

**13. CITY MANAGER**

**a. Informational Items**

**7. Causeway Construction and Landscaping – Landscape Irrigation**

**Pamela Smith**

---

**From:** Judie A. Zimomra  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2008 2:09 PM  
**To:** 'Wingard, Paul W.'  
**Cc:** san.dir  
**Subject:** FW: Question - Landscaping

Paul – we appreciate that County routinely installs right-o-way irrigation systems for landscaping purposes. We would strongly recommend that the County consider a native plant landscaping plan for the area within the Sanibel corporate boundary consistent with Sanibel's policies of not installing the irrigation systems in the right-of-way. With supplemental spot hand watering we have obtained a 97% survival rate with native vegetation planted in the Periwinkle right-of way over the past two seasons during which we experienced drought conditions.

It seems that the installation of an irrigation system in the right-of-way along the Sanibel entrance from the Causeway is not consistent with the message we (Lee County & the City of Sanibel) has been communicating to our citizens about the need to focus on native vegetation rather than irrigation. We would especially consider you consider non-performing the irrigation system in light of the recent notification that the costs we are sharing for the adjustments to Causeway Blvd. have come in at a cost higher than the estimate.

Thank you for considering this request.

Judie Zimomra, City Manager

---

**From:** Gates Castle  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2008 3:25 PM  
**To:** Judie A. Zimomra; Rob Loflin  
**Subject:** FW: Question - Landscaping

---

**From:** Wingard, Paul W. [mailto:WINGARPW@leegov.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2008 2:01 PM  
**To:** Gates Castle  
**Subject:** RE: Question - Landscaping

Gates,

You are correct, we have never had any formal agreement or even formal discussion, as to who will maintain. However there were some comments (and I don't have a clue now from who) that you all would want to take care of it. But at some point in time, you and I will probably need to come to some agreement and then try to convince the powers to be to accept what ever we think is right. Some of it is on County property and some on City property. You may want to check around and see what the general feeling is on your end. I think I can make it work either way. But since you all do everything along Periwinkle and the balance of Causeway Blvd., there may be some desire to have it handled by your staff.

In regards to Rob's comments:

1) we will probably by installing it before July 1. While it may make some sense to wait, we have way to many projects to do that.

1a) if you all were taking it over, we may be able to hold up on only that portion

1/31/2008

- 2a) a water truck is not a good option for us, too far away
- 2) we always investigate reuse water, but I believe we have checked and that is not an option.
- 3) all County projects, by our standards, must have permanent irrigation (we may not always use it, or use it all the time, but we always install it)

Also keep in mind that our bid will require the contractor to maintain for the first year.

Paul W. Wingard, P.E.  
Deputy Director, DOT  
[wingarpw@leegov.com](mailto:wingarpw@leegov.com)  
Phone 239-694-3334  
or 239-533-8545  
cell phone 239-707-6981  
Fax 239-694-3332

*Success has many sons,  
while failure is always an orphan.*

---

**From:** Gates Castle [mailto:[gates.castle@mysanibel.com](mailto:gates.castle@mysanibel.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2008 8:27 AM  
**To:** Wingard, Paul W.  
**Subject:** FW: Question - Landscaping

Paul

Here is the Natural Resources Director's thought on the well at Causeway Blvd. No decision was ever made regarding maintenance of the landscaping or retention areas that I'm aware of. The last action I remember was Council granting the necessary easements for the work.

Gates

---

**From:** Rob Loflin  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2008 7:30 AM  
**To:** Gates Castle; Judie A. Zimomra  
**Subject:** RE: Question - Landscaping

Ideally, this landscaping should not be planted until July 1 and then no irrigation would be needed. Otherwise, an irrigation system or a crew watering it regularly – 3x/week at a minimum, is needed. Is re-use water available in this area? That or regular IWA water would probably make more sense than a well only used for one temporary project.

---

**From:** Gates Castle  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2008 5:12 PM  
**To:** Judie A. Zimomra; Rob Loflin  
**Subject:** FW: Question - Landscaping

Judie/ Rob

1/31/2008

The maintenance issue has never been resolved as far as I know and we didn't want a well or an irrigation system. Am I correct?

Gates

---

**From:** Wingard, Paul W. [mailto:WINGARPW@leegov.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2008 4:34 PM  
**To:** Gates Castle  
**Subject:** Question - Landscaping

Gates,

We are in the processing of applying for the permits for the landscaping for the Sanibel Causeway, et al. Part of the proposed landscaping will be on Sanibel and our plan is to irrigate via a well. It is our landscaping but you all are going to maintain it, if I remember correctly. Assuming that is correct, what is your opinion on the well on Sanibel, should it be in the City's name or the County's.

I just want to see what you think before we submit the paperwork.

Paul W. Wingard, P.E.  
Deputy Director, DOT  
[wingarpw@leegov.com](mailto:wingarpw@leegov.com)  
Phone 239-694-3334  
or 239-533-8545  
cell phone 239-707-6981  
Fax 239-694-3332

*Good judgment comes from experience; and experience, well, that comes from bad judgment*

Add Free Emotion Icons to your Emails

