighting – detailed how armed burglars used Via Verona to park their vehicle and cross bridge over to Andover in an attempt to break into a home in Andover.

Auto break-ins are a regular occurrence in our neighborhood. The only lighting on our streets is from those homeowners who have installed their own security lighting.

Late February, 2021, I spoke with FPL representative who says we are on the list to have lights on a City right-of-way area between Greenbrier Drive and Via Verona replaced with LED lights; however, it could take up to a year for this to be completed. There are only 5 poles with lights in that area.

PLEASE take into consideration some of the issues in our neighborhood.

Thank you.

Arlene Willman

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From: [Roxanne Cumberland](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Verona Woods
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:07:23 PM

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Hello,

I am a resident of Verona Woods. The City of Delray Beach is having an Infrastructure Hearing on April 19. There are three items of concern that need to be addressed:

1. Lighting: it is extremely dark along Via Verona all the way to the end. We need to have more lighting installed. In our neighborhood we have had several robberies. My neighbors are afraid to go out after dark
2. Streets: The streets need to be re-paved. We have been begging the city for years. There are potholes, crack and indentation that hold water.
3. Reclaimed water: We should be able to access the reclaimed water for our irrigation systems. The purple pipes are on Via Verona as well as Germantown Road. Potable water is a precious commodity.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to these matters,

Roxanne Cumberland
3030 Salerno Way
Delray Beach, FL 33445

From: [Sue Galmarini](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Verona woods streets and sidewalks
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:35:35 PM

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Hello,

We are writing this email regarding the streets and sidewalks in our neighborhood Verona Woods. We have lived in this community for 28 years and in the last few years have had many issues with pot holes as well as the large roots from trees lifting up the street causing hazards walking and biking. We also have several sidewalks that have been spray painted by the city over 6-8 months ago to be repaired and when I checked in to see why they never returned to repair them I was told there is no money for the concrete. These issues have become hazardous and really need to be addressed.

Another issue that we as a community have been requesting for years is getting more lighting down our main road Via Verona. It is extremely dark at night which is a safety issue. We are hoping that the city will come out and evaluate these issues and hopefully work on getting them resolved.

Thank you for your time
Randy and Sue Galmarini
2983 Calabria Way
Delray Beach

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Hiering](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:07:00 AM

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My name is Robert Hiering, 2961 San Remo Way, Delray Beach, Fl.

I would like to express my concerns on several items. The public sidewalk on the south side of Germantown Road is in terrible shape, it is a tripping hazard as it is falling apart in many places. This sidewalk should be replaced ASAP. Also as a resident of Verona Woods since 1996 the roadways in the community have never been repaved and are in desperate need of repaving.

Thank you
Robert Hiering

From: drrossdb@bellsouth.net
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Verona Woods subdivision streets are terrible
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:43:14 PM

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To the City Representatives,

I have lived in Verona Woods since December 1991, as I am the actual first resident of this community. With this stated, the streets have never been fully paved, only spots fixed like potholes. This is dangerous as well as impacts our community with value of our homes. The homes in this area are expensive, yet our streets are terrible. Prior to living here, I lived in Delray Oaks West, just around the corner and noticed this part of the city never receives quality attention. I have also complained for years about Germantown and SW 22nd Ave intersection for the high water level. I ride my bike every day and have to get off the sidewalk and into the dangerous street because of the water hazard. This is the same hazard for children walking to school, parents walking with their children and other individuals.

We need attention in this area please. We need our streets paved as well as better lighting. Our streets are not only terrible with wear but it is dark and with recent burglaries, we need lighted areas.

Thank you again for your time.

Dr. Ross

From: [Email](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: BPOA infrastructure submission
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:09:44 PM

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Hi there:

Wanted to make sure you got my prior email on what the Beach Property Owners Association submitted for capital projects on the Island. This is for the upcoming hearing on the 5 year plan.

Please let me know. I am happy to resend.

Ellen Dickson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [JENNIFER FREELAND](#)
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Delray Beach City Commission:

Please accept this email as public comment regarding the infrastructure plans for our city. I live in Verona Woods, just south of Old Germantown Road and have for over 30 years. Our community, through our HOA and individually, has communicated to the Commission several times over the past years for several issues. Unfortunately, these issues have been overlooked. We have gone far too long with the inadequate lighting, damaged pavement, and lack of access to reclaimed water.

Lighting Issue:

Our community has installed and maintained lighting at the entrance to Verona Woods at the intersection of Germantown Road and Via Verona; however, on the east side of Via Verona as you travel to the back of the development, there is insufficient lighting. The lack of lighting provides a pitch black opportunity and provides cover for burglars to break in to both our neighborhood and our neighbors in Andover, just to the east. Car break ins have become a regular occurrence here. In addition, the lack of lighting is unsafe for pedestrians entering our neighborhood from Old Germantown and along Via Verona. The city approved a sizable development on the old Office Depot location at the corner of Germantown and Congress that will add substantial traffic, access, and opportunity to our neighborhood. This is a dangerous condition that could be corrected with a small investment of street lights, money surely to be recouped from the new development just to our east.

Resurfacing Issue:

Another dangerous condition in our neighborhood that we need the City's assistance to resolve is the condition of our streets. The City is well aware of our issues as noted by the previous marking of the potholes, cracks, and indentations that hold water. Nothing was completed after the marking of the issues and injuries have resulted from the road conditions. During the pandemic, as we abided by quarantine at home, the walking areas in our neighborhood offered some respite and opportunity for exercise. The road conditions made this limited activity somewhat risky for children and adults to navigate. After 37 years of neglect, the City needs to prioritize our roads to prevent any further injuries and make our streets safe.

Reclaimed Water Issue:

Our neighborhood is very conscious of the water issues Florida, and specifically Delray Beach, are facing. Many in our neighborhood would welcome the opportunity to support water resource management by using reclaimed water as appropriate. The City has already upgraded the reclaimed water lines in our neighborhood and along Old Germantown Road, and the residents dealt with the significant disruption to our traffic and multiple disruptions to the entrance to our development. Now that these lines are complete, we need individual access to those lines to supply the reclaimed water for lawn maintenance to save the potable water. This is a win win project for the neighborhood and for the City. Please assist us with this access.

Thank you for considering these requests and listening to my concerns.



Jennifer Freeland

2940 Salerno Way

Delray Beach, FL 33445

From: [Karen Dunning](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Delray Infrastructure
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 5:21:08 PM

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Delray Beach City Commission:

Please accept this email as public comment regarding the infrastructure plans for our city. I am a long time resident of Delray Beach, owning three separate homes over the last 40 years. Currently, I live in Verona Woods, just south of Germantown Road. This is a great neighborhood with civic pride and service. Over the years, I have attended City Council meetings for several issues dealing with our community along Germantown and unfortunately, none of the issues were addressed by my elected officials. I sincerely hope that this time will be different. Our community needs lights, the roads paved, and access to reclaimed water. Please stop overlooking us.

Lights:

The lights along the entry street to our community, Via Verona are totally inadequate. We (the HOA) takes care of the lights on Germantown, but from there to the last street is almost totally dark. Specifically, there was an incident where a burglar parked in the dark of our street and broke into the neighbors in Andover. It was safe for the thieves because no one could see the parked car. Also, anyone who has to leave a car in the driveway is a sitting duck for a vehicle break-in. This has happened frequently. Anyone walking a dog at night is in a risky situation if someone was looking for easy prey. Safety is a real issue with this and it seems that this is not a great cost issue.

Roads:

Our streets are in terrible condition with potholes, cracks, and dips where the rain water collects. These streets have not had any attention since 1992 when I moved in. There was a moment of hope when the City marked the spots that needed repair but nothing ever happened. This is also a safety issue for the children who ride bikes and the adults who walk in the community. Even though we are a small community, we pay taxes and the City needs to put our streets at the top of the list and make them safe.

Reclaimed Water

Water is a very important issue for everyone, especially in Delray Beach. Work with our community to get access for the residents to connect to the already existing reclaimed water pipes on Germantown and in our community. Climate change is real! We need to protect our drinking water. Using the reclaimed water for other purposes like irrigation would help with water conservation. This is an issue that can help the entire city, we want to cooperate to address environmental issues. This is a good way to begin.

Once again, I'm working to have my voice heard in our local governance. Please don't ignore me again.

Karen Dunning
2940 Salerno Way
Delray Beach, FL 33445

From: [Terrie Irwin](#)
To: [PZmail](#)
Subject: Upcoming infrastructure hearing/Verona Woods Resident
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:55:28 PM

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Delray Beach City Commission:

I am a resident of Verona Woods (off Germantown Road) and I'm writing with some concerns that I am hopeful the city will address.

1. **Lighting:** Our community is in desperate need of more lighting. The community has installed lighting at our front entrance on Germantown Road & Via Verona but our entry road (Via Verona) leading to the 4 streets of our community has extremely poor lighting. We badly need not only upgraded lighting but **additional** lighting along the length of the street for safety and security. I live on the corner of Via Verona & Genoa Way (the last street) and despite what landscape lighting I have installed, the corner is dangerously dark, we had a situation not long ago where a vehicle parked at the dark corner and individuals crossed the canal behind my house to access the adjacent community of Andover and an attempted burglary ensued. Despite multiple requests over the years we continue to struggle with the lack of adequate lighting and we recently once again experienced more attempted car break-ins in the community. Our lighting issue has been neglected for far too long, the darkness makes us extremely vulnerable and it is time for the city to address the issue and make our community safer.

2. **Streets:** Verona Woods was built in the mid-80's. Our roads have been patched and repaired, but they have never been re-surfaced, that's a lot of years! They are long over due for proper attention. The patch and repair jobs are no longer the answer. We are a family community with children and families on bikes, people walking with strollers and pets, and cracks, potholes and sinking areas are unacceptable and dangerous. It is time for the City to do a proper job of re-surfacing our roads before more safety issues happen. We have been more than patient with requests to the city on this issue and it's time for our roads to be done!

I appreciate the opportunity to bring these issues to the attention of the City Commission, and I hope you will appreciate our concerns in keeping our community safe.

Thank you,

Terrie Irwin