

Nubmer**Submitted Ideas**

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The landscaping was a key reason Candy and I bought over five years ago and recently purchased a second unit in our building. I have been of the camp I,Ãd pay even higher HOA,Ãs if the additional funds went to landscaping. By landscaping I mean flowering plants either annuals or perennials and a commitment to green grass throughout the development as a top two. I also think the buildings who did not receive the queen palm trees should get those. I don,Ãt know if the water features are considered landscaping but if we need to purchase higher quality fountains and up-lights I would support that as well. They are a key feature of our development. I appreciate the board being fiscally responsible but the look of our community has to remain a top priority.

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Reinstate the Landscape Committee.
Transition to native plants (containing flowers/color whenever possible) as plants need to be replaced. Shrubs/trees need to be chosen as suitable for climate and soil.
A priority should be a landscape design plan for fence barrier area by Buildings 21-23.
Replicate landscape design plan used for Building 8 for other buildings.
Follow county guidelines and expert guidance form horticultural experts for plant/tree selection/pruning and care to keep natural shapes of trees and shrubs.
Do not keep the landscape dumpster in grassy area front of Buildings 20-21
Replicate the landscape design used for the manifold in front of building 11 by the shell path. Plant annuals in the front median and front sign knowing they are temporary and will need replacing every so often.

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Please thin out or remove messy and ugly palm behind building 12 and others. These trees will only block the views of Palma Sola as they grow. Noticed some new palms have three trunks. We lost the 3rd trunk of those same types of palms at our house. Was advised that only 1 or 2 trunks should be used, as they compete. Last, really liking the new hibiscus trees. How about bougainvillea? Thanks for asking.

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Thank you for asking for everyone's opinion. Even the quiet voices matter. Our community looks beautiful and I've always appreciated the hard work and dedication that Sharon and Claudia have provided to the community. It is clear they care very much. It is also clear that they have not been willing to listen to residence who did not always agree with them. The board tried endlessly to work with them to come to a common ground where their experience and expertise were utilized, but other voices were heard. The community has been saying for a long time they wanted more flowers and more color. The community also does not want to spend money, endlessly and ripping out live plants and starting over is not something that should be considered when finances are so tight. The board needs to continue to be thoughtful and take opinions from everyone. The community can participate by volunteering for work groups that could continue to be formed to do specific tasks like weeding, mulch, spreading the show path and anything else that needs attention. The community as a whole needs to work harder to get along and to respect opinions that are differing from their own. The landscape policy should be altered slightly to include more color, but we should not be throwing out years of hard work and dedication and thoughtfulness.

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I feel that funding a landscape committee is unnecessary when we have TrueScapes. We don't need to plant new trees or bushes. We need to take care of what we already have. This means keeping up our lawns (16s lawn is brown), trimming our bushes, hedges, trees and raking out unnecessary debris. I think our landscaping looks sloppy. How about the vendors that we pay just do a better job under the guidance of our board or a committee? Why is it that across the street (Palma Sola Trace) in their community they have nice green grass and manicured landscaping? Our property just needs more care, not new plantings.

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more uniformity in landscape around buildings.. would also like to see "Christmas Palms" scattered around the complex. They grow to 15-20 feet and with NO expensive yearly top pruning. Some were already planted by corners of buildings and look good and seem easy to maintain. thx for listening - much appreciated.

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Reinstate Landscape Committee ,Ä Membership predicated on a) knowledge of Florida Horticulture b) availability and commitment to physically contribute to health and character of landscape c) adherence to Best Practices and Manatee County statutes Hire neutral party Arborists to determine schedule, and guidelines for tree and shrub pruning. Different plants and trees are not on the same timelines. It is incorrect to trim everything, every year, at the same time. Some plants are not to be trimmed at all. Be specific when contracting scope of landscape work to be done (i.e. Hurricane Protection Trimming of Trees vs. simply ,Ätrimming,Ä).

FSR and CAM/Maintenance personnel are not qualified to make many decisions that are needed in proper landscape. Leaving it to a monetized vendor is also unwise. When existing vegetation reaches the end of its lifespan, or is determined to be Invasive or diseased, gradually transition to predominant Native, Non-Invasive plant and tree species. This was the preference expressed in community-wide survey. This approach is proven to promote wildlife and will require less watering and maintenance. It is also more suitable to our changing climate.

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Just a couple thoughts

- 1). Can we revisit using the same landscape company that Palma Sola Trace uses. I walk through their complex often and every area is extremely well cared for. I realize it's more expensive but the results speak for themselves.
- 2). Can we please remove the succulents on the entrance island. In my opinion, they look ridiculous and out of place.
- 3). Can we transplant some landscaping items from behind our buildings and utilize them in the front rather than just buying new? I feel that some areas can be thinned out and the plants used elsewhere.
4. Can we remove the grass on the island between 17 and 18. I feel like this was not part of the master landscaping plan and just thrown in there as an alternative.
5. I'd like to see the areas with dead grass addressed throughout the complex. Replace with grass and fix the root cause where possible..
6. I'd like to see more flowers added to the front entrance, as well as clubhou entrance.
7. Whomever the landscaping contractor is going forward, they need to meet with the property manager or board member before any plant cutting or pruning is performed. The fact that we allowed the last pruning to take place and didn't stop them immediately was inexcusable.

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- 1) We absolutely need a committee. The job is too big to expect board members to do it and vendors are generally lazy. Committee members need to understand they work at the behest of the board.
- 2) We learned a lot from the hurricanes about what plants are salt and wind tolerant. We should create a list of resilient plants and stick with those plants throughout our community (they don't need to be FL native. Resiliency is the key.)
- 3) Keep it simple. Complexity is inefficient and not cost effective. Plus if we stick to a simple plan with a limited number of resilient plants, when something goes wrong, it will be much easier to rectify.
- 4) Someone absolutely needs to own the job of supervising our vendors. I head a landscape committee for an HOA in Cortez, and I talk with our main landscape vendor several times a week. Expectations need to be clear and accountability consistent.
- 5) Create a list of priorities and have vendors work on the most important things in order. Keep the number of "special" tasks small (i.e., 2-4 things per week), otherwise vendors will get overwhelmed and nothing will get accomplished.

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Itemize Landscape costs when presenting data at Board Meetings and in the Budget. Do not lump many things together and cause confusion. This has led to some exaggerated claims of the cost of projects.

Irrigation☒	Water Bills☒
Lawn Mowing☒	Sod☒
Tree Trimming☒	New/Replacement Plants & Trees☒
Mowing of Wetlands	

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I feel we should allow our contractors to do the job we are paying them for with a board person assigned to overseeing details

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The landscape committee name should be changed to the Beatification Committee . They should be more inclusive of ideas not only native plants. The campus should have flower beds and other Florida plants that grow well in out soil. This committee should have no say in relation to groundskeeping trimming or what company is chosen. They should have no say in how the trees are trimmed or what trees are trimmed and what are not. They can give recommendations but it is a board responsibility and staff call on how and when things are done. They should have a small budget for plants and shrub replacements with the approval of staff or the board.

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It,Â's time to fill in areas where plants have died or been removed. We should maintain the key west look that we all purchased. There is no need to remove all foliage around a building. We may need to look at some different foliage in areas where everything (lariope) has died. Filling in will allow our funds to go farther and address many more areas than total replacements.

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Develop standards for the proper care of plants, including the preferred shape that are done on a regular basis by using independent research. The information below is from a quick google search with additional sources (South Florida Plant Guide). Perhaps FSR or another person could search and copy this type of information and post it on the owners website as part of a bid package for vendors and owner reference.

Benefits:

PSBC requirements from independently sourced information

Document best practice care for plants, especially those requiring vendor work

Consistent communication of requirements to all parties

Future reference guide when there,Â's board turnover (on owner,Â's website)

Can be amended as on site plants are added or removed

Search Results:AI Overview: To trim a Silver Buttonwood, sterilize your pruning shears and remove dead, diseased, or crossing branches. Shape the canopy lightly year-round, but perform major pruning (reducing height or width) in early spring (late March or April).

Never remove more than 13 of the plant,Â's foliage at once. Pruning for Health &

Maintenance Sanitize tools: Clean your bypass pruners or loppers with rubbing alcohol to prevent spreading disease. Remove damaged wood: Cut out any dead, diseased, or

crossing branches back to the main branch or trunk. Clear the bottom: Limit severe cuts to no more than 1/3 of the plant,Â's total foliage. Pruning more than this can stress the

shrub and ruin its natural vase or umbrella shape

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The front median should have a more polished look with colorful seasonal plants. I support transitioning to more native plants for sustainability and cost-effectiveness in the long run. It would be helpful to reinstate the Landscape Committee for their expertise in obtaining appropriate estimates and best-practices for landscape design and care. There has been deterioration of the look of the property since the committee was disbanded and many residents have expressed interest in volunteering on this committee. The fence area by buildings 21-23 should be a top priority for beautification and to obscure view of the neighboring parking lot.

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More communication to understand rationale on making decisions and facts to back these up

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I believe we should do our best to keep all existing trees, plants and grass living and maintained properly. This will keep the community looking good. Only replace when absolutely needed and at that time do so with the Florida native plants.

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My biggest concern is I don't want to see any healthy, thriving plant or tree torn out & replaced with something different just because a couple people think they're ,Àúexperts,Àù & know what,Àôs best for the community. Especially if it,Àôs something that,Àôs mature and has survived the recent hurricanes. We can,Àôt just start over with new plantings that take years to fully develop & look nice. If something,Àôs dead or has suffered damage, then replace it. Otherwise, stop spending money tearing out healthy landscaping. With that being said, I would love to see more flowers & color around our campus. Especially at the entrance. I,Àôve never understood why the community across 75th can keep a healthy, pretty entrance & we can,Àôt.

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Our experience of landscaping vendors is that their horticultural skills are not great and we would suggest that we should not be relying upon their advice without expert guidance which is why we require a Landscape Committee made up of knowledgeable individuals with particular skills in the Florida climate.

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Please return our landscape back to the tropical look with Palm trees as it was when many of us purchased our units. All of the beautiful Bamboo across from buildings 22 & 23 have been left to die and is so unattractive as well as losing a wonderful sound buffer. It would be so beautiful if our little entrance could reflect the same beauty as Palma Trace. We look ghetto.

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Continue to enforce the existing Tree and Plant policy and use of the Plant Evaluation Worksheet (Links below)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kl2IbJPJ2ZG6wKenOmdNbRPydTvD6gku/view?usp=drive_link

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10La8yr6LlcveG-JVirmEU1pqVqtVfJb7/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=113725728231628408253&rtpof=true&sd=true

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Wonderful colorful seasonal flowers and plants in prominent areas throughout the campus; perhaps changed twice yearly

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PSBC landscape is central to preserving property values. Our campus has large responsibilities. I support a landscape of primarily native plants:

,Ä☐Native plants lower costs.

,Ä☐Deep-rooted plants help property stability.

,Ä☐Native plants help local wildlife.

As an observer of Board meetings, it seems the central conflict between Committee and Board is whether PSBC should have a native landscape. If the Board does not support that, it should offer an alternate plan that shows how PSBC will control costs, avoid repeated replacement of plants unsuited to our environment, and protect long-term appearance of the property.

My requests:

Reinstate Landscape Committee with Claudia and Sharon as Chairs and add 4-6 members. If the Board will not permit Claudia and Sharon to serve, the committee should not be reconstituted.

Qualified Expertise is Essential. If no committee, Board should hire a part-time professional with coastal Florida horticultural expertise or obtain guidance from county extension agent on pruning and plant selection.

Board should present a landscape plan to the community.

Plant choices should be based on objective criteria such as survivability, storm resilience, and water needs.

Appropriate Vendor Selection. The Board should not rely on general landscape vendors for trees and plants requiring careful pruning.

Transparency is essential.

I hope we find a path forward that rebuilds community trust and ensures our landscape is cared for properly.

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1-we should have easily our own nursery using our plants "babies", so less expenses in buying same plants

2- we should plant only September through March,

3-we should use perennials on small islands like the one from front bldg 17 and 16,

4 we should use around tree base perennials instead of mulch.

5- we should give a better looking to the enter front club room,

6 we should create a better looking to The Preserve sign

7 We should keep the original design and improving for a better look,

8 before any decision is taken, volunteers should get together to discuss and decide all options,

9 we shouldn't have a landscaping community, only volunteers working together with our PSBC manager and Jeff.

25	1. More shrubbery around the unsightly infrastructure 2. More grass in area where it appears grass is not growing (look at Building 14 for an example) 3. A review should be done by 4. Hire a certified landscape architect for an evaluation and master plan 5. An ISA certified Arborist would be good to also get advice for our property about the trees health 6. Lastly, an irrigation specialist. I believe the water irrigation is also an issue here. some buildings are not receiving any water on a sprinkler schedule.
26	The grass in front of Bldg #15 is an embarrassment. I would make turf management a priority as this is the first impression of our community and definitely impacts property values!
27	1. New mulching for all flower beds & trees. 2. Neat and orderly trimming of Hedges. Adhere to the even squared-off(not round) shape with no scalping of leaves. 3. Trees to be pruned, should be trimmed in the gardening guidelines of that species. 4. Be mindful of flowering/budding of plants and not scalp them. 5. Plant more flowering plants for the different seasons, hardiness and longevity. 6. Clean-up after mowing should not be blowing all trimmings & trash back onto the mowed grass from the sidewalk & consistent. Unsightly. 7. Prevent folks from planting their own plants, so as to keep the campus consistent.
28	Palma Sola has a Board-approved "Tree and Plant Policy" which should be adhered to, and individual plantings violating this policy should be removed and billed to violating owners. The Board should read and be familiar with this policy. Also, the PSBC Board paid for and accepted a professional landscape design plan which we should continue to utilize. This is the plan which was used at Building 8, and was so highly regarded by the community until the recent "hard cut" pruning.. In an expensive and extensive survey conducted by Christine Blidy and the Board, Florida native plants were strongly endorsed for their longevity and endurance. Let's go with what the community and Board has already deemed the best approach. Why are you wasting everyone's time and energy on this? Please restore the knowledgeable, devoted and hard-working Landscape Committee (with Claudia and Sharon and so many active volunteers) so we can continue to have a beautiful sustainable environment, and this Board can move on to more important matters that will NOT split the PSBC community into factions.

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1. Create a comprehensive landscape design and plan
2. Segregate ,“landscape operating expenses,” from ,“landscape capitalized investments. For example, mowing and edging is expensed, as is routine plant replacement. However, implementing a landscape plan for the construction site should be capitalized.
3. Budget should reflect these two types of expenses/investments.
4. Long term investments should be prioritized to raise the entire property to an acceptable level before doing any ,“enhanced,” landscaping plans. For example, the construction lot should be brought up to a core minimum acceptable level commensurate with the rest of the property before we invest enhanced landscaping ideas throughout the rest of the property.
5. No need for a landscaping committee. The Board and management are responsible to work with our vendors to create the plan and implement it. Asking for feedback or help in prioritizing options could be an ad hoc committee.

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Only replace plants (plant anything), when something fails/dies. When new plants are installed- consider dwarf species. All plants, trees & shrubs require maintenance, pruning, trimming & fertilizing. Plant low maintenance and drought resistant species. These need to be done on a scheduled basis - regularly. Stop planting dirty trees and shrubs. Trim trees in June to get pods on Palms. Why is grass dying? Are proper chemicals being used for weed control & fertilization? A lot of grass is just weeds or dead.

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Would like to see Building #7 area have another BBQ grill set up similar to other BBQ grills with table and some chairs. Also have some benches around lake Lucy to sit or rest while out walking the dogs. Would like all the same general landscape design for most units , so others (who have paid out of pocket - it seems) make other buildings look less lush and in need of better landscape. I really like the yellow / green bushes that have all year color and seem to thrive in all weather conditions and survived the hurricane be placed in front of buildings - they only need trimming and are more manageable . The weedy spider plants are poor and might attract vermin nests ? thx again for listening.

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I love this neighborhood and would love to see a small raised bed garden area across from building 6/7. A neighborhood in our area called Mirabella has this and it could be a really good thing to bring people together growing our own veggies or whatever!
Lisa Bradley building 3

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I would have 4 committee's.

1-- Trees--Pruning,trimming,fertilizing,planting,Removing

2--Shrubs--Planting,Fertilizing,Trimming,Removing,Spraying for insect.

3--Flowers--Planting,Watering, Insect ,treatment,Fertilizing.

4--Grass--Mowing Schedule, Edging,Wartering, Replants, Fertilizing

All four committee's will meet at least once a month, with a copy of committee's notes going to the BOD. Any and everyone will be invited to the monthly meetings.

Steve Brown--Bld17--103

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1. Several buildings have pots with plants/ flowers outside the building. We need a more controlled look.

2. we need someone knowledgeable with Manatee law and Florida plants to work with our landscaping vendor. This person should answer and be guided by the board. The vendor also needs to know who has the authority to direct them.

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The original plans called for three palms on the front corners of all the buildings. We want to see those palms restored to bring back the Florida beachy look we bought here for.

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Palmasola Bay is just a vacation home for us so I don't pay much attention to this stuff. I thought there were a couple of old ladies who did everything with the landscaping and kept it all looking good. But, now I am hearing that one of the board members attacked them? And the police were called? Is that board member in jail? Were those old ladies hurt or crippled so they aren't doing our landscaping stuff anymore? Should we try to sell our place and get out?

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I spend a lot of my time here on my front porch with an iced coffee or cocktail, reading and enjoying our beautiful place. There are very few days in no matter what kinds of weather when I don't see Claudia out there working her butt off. She,Äôs weeding, pruning, planting, staking, and doing a lot more without any help from our staff or our board. This place wouldn,Äôt be what it is without her. Why in the hell would you get rid of her and the knowledgeable Landscape Committee and put FSR in charge?

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My suggestions are not to profound but I do firmly believe we went to far a field in the past endeavors. First and foremost we need robust weed free green turf. The turf looks and is abysmal around a handful of buildings to the point of embarrassment when guests are present. The property in general has become dull and fairly boring there needs to be some color throughout the grounds and it might need seasonal maintenance. Look around at some of the other higher end properties and bluntly ours sucks and is uninviting. Finally establish a fair budget manage it to the essentials we don,Äôt need to be ripping out every plant, tree and shrub replace them as needed.

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Landscaping Ideas : Find out what Claudia Carlson and Sharon Pare have researched and planned out, measured and sketched out, scoped all the proper plants, gotten competitive bids, developed a comprehensive work plan for. And then, have the Board approve that project and get it done right away!

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Thank you for asking for my ideas. I have long believed that we should replace all the grass areas and put in good-looking astroturf. This will save us many hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in expenses for mowing, watering, weeding and replacing. PROGREEN Florida of Ocoee, FL manufactures and installs premium artificial grass that is specifically designed for Florida,Â’s heat, humidity, and coastal environments. It is people and pet friendly. They even use it at Disney World. The ProGreen people work a great deal around our area. With just a one-time cost, we can have a great looking community for years and years.

Also, you should consider using the most realistic colorful artificial plants and flowers that will never wear out, fade, dry out or die from too much heat or too little water. A remarkable Florida company called Nearly Natural in Hialeah, FL has a huge variety of colorful flowering plants and shrubs and would be happy to work with us to design and install marvelous color everywhere. Again, a one-time cost and then we,Â’re done. Thank you again for letting me be heard.

PSBC Landscape Notes

Goal:

Establish a long-term plan for PSBC and not let it change after it is established, especially at the whim of a new Board.

Practice:

1. Landscape needs to be established with best horticultural practices; once a decision is made, stick with it.

2. Establish a PSBC maintenance plan for shrubs, engaging qualified landscapers and avoiding unskilled workers.

Actions:

1. Engage qualified personnel.

,ÄÇ Arborists relative to tree pruning.

,ÄÇ Certified landscapers avoiding unskilled workers.

2. Provide proper, natural trimming of the trees and not the ,ÄÚ Landscapers Special,ÄÙ as currently seen.

3. Pursue the high wind resistance cut to avoid falling trees during storms.

4. Replace the failed drip line irrigation at each Buildings, where needed, with the goal of replacing all lines.

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Hello, thank you for asking for ideas.

The massively overgrown bird of paradise are unsightly and unattractive. Please consider a huge prune or pull them out.

The thick hedges from the developer, along all the buildings and signage are unsightly and do absolutely nothing for our community. Please consider a significant cut back of them. Please consider reducing all the over crowded greenery (including hedges) to a reduction where there is space. We need space, we can then plant a variety of bushes and small trees with space and room for them to breath and look good. Everything is overcrowded. Items that would add color and pizzazz would be:

Bougainvillea

Plumeria

Varieted colors of hibiscus

Healthy maintained bird of paradise

Pigmy palms

There are very nice wildflowers in FL, we could have small sections of them as well.

Thank you again.

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The PSBC landscape is central to the visual appeal of our property and to preserving property values. Because our development has a substantial campus, we also have substantial landscaping needs and responsibilities. I strongly support a landscape made primarily of native and Florida-friendly plants for the following reasons:

• Native and Florida-friendly landscaping lowers long-term costs. Plants suited to the local climate are more likely to survive and require less replacement, watering, fertilizer, mowing, and intensive maintenance.

• Coastal-appropriate plants reduce risk. Native and coastal plants can better handle salt spray, heat, storm surge, wind, and periodic saltwater exposure, making them a practical risk-management choice.

• Deep-rooted plants support stormwater, erosion, and property stability. This frames landscaping as infrastructure, not just aesthetics.

• Native plants support local wildlife. Native plants provide nectar, pollen, seeds, and habitat that sustain local birds, butterflies, and other pollinators.

As an observer of Board meetings, and without inside knowledge, it appears that the central conflict between the Landscape Committee and the Board is whether PSBC should pursue a primarily native landscape. If the Board does not support that direction despite survey results showing that 60 percent of respondents do, I ask that the Board state its position clearly and provide an alternative plan. That plan should explain how PSBC will control costs, avoid repeated replacement of plants unsuited to our coastal environment, and protect the long-term health and appearance of the property.

My requests to the Board with respect to the landscape are:

1. Reinststate the Landscape Committee with Claudia and Sharon as Co-Chairs and add four to six additional members. The committee should develop landscape plans and guidelines for Board approval, so expectations are clear, conflict is reduced, and all work follows horticultural and arboricultural best practices and complies with Florida and Manatee County laws and regulations. Once approved, the Committee should be permitted to implement it, subject to budget approval. If the Board will not permit Claudia and Sharon to serve, any new chair must bring comparable expertise in plant maintenance and regulatory compliance. If no resident has that expertise, the committee should not be reconstituted.

2. Qualified Expertise is Essential. If the committee is not reconstituted, the Board should hire a part-time professional with coastal Florida horticultural expertise to oversee vendor work. I would prefer the community continue to rely on Claudia's expertise and hundreds of hours of donated labor, but if the bad blood between the current Board and Claudia is too great to be overcome, then I favor paying for the expertise with a professional hire. If the Board does not support such a hire, it should obtain guidance

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It,Äôs a shame and a disappointment that our Board would not engage fellow residents with experience, expertise, time, and talent to handle things the Board members have little time for, given other pressing priorities. ,ÄúOngoing friction,Äù between the Board and the Landscape Committee leads was the reason given for terminating the Committee. We,Äôre all adults here. Why not sit down like adults and discuss the ,Äúfriction,Äù it,Äôs causes, and make a plan to fix it? Reasonable adults can sit at a table, clarify the friction points, and find solutions that will work for everyone. Why didn,Äôt the Board take this step?

The current approach to landscaping is to lean on the expertise of the landscape vendors and FSR. The results of this Board strategy are already on display, with trees improperly ,Äúlollipped,Äù and natural shrubs given silly-looking and inappropriate ,Äúhaircuts,Äù. The Board strategy has utterly failed. And the Board knows it, which is why they have requested ideas for a workable strategy.

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In all my years in large organizations, both commercial and government, I've never witnessed an attempt to develop strategy from the bottom up. Leadership sets the tone and the strategy. And when they need guidance in developing strategy, they hire professionals to consult with them. Or the leadership team works together to research the options and define the forward strategy. It appears this Board knows little about establishing strategy, and instead of doing the work to develop it, has killed the existing strategy while they hope one bubbles up from an anonymous collection of ideas. Seriously?

Why does the Board seek to micro-manage landscaping? You have a Board approved landscape plan, prepared by a paid expert. You have a resident survey that favors the Florida natural landscape philosophy by a wide margin. You had dedicated and passionate committee members who did all the heavy lifting. It appears the Board has made this personal, especially in light of the termination of the committee just after a committee lead made a Manatee County Sheriff report of an assault by a Board member. Actions speak louder than words, so denials from the Board about the timing of these events rings hollow.

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This knee-jerk action to fix landscape friction by terminating the Landscaping Committee has caused more to cement the divide in our Association than anything else. This is not about who won the election or other venomous and vindictive narrative. The many volunteers who have reported for landscape pop-up duties are disheartened by the Board's actions. And our landscape will continue its slide into a hodge-podge of nothing special. Final words to the Board: Get some professional help.

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Please take a survey of all the dead/severely pruned trees and shrubs now that we are months past the initial cut back. Christine Blidy stated that TruScape would be responsible for replacement of plants that died or were significantly damaged. Is this true? Most times Landscape Companies will only replace dead plants that they planted. Let's find out. For example, the Oleander trees behind Building 15 appear to be dead. Not one single leaf. Totally hat-racked. I have photos. Also - the next time hedges are trimmed, can they use a line/string as a guide. This job was super hap-hazard. Cubes/Trapezoids/Slanting tops Every median strip between here and East Bradenton looks more professionally trimmed than this mess.