

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

QUESTIONNAIRES & ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEWS

In order to collect community knowledge about potential issues and desired characteristics of the trail, the design team compiled questions to use in one-on-one interviews and a written questionnaire provided at the open house. Respondents self-selected to participate in response to a mailing, e-mail blasts from the City, Third District, and Naples Island Improvement Association, and other notices provided about ways to participate.

Open-ended questions (see below) were designed to gain a qualitative understanding for a design direction.*

The following are a sampling of answers that illustrate the breadth of opinions about the trail and its characteristics.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS QUESTIONS

What are your top objectives?

Do you use the street and sidewalk? When and Why?
What would you like to see improved?

Do you use the walkway accesses? When and Why?
What would you like to see improved?

Do you use the water access? When and Why?
What would you like to see improved?

Do you use the Right-of-Way? When and Why?
What would you like to see improved?

What opportunities and constraints should we be aware of?

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS RESPONSE SAMPLING

"I support the Coastal Commission directive -- access is essential, has always been known, will increase property values! I really want this project to go through."

"Hold homeowners accountable to keep clear. Better mark the area to show it is public. Improve actual access to water. I don't use Right of Way because there are too many obstructions! It also feels very uncomfortable with the homeowners."

"Intruding on people's privacy and private homes and docks is unacceptable. We have private areas for a reason. Private property for a reason. We already have a vagrant/homeless issue, and this plan would make that worse & open private homes to burglary and other crimes. Overall bad idea!"

"Path should be completed to Appian Way. Don't stop half way - what's the point? Do it right or not at all."

"Less is more on the waterside. No lights. No paving. Keep current path materials. No signs on water. Fix street, sidewalks and street. Remove poles. No need to improve path - it's a path to nowhere. Fix the street. Do nothing along the water."

"I want the changes to be minimally invasive. I want my apartment area to be safe and free of strangers who might make noise where we live."

" This is the only place that is quasi-natural and quiet. Spend money improving water access points. Keep birds coming. Keep wildlife. Nicely surprised at how much water life. We have dolphins and seals."

" Don't make it 'vanilla.' The fun of the community is the differences."

* FOOTNOTE: During the Analysis and Community Outreach Open House, the community requested the design team tally support for and against the trail on a per-person basis. Since the questionnaire did not explicitly ask whether each community member supported or did not support the trail, it is not possible to determine the amount of support for or against the trail.



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