

APPROVED in Open Session

Manatee County Board of County
Commissioners

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
Patricia M. Glass Commission Chambers, First Floor
9:00 a.m. - December 18, 2018

December 18, 2018 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #8

12/18/18

Subject

Citizen Comments

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Action Requested

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

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From: Jim hamilton floridafreebird@gmail.com
Subject: My Post from Nextdoor
Date: December 11, 2018 at 4:12 PM
To: debi.k.clark54@gmail.com



Andrew Hamilton

, Pine Meadow

NW Bradenton Road Improvements - Robinson Preserve Traffic

I recently sent the following email to our county commissioners. If you agree please contact them as well. Dear Manatee County Commissioners, First of all let me thank current and former country commissioners who were instrumental in the establishment of Robinson Preserve and its forthcoming expansion. It is a cherished place for our community. However I would like to request that the Manatee Country commissioners address the lack of road improvements in NW Bradenton to accommodate more preserve related traffic. According to the Bradenton Herald, Robinson Preserve is the second most visited attraction in Manatee County after the beach. While most of the existing traffic to Robinson Preserve is via 17th Ave NW, a significant portion of the visitors use 9th Ave NW and 99th Street. Both of these roads have no improvements for pedestrians or cyclists. 99th street is only one lane wide and cannot even handle two cars passing without one of them having to go off the pavement! The new expansion of the preserve and the new nature center for kids puts an entrance to the preserve at 9th Avenue NW and 99th Street. Robinson Preserve is expanding, yet there have been no road improvements to accommodate local pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, 9th Ave NW has no sidewalk or even a shoulder between Azealia Park and 99th Street NW. There is no bicycle lane and a cyclist who gets forced off the road faces a large water filled ditch in the event he needs to take evasive action. Current preserve access roads (with the exception of 17th Ave) are insufficient and unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians in NW Bradenton going to Robinson Preserve. In addition, the MASSIVE amount of (speeding) truck traffic hauling fill dirt both to and from Robinson Preserve during the recent preserve expansion has damaged the existing road surface on 9th Ave NW. A formerly smooth road surface is now damaged and buckling from the number of trips and load weight of those trucks. Please advise on the County's improvement plans for making access to the preserve safer for everyone.



1 Aug 16 · 11 neighborhoods in [General](#)



Reply



Agatha Mantanes

, Pine Meadow · 1 Aug 16

Great letter! let us know who replies to your letter and what they have to say it would be interesting to see their future plans for that area.



BCC D. Clark
St. Celyn Comands
Manatee 12/18/18
Blumberg No. 5137

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Subject: Re: Dangerous 9th Avenue NW
Date: December 12, 2018 at 9:31 PM
To: debi.k.clark54@gmail.com



P P&K Dann, Robinson Preserve

As an avid bike rider in that area, I totally agree and look over my shoulder at every approaching auto coming in my direction. My husband was recently forced off the road by an auto not paying attention! I work during the day but if you feel a letter... [See more](#)

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Kristeen Ezell, Pine Meadow

I agree Debi! It would be tragic if someone was hurt or worse killed. A lot of people, including myself ride out there because it should be safer than the main roads.



Thank



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 **Ron Myers**, Bradenton River District

Not a problem I don't feel safe riding down there hate to see someone get hurt including me

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P Paula Olivero, Robinson Preserve

Debi,

I also travel that road daily as a resident of The Estuary. I serve as HOA Board Director and would be happy to write a letter in support of widening the street and adding sidewalks for the safety of all.

Thank you for stepping up... [See more](#)

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Andrew Hamilton, Pine Meadow

Thanks Debi for this post. In August of 2016 I tried to get the county to address the situation and was given the runaround. My letter and the Manatee commissioners response is here.

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(/profile/15877748/) · (/profile/15877748/), Bradenton River...

Dangerous 9th Avenue NW

(/news_feed/?post=98346117)

We need to get involved concerning a dangerous situation here in Bradenton on 9th Avenue NW approaching the south entrance of Robinson Preserve. Starting at the 8800 block the road skinnies with no shoulder, bike lanes or sidewalks. There are many joggers, bicycles, kids and moms pushing strollers heading to Robinson's south entrance. It's projected that 300,000 people annually will come to Robinson Preserve and use that south entrance. They shouldn't have to risk their lives getting there! This dangerous situation needs to be addressed NOW! Let's not wait until a tragedy happens to make this road safer.

If you agree and want to help, the County Commission meets on Dec 18th at 9:00 am. I will be there and plan to speak for the 3 minutes that they allow for the public.

21h ago · 36 neighborhoods in Crime & Safety (/crime_and_safety/)

Reply 16 (/news_feed/?post=98346117)

(/profile/14257/24116257/), Bradenton River District · 21h ago

I work at orbans nursery and travel on 9th Ave NW every morning and yes it is dangerous travel



(/profile/15877748/), Bradenton River District · 20h ago

Could you write a letter representing Orban's Nursery that I could share with the County Commission? Or if you or someone you know could attend the meeting that would be great!

(/profile/14257/24116257/), Bradenton River District · 20h ago

I'll get on writing the letter for you, I can't attend the meeting work alot of hours there but I will let you know when the letter is done and you can pick it up at the nursery ask for Ron they will get me to you.

1 Thank

(/profile/15877748/), Bradenton River District · 20h ago

Perfect! Thank you :)

(/profile/17475529/), Pine Meadow · 20h ago

I agree Debi! It would be tragic if someone was hurt or worse killed. A lot of people, including myself ride out there because it should be safer than the main roads.



(/profile/12706053/), Bradenton River District · 20h ago

That's what I do for my district on riverview. Write and let them know. Right now I'm trying to get cars to slow down to the 25 mph speed limit. The flashing sign has been up for several weeks by 26th street. The city police have been great!

Good luck

1 Thank

(/profile/14257/24116257/), Bradenton River District · 19h ago

I'll have the letter for you tomorrow at work go to the office which is the white trailer and ask for Ron they will get me and I'll give you the letter not my best written letter feeling kind of sick but will do if not let me know I'll write another for you

1 Thank

(/profile/15877748/), Bradenton River District · 19h ago

I'll see you tomorrow. Thank you for getting involved and hopefully saving a life

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December 14, 2018

Dear Manatee County Commissioners,

I am writing this letter in support of addressing the dangerous situation on 9th Avenue NW approaching the south entrance of Robinson Preserve.

Starting at the 8800 block, the road narrows significantly and the only sidewalk on one side of the street ends a couple of short blocks later. There are no pedestrian sidewalks or biking lanes at this point, thus, walkers, moms with strollers and kids, joggers, and bicyclists are forced to walk in the street as they head to the south entrance of Robinson Preserve. This is totally unsafe for the citizenry who want to take advantage of the beautiful Preserve that was developed for them.

There have been speed reminder signs, from time to time, alerting motorists of the 35 m.p.h. speed limit which at that narrowing point with people walking/jogging/biking in the street is yet another issue. Should cars be moving at 35 m.p.h. as they pass pedestrians in the street? There is no where to escape as either side of this narrow strip of road has a deep water run-off trench. Again, this scenario is an accident waiting to happen as more and more people start to visit the new portion of Robinson Preserve.

The addition of new housing communities adjacent to the Preserve has added pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles to the road concerns. The road between the south and north entrances on 99th St NW was widened and speed tables installed last year to accommodate vehicular traffic. That was a start. But sidewalks and biking lanes still need to be added for safety as here too people are walking/jogging/biking in the path of vehicles.

There aren't even stencils in the road on either 9th Avenue NW or 99 St. NW alerting motorists to the presence of pedestrians and bicyclists. Speed tables and/or lowering the speed limit to 25 m.p.h. through the section of narrow road on 9th Avenue NW would also assist as a first response while plans for more permanent safety solutions (sidewalks, biking lanes) are finalized.

As we will soon be entering the "high season" there will be an increase of visitors to this new area. Now is the time to take action. 17 Ave. NW has sidewalks and biking lanes leading up to the north entrance of the Preserve. Great! It is now time to address, for the safety of citizens and visitors, the narrow road situation on 9th Avenue NW before a tragedy occurs.

Thank you for your time in consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula Olivero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Paula Olivero
512 Wildlife Glen
Bradenton, FL 34209
Director
The Estuary HOA

CITIZENS' COMMENTS
(Consideration for Future Agenda)

HAVE TO LEAVE
ABOUT 10:00 A.M.

The Board of County Commissioners welcomes your comments. Your presentation must be limited to three (3) minutes per item or matter. If appropriate, the matter(s) you present will be placed on a future commission agenda.

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Name: MIKE MEEHAN
Address: 1507 807th ST N.W
Phone: (Home) (941) 840-2804 (Work) _____
Email: mcmeehan@qol.com

Brief description of problem or concern:
IOEAS for 2019

CITIZENS' COMMENTS
(Agenda Items)

Item 56.

Item #: <u>3</u>	CONSENT: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
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Name: Felicia Silpa
Address: 4124 29TH ST E Palmetto FL 34221
Phone: (Home) 941 962 8756 (Work) _____
Email: david.silpa@verizon.net

Brief description of problem or concern: flood
Natural flow of H₂O from E affected
leg traffic on 29th.
Potential damage south to Gamble Hill

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

(Agenda Items)

Item 56.

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CONSENT: NO YES

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Name: Daniel Silpa
Address: 4124 29th St E Palmetto FL 34221
Phone: (Home) 941-762-8756 (Work) 941-798-6303
Email: danielsilpa@verizon.net

Brief description of problem or concern:

- (1) protect approval
- (2) propose mitigations

CITIZENS' COMMENTS
(Consideration for Future Agenda)

8:53

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Name: Debi Clark
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Phone: (Home) 941 792 4303 (Work) 941 545-0324
Email: debi.k.clark54@gmail.com

Brief description of problem or concern:
9th Ave NW

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(Consideration for Future Agenda)

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Name: Karie Phillips

Address: 704 97th St Ct NW

Phone: (Home) 941-713-3573 (Work) _____

Email: Karie.phillips@gmail.com

Brief description of problem or concern:

97th Ave. N.W
