



Collier County
Public Services Division
Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement

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Vanderbilt Beach MSTU Residents,
Adjacent to Vanderbilt Drive

The Vanderbilt Beach MSTU Advisory Committee recently discussed the landscape that it maintains in the western portion of the Right of Way of Vanderbilt Drive. In general, they were not happy with the overall effect of the plantings. The landscape has been in place for many years and could be refurbished to provide a more pleasing appearance to the entrance of the community. Some conceptual plans for enhanced landscaping have been presented to the MSTU Committee, but with the ongoing construction in the area the plans have been put on hold until construction nears completion.

In the interim, the Committee raised some questions on how the existing landscape is being maintained. One concern is the hedges in the Right of Way that have been let grow taller at the request of the adjacent property owners. The visual results have varied from outstanding to very poor. The committee is concerned with the overall look and the added cost to maintain a taller hedge. The committee voted to set the standard height of the hedges at six feet. To provide for continued flexibility, the committee also voted to standardize the height of the hedges maintained by property owners at a maximum of ten feet provided they agree to maintain the complete hedge in a uniform manner on all sides. Permission to do this would be given in writing once the original request is received from the property owner.

The committee will begin planning for the refurbishment of the landscaping along Vanderbilt Drive in the next few years. They will be sure to inform the property owners in the MSTU when plans are drafted so that you can provide your input. At that time, the agreement by the MSTU to allow a property owner to maintain the hedge taller than six feet may be reconsidered to improve the overall look of the community.

Vanderbilt Beach MSTU continues to meet every month at the Claussen Family Center at St. John's Church 625 111th Ave., Naples FL the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM. The MSTU's meeting schedule and meeting minutes, agendas, and handouts can be found on the County Webpage at: <http://www.colliergov.net/your-government/advisory-boards/vanderbilt-beach-beautification-mstu-advisory-committee>.

If you would like to respond to this letter or have any questions related to any MSTU issues, please contact the MSTU Project Manager, Harry Sells at 239-252-4980.

Sincerely,

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