10:00 A. M. 9. Continuation of a discussion regarding proposed shared use path along Dunlop Road and Wooster Lane from Sanibel Library to Palm Ridge Road (Construction of shared use path along Periwinkle Way from crosswalk at St. Michael's Church to Dunlop Road and along Dunlop Road from Periwinkle Way to Sanibel Library approved by Council at the January 4, 2011 meeting)

c. Review of options for shared use path location/alignment from City Hall to Wooster Lane curve

Shared Use Path

Correspondence

After

February 1, 2011

Carol J. Reed

From: islanddream95@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 1:00 PM
To: sancouncil; Judie A. Zimomra
Subject: wooster/dunlop vegetation islands
Attachments: mayor wooster.doc

Judy,

Attached please find my letter to council, identified and dated.

Please let me know if you have any trouble downloading it.

Gloria

Carol J. Reed

From: Ann Talcott [atalcott@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 11:40 AM
To: sancouncil
Subject: Dunlop Rd bike path

Dear Council members,

Dunlop Road is one of he most attractive on the Island. Its native plants provide habitat for wildlife. I oppose taking the risk of destroying the magic of this space.

There are other places where bike path money would be much better spent. One of these is the section of Bowmans Beach Road between SanCap Road and the beach parking lot. Bikers, and walkers, using this stretch are exposed to danger from sometimes fast moving auto traffic.

Another need is to fill the gap between the end of the SanCap bike path and the Blind Pass bridge.

Please direct this money to other biking projects.

Sincerely,

Ann Talcott

To: Sanibel City Council
From: Gloria A. Hannan
Re: Dunlop/ Wooster vegetation islands and road change
Date: 2/22/11

WHY? Why change this road and destroy the vegetation islands?

There is NO safety issue with present road!
Lee County Department of Transportation Traffic engineer:

> **F** rating of a road has to do with capacity of road, level of service, delay – not safety.
> **Periwinkle Way is an F.**
> "No safety issues on Sanibel"

Only bicycle death I know of was in 1997 on the bike path, riding with the Bike Club.

Does vegetation not count? Why is there a vegetation Committee? Why am I on it?

All proposed changes should be staked and taped so that citizenry can actually see how drastic this project is and how much vegetation will be destroyed.

Do only gopher tortoises count?
We have a flock of ibis that can be seen daily "in the box"

Unnecessary expense

> A shared use path will be built from Periwinkle to the Library; City Hall & BIG Arts can be accessed from there by the internal road system.
> There is no need for this to be a circuit.
>
> I can and do walk to the Library, Council meetings, Chorus using the interior pathways at BIG Arts, City Hall and the Library.

Impact of proposed roadway change on Lake Palms Condominiums of which CHR/City of Sanibel owns 4 units:

Decreased property values
> Roadway closer to property
> Increased traffic
> Increased noise
> Increased speed

Closer to CHR
> Change in roadway will bring it closer to CHR units - Increased noise

Driveway danger
> Change in roadway will allow for increase in speed making exiting and entering driveways at both Lake Palms and Mahogany Way more dangerous

Increased speed & traffic
> Wooster and Dunlop islands act as traffic calming devices
> Straighter roads yield more speed & more traffic –> more noise

More attractive short cut from Periwinkle to Palm Ridge due to straightening
> Increased traffic
> Increased noise
> Increased speed

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> Sender name:
> Ralph Clark for Chuck Bonser and the BIG ARTS Board
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>
> We believe this approach will greatly improve the beauty and functionality of the Boler Garden and entrance to BIG ARTS and would greatly appreciate your support for this effort.
>
> Email:
> rclark50123@comcast.net

Carol J. Reed

From: noreply@mysanibel.com
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2011 4:57 PM
To: sancouncil
Subject: Collected information from Contact City Council

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Michael Hannan
Subject:
Proposed Shared-use Path
Message:

February 21, 2011

Dear City Council:

Given Council's decision at its January 4th meeting, I had hoped that the proposal of constructing a shared-use path through the Dunlop-Wooster corridor had been shelved indefinitely. However, since it has been resurrected and since I am unable to attend the March 1st meeting, I am again writing to you to voice my concerns especially with regard to Sanibel's environment and the Lake Palms Condominium Association. I am also including my original e-mail as well.

A clarification on Chief Tomlinson's saying that the Dunlop-Wooster corridor way rated "F" because of safety. According to a traffic engineer at the Lee County Department of Transportation, the "F" designation has to do with "delay" as in "more demand than capacity," not with "safety." He added that there are "no safety issues on Sanibel roads, and that in fact Periwinkle Way is also rated 'F' for the very same reason."

So, reconfiguring the Dunlop-Wooster corridor and thus making it more attractive as a shortcut to Palm Ridge Rd., will only add to the volume of an already overburdened road.

As for safety as it relates to shared-use paths: I've been hit three times on the various island shared-use paths by cycling tourists. Two of those incidents were recorded by the police department, as I was, in both cases, knocked forcibly off my bike to the pavement. In all three cases, the people who ran into me were facing me and crossed over into my lane, even though I was in plain sight.

Accordingly, I would recommend that instead of spending $400,000 for a shared-use path that will be less than .6 miles in length, some of that money might be better spent on measures promoting safety such as the recent center-lining of the curves on the existing paths and the safety tips that are now affixed to each public bike rack.

For better or worse Hurricane Charlie destroyed the canopy on Periwinkle Way. That canopy was in many ways more a signature of the island than is the lighthouse.

Currently, I believe there are only three public streets that have vegetated islands: the far east-end of Periwinkle Way, Lindgren Blvd., and

the Dunlop-Wooster corridor; only the Wooster island forms a canopy. Both Periwinkle's and Lindgren's islands have been heavily landscaped and look it, and while the Dunlop islands have also had some landscaping – mostly to replace the damage caused by Hurricane Charlie – the Dunlop-Wooster corridor islands are by far Sanibel's most natural, creating an appropriate – especially in light of the Sanibel Vision Statement – ambiance for the city center.

If you want to see how devastated those islands will be, stake out the measured changes – those required by code and practicality, as opposed to some theoretical proposal – that will have to be made to accommodate the various options.

Advocates for the proposed shared-use path have argued that it offers:

- Safety (already refuted, first by the Police Chief's own statement that there has never been a bike-car or person-car accident on that route, and second by the traffic engineer from the Lee County D.O.T.; and
- Convenient pedestrian and cycling access to the library, City Hall, and BIG Arts. Currently, those three locations provide 52 parking spaces (slots) for bicycles. Last Thursday I counted them and the number of bikes at each location: BIG Arts – 13 slots, 1 bike; City Hall – 13 slots, 0 bikes; the library – 26 slots, 6 bikes. I go to the library on average 3 times a week – frequently riding my bike – and I have yet to find the bike racks full. I have been doing this for more than 10 years now.

The notion of build it and they will come may work for baseball in Iowa, but it doesn't work for bicycles on Sanibel. I go to the Rec. Center 3 times a week and I have yet to find the bike racks full. The Rec. Center can accommodate 44 bikes; last Thursday, they held 4.

Weighed against two hollow sentiments are:

- Destruction of native habitat (inconsistent with both the Sanibel Vision Statement and the Sanibel Plan);
- Destruction of a quiet ambiance;
- Increase of traffic to an already officially over burdened road;
- Decrease of safety through additional traffic and crossovers;
- Reduction of property values of a $3.4 million property (Lake Palms), caused by increased traffic (two-way traffic on our side now) and the reduction/removal of vegetated island and verges.

Keep in mind that I am one of the most avid cyclists on this island, riding on average 150 miles a week. However, when I calculated a cost/benefit analysis, putting a shared-use path through the Dunlop-Wooster corridor makes no sense: not on a financial basis, not on a safety

basis, not on convenience basis, not on an aesthetic basis, and certainly not on an environmental basis.

Is there some other reason?

Sincerely,

Michael Hannan
Board President
Lake Palms Condominium Association
395-2245

December 3, 2010

City Council:

Rather than wait until the end of this letter, I thought I'd introduce myself up front so you'll understand my perspective. I'm a ten-year, year-round Sanibel resident and Board President of the Lake Palms Condominium Association. I'm also an avid cyclist who averages approximately 150 miles a week riding all over the Island.

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- Spending $400,000 dollars creating a new shared-use path given the general condition of the existing, shared-use paths on the Island (many of which I avoid using – riding on the road instead – because of their poor condition);
- Lowering the already much reduced property values (because of the economy) of the Lake Palms Condominium Association by replacing verge with blacktop leading to an increase of traffic noise and increased traffic;
- Removing large portions of the divider islands; blacktop where now stands native vegetation doesn't seem consistent with the Sanibel Plan;
- Necessitating cutting down recently city-planted vegetation; and

- Reconfiguring the road, making it an appealing alternative for those traveling up-island, especially on those many occasions when either the theater is in cession or the Community House or the adjacent park is the venue site for various Island functions, compromising what is currently (and has been for the ten years I've lived here) a nice quiet area, where gopher tortoises and ibis are currently abundant.

As an alternative – if there must be one – consider extending the path in front of the theater to run up the west side of Dunlop Road around the bend where it will end at a marked crosswalk to the Library, which already has direct access to City Hall, the two most likely destinations of bike and pedestrian traffic.

While this would still require cyclists and pedestrians to use the existing roadway beyond City Hall, it is a small price to pay for not reducing our already beleaguered property values, saving native flora and fauna, and maintaining a quiet spot on the Island.

Sincerely,

Michael Hannan
Board President
Lake Palms Condominium Association
395-2245

Email:
mphdoc@centurylink.net

Shared Use Path

Correspondence

Prior to

February 1, 2011

P.O. Box 88
Sanibel, FL 33957

RECEIVED BY
11 JAN 28 AM 9: 29
CITY OF SANIBEL
ADMIN./LEGIS.

January 27, 2011

To the Sanibel City Council:

On Tuesday, the board of BIG ARTS formally endorsed Option 4 of the proposed Dunlop extension of the shared use path from Palm Ridge to the library. The Bike Club has, of course, already expressed its favor of this option. The Committee of the Islands' board of directors would like to join BIG ARTS and the Bike Club in supporting this option, and to communicate to you our strong endorsement of Option 4 as presented by the Planning Department.

Sincerely,

Barbara Joy Cooley, president
Committee of the Islands

Cc: Sanibel Bike Club
BIG ARTS

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11 JAN 27 AM 9:48
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Sanibel Bicycle Club

P.O Box 951, Sanibel Island, Florida
Sanibelbicycleclub.org

January 26, 2011

Mayor Kevin Ruane
Vice Mayor Mick Denham
Councilman Marty Harrity
Councilman Jim Jennings
Councilman Peter Pappas

Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Sanibel Bicycle Club, Inc. have been in conversation with the Board of Big Arts. Both of our organizations were disappointed by the failure of Council to agree on one of the "options" that had been presented by City Staff relating to the construction of shared use path in the vicinity of BIG ARTS and City Hall on Dunlop Road and Wooster Lane.

We agree with Police Chief Tomlinson that the present Dunlop/Wooster roadway is, at a minimum, "potentially unsafe." We believe that for the safety of our respective memberships, other citizens and visitors to Sanibel the proposed path should be constructed along the entire length of Wooster and Dunlop, without delay.

Accordingly, we wish to advise you that we are prepared to offer our unqualified support for the Option Four as originally proposed by City Staff.

While features of some of the other options remain ideal to some of our members, Option Four achieves the principal objective of safely separating bicycle and pedestrian users from automotive traffic and accomplishes the secondary objective of parking interconnectivity.

Our paramount interest is safety, for our members, our citizens and the public. The community needs this new shared use path and needs it completed as soon as possible.

We ask you to reconsider this issue and support the construction of the entire Dunlop/Wooster path using Option Four. Please let us know if there is anything else that you need from us to move this forward.

Thank you.

Mary Miller

Mary Miller, President
Sanibel Bicycle Club

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11 JAN 26 PM 1:07
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January 25, 2011

Ms. Judie Zimomra
City Manager
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Dear Judie,

I am writing to inform you that the BIG ARTS Board of Directors met this morning, and, among other agenda items, considered the issues surrounding the alternatives for completing the second phase of the shared use bike path along Dunlop Road. Our Board voted unanimously in support of choosing Option 4 of the alternatives developed by the City. We do request that BIG ARTS would be able to work with the city to incorporate the connectivity path into our landscape plan.

I would be grateful if you would communicate our decision to the members of the City Council. Thanks very much. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cordially,

Charles F. Bonser
President
BIG ARTS

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Carol J. Reed

From: cshell art [cshellart@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 02, 2011 12:55 AM
To: sancouncil
Subject: proposed dunlop road shared use path
Attachments: gopher tortoise run over by car.JPG; gopher tortoise run over by car2.JPG

good morning -
attached are photos of a gopher tortoise who was run over on 11/30/10 ***in a parking lot on sanibel***. she was the largest gopher tortoise crow staff had ever admitted - close to 17 pounds - and they estimated she was about 80 years old. sadly, her carapace and internal organs were so severely damaged the only thing crow veterinarians could do was put her out of her pain.
this is a graphic example of how tortoises suffer from interactions with automobiles . . . .
it's my impression that the city is planning to add a shared use path to dunlop road for the express purpose of ***improving safety*** for bicyclers and pedestrians who use that area - and for the wild animals who live there. accordingly, i urge you to support option #3, which is endorsed by all city department heads; separates bicyclers, pedestrians and wildlife from automotive traffic; eliminates the necessity for path users to cross a number of busy driveways; and preserves the existing median and traffic-calming curves.
to the best of my knowledge, crow has never had to treat a gopher tortoise who interacted with a bicycler or pedestrian. in fact, i've observed bikers, walkers, etc., stop in their tracks when they see a gopher tortoise, gaze upon the creature with awe and reverence, and whip out their cameras for this special photo opp . . . .
it would be criminal to add an additional lane of automobile traffic next to gopher tortoise habitat along dunlop road, especially now that the level of activity along that road has increased dramatically. gopher tortoises are a protected species - residents of a sanctuary island are especially beholden to safeguard them.
thank you for voting for option #3 of the proposed dunlop road shared use path - claudia burns, sanibel resident, a.a.r.a.

Carol J. Reed

From: maverick21150@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, January 02, 2011 10:31 AM
To: sancouncil
Subject: Shared Use Path - Dunlop

Dear Sanibel Council Members,
I am writing to urge you to vote yes on option #3 for the proposed Dunlop Road shared use path this week.

Having just visited the Farmer's Market today by bicycle, I can say that it was scary for me and my friend, as the cars came perilously close to us and made for a dangerous situation. I use the shared use paths on a regular basis to ride my bicycle, and I absolutely love what they do in allowing people to enjoy the island and wildlife that surrounds them in a much safer environment. With the library, city hall, historical museum and Big Arts along Dunlop road, it only makes sense to have a shared use path in this area, ultimately improving safety. A path will also encourage people new to this area or visiting the island to take this route and discover the library and the historical museum which they probably would have never found had there not been a path. It is also my understanding that there are a number of gopher tortoises living along Dunlop road. As we all know, they are not fast moving creatures. By allowing a shared use path, this will give them one more opportunity for a pedestrian or biker to warn oncoming traffic of their existence on the road and hopefully save them from being hit by an automobile.

Thanks so much for the work and service you give to our island community as a member of the Council. I hope you will consider voting Yes to putting a shared use path along Dunlop Road.

Birgie Vertesch
239-395-5358

Carol J. Reed

From: armand ball - alphaball%40comcast.net [alphaball@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 02, 2011 11:06 AM
To: sancouncil
Subject: Dunlop Road Revisions

Dear Friends:

Having read all of the material related to the Dunlop Road revisions, I would like to urge you to adopt
Option #3. This appears to remove traffic further from the wildlife area we are trying to protect and
does not add as much additional paving.

This road has always been a scenic, relatively quiet area friendly to the wildlife nearby -- - let's not
make it another Periwinkle Way.

Thank you.

Armand Ball

Carol J. Reed

From: Carol Strange [carol@seashells.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 02, 2011 8:25 PM
To: sancouncil
Subject: bike path

#3 seems like the best option, inconveniencing least and will be a big improvement enjoyed by many.
Thanks

Carol Strange

Carol J. Reed

From: Linda Jennings [ljennings@caci.com]
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 10:25 AM
To: sancouncil
Subject: Support Option #3

Council Members,

I urge you to support option #3, which is endorsed by all city department heads. This Option separates bicyclers, pedestrians and wildlife from automotive traffic; eliminates the necessity for path users to cross a number of busy driveways; and preserves the existing median and traffic-calming curves. This is necessary particularly in light of the gopher tortoise killer there recently.

Sincerely,

Linda Jennings
1398 Middle Gulf Dr.
Sanibel, FL 33957

Carol J. Reed

From: Karen [krichards2@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 11:47 AM
To: sancouncil
Subject: vote

Please vote for option #3 on the issue of the shared use path on Dunlap Road.

Thank you.
Karen Richards

Carol J. Reed

From: Judith Louis [jclouis@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 12:21 PM
To: sancouncil
Subject: vote for option #3

I received a photo of an unjured gopher tortoise that had been hit in a Sanibel parking lot.The picture was graphic and horrible,and the person who did it should be ashamed.We need to protect our wildlife more effectively.Please vote for option #3 tomorrow.

Thank you,
Judith S Louis
4779 Rue Helene

Carol J. Reed

From: warbaby1943@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 2:20 PM
To: sancouncil
Subject: Suggestions

I will not be able to attend the next several Sanibel City Council meetings but offer two suggestions:

1. I think that there should be a bike/pedestrian path along Dunlop Road up to the Library, City Hall, and Big Arts, and if possible beyond along Wooster Lane to Palm Ridge Road. One of the hallmarks of Sanibel---which I very much appreciate---is that it is a very bike and pedestrian friendly island, but it is odd when you think about it that there is no bike/pedestrian path to the Library, City Hall, and Big Arts, places I and many others visit almost every day on foot or by bike. As it is now, pedestrians and cyclists must share the road (there are no shoulders) with cars and trucks, which sometimes make room but sometimes not.

2. I think there should be some attractive trash receptacles along the bike/pedestrian path of Periwinkle Way.
I often pick up trash that I see but am forced to carry it to the house. There is one not very attractive, mounted trash barrel between Casa Ybel and Donax, but that is all. Much of the trash appears to be inadvertent droppings from store and restaurant customers.

If City Council believes either of these ideas are feasible and worthwhile, I will pledge $1,000 towards either or both, as I believe that to the extent possible people should put some money where their mouth is.

Thanks for your consideration. (Keep up your good work.)

John Clark
1942 Roseate Lane
Sanibel, FL 33957
804-350-8576
Warbaby1943@comcast.net

Carol J. Reed

From: Judie A. Zimomra
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2010 5:04 PM
To: 'pennywilkinson1@gmail.com'
Cc: Pamela Smith; sancouncil; 'KBRSR@comcast.net'; 'MickDenham@aol.com'; 'mharrity@aol.com'; 'jenna6596@embarqmail.com'; san.dir
Subject: Re: Withdraw Option 5 from Agenda Item 7b

City hall closed today, we will post your request to withdraw 5 and add 6 on monday

----- Original Message -----
From: Penny Wilkinson <pennywilkinson1@gmail.com>
To: Judie A. Zimomra
Cc: Bonser, Chuck <bonser@indiana.edu>; Boehning, Richard <richardboehning@aol.com>; Baum, Judy J. <jj2727rb@aol.com>; Clark, Ralph <rclark50123@comcast.net>; Harder, Lee Ellen <LHarder@bigarts.org>
Sent: Fri Dec 31 16:46:55 2010
Subject: Re: Withdraw Option 5 from Agenda Item 7b

Judie -

To clarify my earlier email about withdrawing Option 5, BIG ARTS still wishes to have Option 6 on the agenda.

Before noon Thursday, December 30, I hand-delivered the revised BIG ARTS Recommendations and Drawing for Option 6 that we discussed in meeting with Staff on Wednesday. The revised documents have not been posted yet; I assume they will be posted first thing Monday morning.

Thanks again.

Penny Wilkinson

On Fri, Dec 31, 2010 at 11:57 AM, Penny Wilkinson <pennywilkinson1@gmail.com> wrote:

Judie -

BIG ARTS requests that Option 5 be withdrawn from Agenda Item #7b regarding the proposed Shared Use Path scheduled under Old Business at next Tuesday's City Council meeting, January 4, 2011.

Thank you,

Penny Wilkinson

BIG ARTS Facilities Committee Chair

Carol J. Reed

From: Judie A. Zimomra

Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2010 11:23 AM

To: Bill E. Tomlinson; Chuck Bonser, BIG Arts; Dick Boehning, BIG Arts; Gates Castle; Jimmy Jordan; Judie A. Zimomra; Judy Baum, BIG Arts; Lee Ellen Harder, BIG Arts; Penny Wilkinson, BIG Arts; Ralph Clark, BIG Arts; Rob Loflin

Cc: sancouncil; 'KBRSR@comcast.net'; 'MickDenham@aol.com'; 'mharrity@aol.com'; 'Jim Jennings'

Subject: FW: Dead Trees in Front of Historic Village Parking Lot

Please find a report from Public Works Director Gates Castle regarding the trees removed along Dunlop Road. No trees have been removed in anticipation on the construction of the Shared Use Path Project.

Please contact me if you have follow-up questions.

Judie Zimomra
Sanibel City Manager

From: Gates Castle
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 11:34 AM
To: Judie A. Zimomra
Subject: Dead Trees in Front of Historic Village Parking Lot

Judie

The City's contractor cut down several dead trees in front of the Historic Village parking lot including 1 palm, 1 Gumbo Limbo and 2 Strangler Figs. The stump of one of the figs was left because the contractor said that one side of the trunk had some life and thought it might re- sprout. Only dead material was removed.

Gates

Carol J. Reed

From: islanddream95@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 3:49 PM
To: sancouncil
Subject: Wooster de-vegetation

"They paved paradise and put up a parking lot..."

One role of local government is to protect property values and quality of life. I feel both my property value and quality of life are under siege.

First there was the town center fantasy with suggestions such as:
increase density, re-route Periwinkle across Dunlop/Wooster or make it one-way. Now there is the "shared use" extension along Wooster. I vehemently object to the options that would decrease the already minuscule vegetation island on Wooster, which serves as a traffic calming device, to an insignificant sliver and put the two lanes of traffic on one side – even closer to our property at Lake Palms Condominiums. Is this for pedestrian/cyclist safety or the convenience of drivers so they can drive faster and not be cautious? I maintain the latter. I maintain that these options will result in faster vehicular speeds, increased noise and traffic. The Wooster/Dunlop route will then become a cut-off from Periwinkle to Palm Ridge all resulting in decreased property value and quality of life. Please could I live in peace? Why is a complete circuit needed? The only access needed is to the Library, after that there is an inner connection to City Hall and Big Arts.

Why are you proposing to spend this money when the rest of the "shared use" path is in such need of upgrading and resurfacing – the city obviously has neither the money nor personnel to keep it in good condition. There are lumps and bumps and water catching depressions, scars from debris removal machines after Charley. There are utility covers to avoid, in addition to vehicles often parked on the path.
Roads have been re-surfaced, but not the "shared use" path. If the response is that Lee County does the roads that just re-enforces my point – we don't have the funds to maintain what we now have. Many cyclists take to the road to avoid the "hemorrhoid" path. The path north of Wulfert Road is particularly woeful. Public Works does a great job, but it's obvious they just don't have the funds.

Regretfully, a long standing doctor's appointment necessitated my missing the Council meeting on this subject.

Respectfully,
Gloria Hannan

"They paved paradise and put up a parking lot, With a pink hotel, a boutique, And a swinging hot spot.
Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got till it's gone?
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

They took all the trees and put them in a tree museum.

And they charged all the people

A dollar and a half just to see 'em.

Don't it always seem to go

That you don't know what you've got till it's gone?

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

Carol J. Reed

From: Judie A. Zimomra
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 12:50 PM
To: 'mphdoc@centurylink.net'
Cc: 'Tom Sharbaugh'; Patti Sousa; 'millerlawfl@earthlink.net'; judy baum; 'bonser@indiana.edu'; sancouncil; 'KBRSR@comcast.net'; 'MickDenham@aol.com'; 'mharrity@aol.com'; 'Jim Jennings'; Bill E. Tomlinson; Jimmy Jordan; Gates Castle; Rob Loflin
Subject: FW: Collected information from Contact the City

Dear Mr. Hannon - On behalf of the Sanibel City Council, thank you for your email regarding the alignment of the proposed Shared Use Path along Dunlop & Wooster Roads. You email has been received by each member of City Council as well as the respective Staff & organizations.

Again, thank you for taking time to provided your input. It is rewarding to work in a community where citizens take the time to sharing their thoughts with the elected officials.

Judie Zimomra,
Sanibel City Manager

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Message:

December 3, 2010

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Given the reaction that the Town Square project received, I'm at a loss to understand the motivation for proposing a new shared-use path through Wooster Lane and Dunlop Road. My confusion and frustration stems from the following:

- Spending $400,000 dollars creating a new shared-use path given the general condition of the existing, shared-use paths on the Island (many of which I avoid using – riding on the road instead – because of their poor condition);
- Lowering the already much reduced property values (because of the economy) of the Lake Palms Condominium Association by replacing verge with blacktop leading to an increase of traffic noise and increased traffic;
- Removing large portions of the divider islands; blacktop where now stands native vegetation doesn't seem consistent with the Sanibel Plan;

- Necessitating cutting down recently city-planted vegetation; and
- Reconfiguring the road, making it an appealing alternative for those traveling up-island, especially on those many occasions when either the theater is in cession or the Community House or the adjacent park is the venue site for various Island functions, compromising what is currently (and has been for the ten years I've lived here) a nice quiet area, where gopher tortoises and ibis are currently abundant.

As an alternative – if there must be one – consider extending the path in front of the theater to run up the west side of Dunlop Road around the bend where it will end at a marked crosswalk to the Library, which already has direct access to City Hall, the two most likely destinations of bike and pedestrian traffic.

While this would still require cyclists and pedestrians to use the existing roadway beyond City Hall, it is a small price to pay for not reducing our already beleaguered property values, saving native flora and fauna, and maintaining a quiet spot on the Island.

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