



City of Naples

City Council Chambers
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

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referenced a joint City/County bike path system along U.S. 41 to Sandpiper Road, which has experienced no problems in utilization.

Mr. Jones further advised that the City had studied the Gulf Shore Boulevard area and found that the west side of the street had fewer driveways and more plantings, which provided a buffer for the bike path system. Mr. Jones assured the citizens that the bike path construction would be attractive and accommodate inexperienced bikers, elderly, youth, pedestrians, and joggers with its meandering route. This would discourage the experienced bicyclists who travel at speeds of 15-20 mph.

City Engineer Gronvold advised that the overall right-of-way on Gulf Shore Boulevard was 60 feet and the existing road width was 24 feet. He further advised that the bike path would be in accordance with the Code which requires it to be five feet wide and four inches thick.

Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rodgers, and Police Chief Paul Reble urged the utilization of bike path systems wherever feasible. They expressed a deep concern for the welfare of the all the pedestrian, bicycling and jogging citizens of Naples, especially the residents involved in the Naples Community Hospital's "Wellness Program".

In response to Mr. Richardson, Sheriff Rodgers advised that the County adds to its bike path system each year.

Mr. Graver asked for clarification from the City Manager regarding the system from Gulf Shore Boulevard that would connect with a bike path from the beach to Gulf Road and then to Third Street. Mr. Jones advised that the staff would like to complete the bike path facility on Gulf Shore Boulevard first. Mr. Graver commented that it was important to separate the experienced bikers from the inexperienced. Mr. Gronvold commented that the funds budgeted for this particular eight block stretch was \$30,000.

Mr. J.S. Wadsworth and Attorney John Emerson voiced their opposing views to the proposed bike path system. Mr. Emerson quoted from the guidelines set forth in the State Highway Association's, Official Guide for the Bicycle Facility. He said that this publication discourages multiple use sidewalks and further that it was his understanding that the right-of-way was only six feet which, according to the "Guide", is insufficient to establish a bike path that would be consistent with the standards. Mr. Emerson continued that his clients recommended a more thorough study of the matter and preferred a bike lane which would require extending the roadway another five feet on either side.

Mayor Putzell asked if Mr. Emerson had read the City Manager's News Release regarding high tides of up to three feet and lack of beach area for walking during this time. Mr. Emerson advised that he had not. Mayor Putzell read the attached News Release (Attachment #2).

Mr. Crawford reiterated Mr. Emerson's statement that his clients preferred a bike lane to a bike path. Mr. Emerson concurred. Mayor Putzell commented that the budget was only \$30,000 and to extend the roadway would exceed that amount.

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Mr. Bledsoe commented that walking and bicycling on the same path are nearly incompatible. Mayor Putzell asked Mr. Emerson if his group was opposed to strictly a pedestrian path and Mr. Emerson advised that they did not feel a sidewalk of any type was needed in this area.

Mayor Putzell read a letter from Henry B. Watkins, the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, supporting the bike path system in the Gulf Shore Boulevard area (Attachment #3). Mr. Graver commented that the bike path system would be a valuable addition to the City.

Mrs. Anderson-McDonald advised that she felt comfortable utilizing a bike lane in the roadway rather than a bike path. Mr. Emerson concurred.

Mrs. Richard Onkey and Mrs. Margaretta Curry both voiced their opposition to the proposed bike path system. Mrs. Curry commented that the path would decrease the value of her property and encourage inconsiderate "users" of the path who would litter and deface her property. In response to Mayor Putzell, Mrs. Curry opined that most people utilize the beach in lieu of a sidewalk. Mrs. Onkey said that she felt the bike path would be dangerous even with it being some distance away from the street. She added that she believed no one would utilize even a pedestrian walk because of the beach's close proximity. Mayor Putzell commented that the Council needed to decide what would be best for all 19,000 residents in the Community.

Dr. Ann Cook expressed her support of the bike path system due to the current hazards of bicycling. In response to Mayor Putzell she advised that she would give her support for a pedestrian path also.

Messrs. Arndt Mueller, Stanley Hole, and Barclay Hastings all expressed their support of the proposed system. Mr. Mueller said that he felt shared bike lanes in the roadway might be safer for the bicyclist, however, adding that the biker would be more visible to the motorist. Mr. Mueller also said that the current bike path on 10th Street is in need of repair. Mr. Hole suggested that the City construct bike lanes and pedestrian sidewalks on Gulf Shore Boulevard. Mr. Hastings concurred.

Dr. Robert Tober, who said he was an experienced bicyclist, expressed his support of the proposed system. He advised Council that in Sanibel they have small "eyeball" signs to make the motorists aware of the bicyclists on the bike paths.

Mayor Putzell noted support from Dr. Bruce Boynton, who had advised that he had been seriously injured in a bicycling accident.

Messrs. James Ellen, Charles Andrews, and Tom Palmer expressed their support of the proposed bike path system. Mr. Ellen's support is delineated in a letter sent to the Mayor and made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4. Mr. Andrews said that he believed Gulf Shore Boulevard was the most dangerous gap in the bike path system and further that it should be filled. Mr. Palmer shared with Council an experience involving his five year old daughter, who, when frightened by a dog, ran into the street. He added his support for safety and recreational reasons.

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Mr. Herb Anderson, Naples Beautification Council, expressed his support of the plan as a step to rectify a dangerous situation. Mr. Ed McMahon, Olde Naples Association, voiced the Association's support of the bike path system and added that they would like Council to continue the system in as many places as possible.					
Mr. George Dondanville, manager of Benjamin Cyclery, presented Council with a petition signed by patrons and area residents supporting the bike path system (Attachment #5).					
Mayor Putzell asked the record to reflect letters from David Bennett, president of the President's Council, and Lanny Sherwin, of Gulfshore Publishing Company, Inc. (Attachments #6 & #7).					
Mayor Putzell noted a petition signed by those opposed to the bike path system and advised that as of this date, the City has only received approximately 33 letters in opposition to the bike path system and further that only 68 people, with one couple signing twice, signed the petition in opposition of the bike path (Opposing petition available for public review in the office of the City Clerk in this meeting packet).					
Mayor Putzell further noted an unsolicited editorial dated December 3, 1986, and an amusing satire by Author Woody Paige dated December 9, 1986 (both available for review in the City Clerk's office).					
Mr. Richardson commented that the same problem happened in Royal Harbor several years ago and that once the property owners understood the problem and the solution, there was no one opposed to the bike path there. Mr. Crawford said he supported either the bike path or the bike lane. Mr. Graver said that the area on Third Street would be better for the more serious bikers and that the proposed Gulf Shore Boulevard path should be a combination pedestrian and jogging path.					
Mr. Jerome Smith expressed his support of the project and asked, if possible, public hearings of this type be held in the evenings to accommodate the working class.					
Mayor Putzell asked the City Attorney what responsibility the City would have should an accident occur on the bike path. City Attorney Rynders advised that as long as the path was constructed in accordance to the zoning regulations and met the traffic standards, the City would have no liability. Mr. Bledsoe asked that the City Attorney look into the situation further.					

Mr. Ed Kant, Chairman of the Airport Authority, requested permission to address Council. Mr. Kant advised Council that the Authority was expecting to receive the first draft of its economic and sighting study and were also in the process of wrapping up the noise study. He continued that they waited until the season to discuss the study because they wanted to accommodate the winter residents as well. He further advised Council of the Airport Authority's next meeting, December 18, 1986, at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Kant also invited the Council members to visit the Authority's new facility.					

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Mayor Putzell suggested that a joint Council/Airport Authority workshop take place as soon as the economic and sighting report is available. Mr. Kant advised that he would bring the subject up to the Authority. Mayor Putzell said that the workshop would be in an effort to keep the City apprised of the Authority's activities because public opinion holds the City responsible for the Airport's actions.

ITEM 2

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COLLIER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING. REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER.

Postponed until the next Workshop Meeting.

ITEM 3

UPDATE ON POLICE VOLUNTEER CORPS. REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER.

Postponed until the next Workshop Meeting.

ITEM 4

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM BUDGETING CONCEPT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER.

Postponed until the next Workshop Meeting.

ADJOURN: 1:03 p.m.

EDWIN J. PUTZELL, JR., Mayor

JANET CASON
CITY CLERK

JODIE M. O'DRISCOLL
DEPUTY CLERK

These minutes were approved on JAN 21 1987.

SUPPLEMENTAL ATTENDANCE LIST

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Bob Galloway
Donald Walwer
Robert Schroer
John Miller
M/M George Wands

Captain Samuel Wilson
Mr. Mueller
Tish Gray
Barclay Hastings
Keener Smith

Victor Zeedwk
Charles Andrews
Herb Anderson
Fred Mitchell
Marianne Smith

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Marty Bonvechio, Naples Daily News
Hilary Hutchison, TV-9
Kevin Parks, News Press

William Upham, Naples Times
Lori Rosza, Miami Herald
Gary Arnold, TV-26



City of Naples

N E W S R E L E A S E

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Subject: High Tides

Date: December 12, 1986

For Further Information Contact: Jon C. Staiger, Ph.D., Natural Resources Manager 649-3455

Extremely high tides have been predicted for the last few days of 1986.

Tides higher than three feet may occur in the Naples area during the late evening of the 29th, 30th and 31st of December. If strong onshore winds, particularly a winter storm, hit during this time, serious tidal flooding may occur along our beaches and in Naples Bay.

Boat owners whose boats are in the water should be sure that their mooring lines have sufficient scope to accommodate a 1.5 to 2 foot increase in tide height.

Boat owners who keep their boats on the beach should remove them, since higher high tides will probably completely cover most of the beach. Boats stored in the City of Naples beach access rights-of-way that are pulled or washed shoreward into the sea oats or access structures will be removed at their owners' expense.

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Approved:

Franklin C. Jones
City Manager

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The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club



December 17, 1986

Mayor Edwin J. Putzell, Jr.
 City of Naples
 735 Eighth Street, South
 Naples, Florida 33940

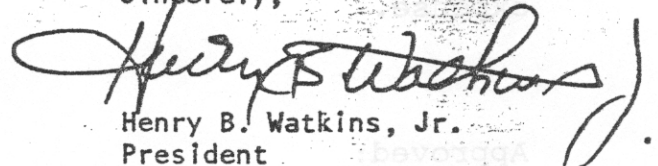
Dear Mayor Putzell:

We are interested in the issue of the bike path/sidewalk proposed for Gulfshore Boulevard south of the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, neither Michael nor myself will be able to attend the workshop this morning. We have some questions regarding the utilization of the path for multiple purposes, however we do generally support a sidewalk along the west side of Gulfshore Boulevard.

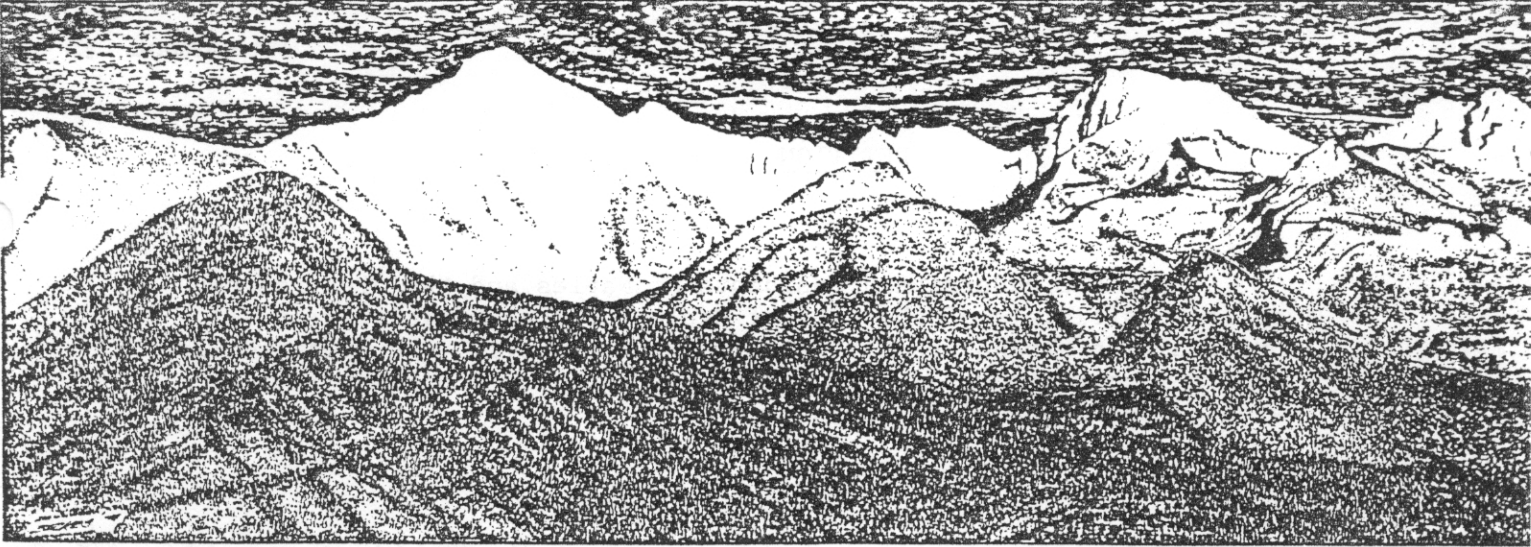
We feel that a five foot wide path should be earmarked principally for pedestrian usage. The compatibility of bicycles and pedestrians on such a path is questionable. Active bicyclists who are interested purely in exercise will likely continue to use main roads. I am certain many of our hotel guests and many local residents would use a sidewalk for early morning and late afternoon exercise. We see many people walking and jogging along Gulfshore Boulevard north of our resort doing just that every day.

Once again, I'm sorry we cannot be represented at your workshop, but we are interested in the future utilization of Gulfshore Boulevard. We look forward to participating in such discussions in the future.

Sincerely,


 Henry B. Watkins, Jr.
 President

HBW/kh
 cc: City Council Members



The Madison Mountains in Western North Carolina

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2121 Gulf Shore Blvd,
Naples, Florida 33940
December 6, 1986

Dear Mayor,

Best of all our "Welcome Back" experiences is the new Hooring Line Drive - Gulf Shore Blvd. street traffic improvement.

No one can predict the long term health benefits plus the saving of life and limb.

Thank; again for your March 6 letter and for the revived bike path program described in the Naples News editorial.

Sincerely,

Jim Ellen



PETITION

We, the undersigned residents of Naples and the area, hereby petition officials of the City of Naples to move positively on all proposals to expand the bikeway system of the city. We specifically urge a favorable decision on a proposal to build a bikeway in the area of Gulfshore Blvd. North.

SIGNED:

NAME

ADDRESS

Don Santini

5750 6th Ave S.W., Naples

Frank Bonvicini

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Paula Harris

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364 2nd St Naples

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4788 West Blvd. Naples

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Clachouse Ln. Naples

Thomas J. Durako

3191 Santa Barbara Blvd
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Betha Durako

3191 Santa Barbara Blvd
Naples

Robert J. Rust

758 Broad G. N., Naples

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Jan Wilner

532 11th St. N.W., Naples

Don Stephens

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Sharon Munro

367 Morning Ling Dr

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NAME	ADDRESS
Robert Clow	468 Morning Side Dr. Naples
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Gibson Underhill	17476 Hammal Valley Rd
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Jeff	320 Charlotte Rd S. Naples
Jay Kroen	947. Fourth Ave So, NAPLES
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Ches & Ann	249 Pine Valley Circle
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Martha Johnson	2750 GSBW apt 704. Naples, Fla
Dee Mitchell	260 Bay Rd NAPLES, FL
L.P. Duff	1180 Gordon Pr. Naples 33940
James H Edwards	3177 Gordon St; Naples
OK Raymond	2319 Gulfshore Blvd N.
Pat Iphig	2880 SNOWBIRD LAKE ST JAMES CITY, FLA

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Phil Wood	481 21st A. S NAPLES
Jay A.	751 109TH AV. NAPLES
Debra M. Steeg	5428 2TH Ave S. W Naples FL
Majorie Working	1725 45th TELL S. W
Gloria Gross	773 104 Ave. Naples
Jean VanOrder	5497 Hunter Blvd. #B
Tom Wilson	361 5th St. S. Naples
Ken Carver	669 99th Ave.
J. Lyta	158 Ridge Dr
Sam C. McCue	1225 Creech Rd
Jim LaFever	124 Fox Tail Court
Joe Doherty	591 Bay Villa
Howard Shaffer	427 SEABEE AV. NAPLES
Leonard Halperin	4960 21st Pl SW, Naples
Mike Halperin	4960 21st Pl SW (Naples)

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SIGNED:

NAME

ADDRESS

Sally J. J. J.	2 Gulf Shore Blvd S.
Joel J. J.	1782 Imperial Golf Course.
Norma J. J.	9570 SW 47th Ave
Norma J. J.	2570- SW 47th Ave
Aita S. J.	1327 Bernardo St.
Robert M. Collins	132 Debron Dr.
JEROME SMITH	178A ALAMANDA DR.
Sharon J. J.	362 Pinehurst Cir.
Ray Morgan	1580 DOLPHIN CT.
Barbara J. J.	360 6th Ave. So.
Marjorie A. Smith	1784 Alameda Dr Naples
Susan J. J.	22-4th Ave So. Naples
Melody J. J.	1560 Ridgewood Dr Naples
Chana J. J.	633 Bangorville Dr.
J. J. J.	709 Neapolitan Way
Norma K. Han	4880 North Rd

Hon. Mayor & City Council

Having a prior commitment on my time this morning, I submit the following:

1. Last spring the city staff discussed plans & budget for a system of sidewalk & bike paths in the city. The Pres. Cou. was in favor of such additional paths/sidewalks. Safety of individuals is a prime factor for such plans.

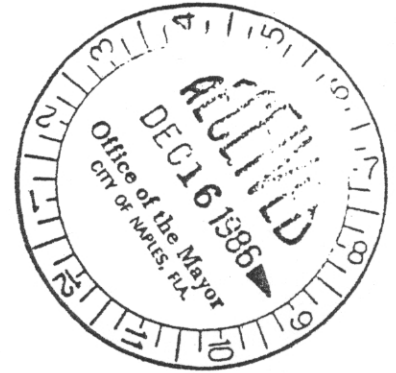
2. I feel that sufficient city right of exists to add this walkway/pathway.

3. In this area on GSB, ~~all~~ almost all properties have hedges, 4 to 8 ft tall, at their property lines, 10 to 12 feet from roadway culvert edge, so that no real nuisance problem or view sight of way should bother the property owners.

4. The hospital "wellness program" needs such areas for their members. The public also needs. I recommend the city continue with the bike path / sidewalk proposals for the Blade.

David Benn
President

GULFSHORE PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.



December 12, 1986

Mayor Edwin Putzell
 Naples City Hall
 735 8th Street South
 Naples, FL 33940

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I heartily support the City of Naples' intentions to continue its bicycle path system along Gulfshore Boulevard North, between the Naples Beach Hotel and Central Avenue.

I have bicycled Naples roads since 1960, and I can personally affirm that the stretch along Gulfshore is one of the most beautiful -- yet one of the most treacherous -- for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

It may be of further interest for you to know that in Gulfshore Life magazine's efforts to assess local lifestyle preferences, our market research indicates that a high percentage of our readers are avid cyclists.

The bicycle system as proposed will certainly enhance the physical health and quality of life of our growing resident and visitor populations.

Again, I support and applaud your efforts on behalf of the entire community.

Sincerely,

Lanny Sherwin

Lanny Sherwin
 Publisher

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