

1 **LELY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
2 **NAPLES, FLORIDA**
3 Workshop Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
4 January 17, 2024

5 A workshop meeting of the Lely Community Development District Board of Supervisors
6 was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the LCDD Maintenance
7 Building, Naples, Florida.

8 **SUPERVISORS PRESENT**

9 William Lee, Chair

10 Gerry Campkin, Treasurer

11 Anne Marie Bularzik, Secretary

12 Kenneth Drum

13 **ALSO PRESENT**

14 Neil Dorrill, Manager, Dorrill Management Group

15 Kevin Carter, Operations Manager

16 Tony Pires, District Counsel

17 Freddie Bowers, Director of Community Patrol

18 Christopher Dorrill, Field Manager

19 **WORKSHOP - LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS**

20 This landscape enhancement work typically represented canopy trees in the last two
21 phases. This is phase three. The first phase was along the Boulevard, the second
22 phase was along Celeste. The intent of the workshop today is to highlight areas on the
23 Boulevard that were passed over in the first go-around and any additional areas that the
24 Board may desire. The landscape architect for the community is Ellin Goetz. She is an
25 award-winning landscape architect who was instrumental in the creation of the Naples
26 Botanical Garden.

27 One of the historical problems of the Boulevard is the width of it. There is a lot of grass
28 in that area and a subsurface soil condition that tends to hold a lot of water. As a result,

1 there have been areas of sod and the original canopy oak trees that have not as done
2 well as they should have because of the accumulation of ground water.

3 Mr. Carter said that when they did some replanting after Hurricane Irma along Lely
4 Resort Boulevard there were two center medians that were kept wide open as a vista;
5 they did not get any trees. The first median is basically between Mustang Dr to Indian
6 Wells (just has the existing oak trees) and the second is from Indians Wells to Falcons
7 Glenn. They are two adjacent center medians that did not get anything planted
8 according to Ms. Goetz's planting plans that the Board approved in the past. She has
9 given them ideas of what to place in there now.

10 For the first one, Ms. Goetz suggested four canopy trees. For the second one she
11 recommended planting six canopy trees along with smaller trees. Ms. Goetz came out
12 and evaluated what trees seem to do the best in the area. Mr. Carter said they have had
13 some issues with the smaller trees. Many tend to blow or lean when there are high
14 winds or storms. He said they still have straps on ones that were planted five years ago.
15 The most favored canopy tree was found to be the Royal Poinciana. Mr. Carter said that
16 one of them in each of those medians would look great. He noted that Ms. Goetz is a
17 big advocate for the Gumbo Limbo tree as a secondary canopy tree in the medians. If
18 they are going to accent with smaller trees the ones that have done the best are the
19 ligustrum trees. Mr. Carter said the silver buttonwood trees look very similar to the
20 ligustrum. Those were the suggestions from Ms. Goetz for those two medians. Mr.
21 Carter said if there are any other medians on Lely Resort Blvd that are getting a lot of
22 wind and the trees are constantly having to be trimmed back, it would be a good idea to
23 consider replacing them with the ligustrum or silver buttonwood trees.

24 Mr. Carter said a lot of the trees that have been planted have not flourished because of
25 the soil. He said some of them have not grown to the level they would like to see after
26 five years. Ms. Goetz did a small, ancillary study with reasons why/what may be wrong.
27 In the past it was determined that there are drainage issues because of the lime rock
28 soil. Ms. Goetz is recommending that to plant the new trees, they need to go about six
29 feet deep and add in 57 stone to help it drain. The 57 stone would then be covered with
30 topsoil. Ms. Goetz provided a planting plan that the landscaper would use to plant these
31 new trees. The live oaks that are in the medians will be left alone. Mr. Dorrill said there
32 is enough area in the center medians that they do not encounter the issues that the
33 single-family neighborhoods may with those trees (driveway and sidewalk root
34 upheaval).

1 \$42,000 was put in the budget in anticipation of this work. There are more than
2 adequate additional reserves if needed. Mr. Dorrill thinks Ms. Goetz should be asked
3 about recommendations for container size. Mr. Drum asked if anything was going to be
4 done on Triangle Boulevard. He said that he thinks the traffic loop is great on that street,
5 but he said all you see is the traffic. He said right now it is bare, but he is not sure how
6 much landscaping you could add without blocking sight lines and such. Mr. Lee said
7 that was all dictated by the County. The CDD is only going to maintain what is there
8 right now.

9 Mr. Dorrill said that the next step is to tell Ms. Goetz they like her suggestions and ask
10 her to prepare technical specifications to describe the planting concepts and container
11 size/field grown product. Mr. Dorrill may ask Ms. Goetz to coordinate the solicitation of
12 bids/proposals and bring them back perhaps as early as next month for discussion at
13 the regular meeting. Ms. Goetz will be at that meeting to make the recommendation.

14 Dr. Bularzik asked if there is any impact or issues with Lely Master Association. Mr.
15 Dorrill said that this is all County property so architectural controls would not come into
16 play here. Mr. Drum asked about the Queen Palms on Celeste that were lost. Ms. Goetz
17 is not a fan of Queen Palms. Mr. Dorrill shared that they have not been replanted
18 because they are very susceptible to tropical storm force winds and are magnets for a
19 contagious fungal disease. They are not native and are very diseased prone. Mr. Drum
20 asked how the Foxtail Palms are doing. Mr. Carter said they are doing well. Mr. Dorrill
21 said they will have Ms. Goetz onsite to look this month and see if any areas warrant the
22 Board's consideration for enhancement that can then be budgeted for next fiscal year.