

## Pamela Walker

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**From:** spmcphee@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2015 6:31 AM  
**To:** Pamela Walker  
**Cc:** Vincent Barile; jcampos@sewallspoint.org; Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch  
**Subject:** Please record our omitted communication in packet and minutes....Re: "Lantana Park"

Dear Ms. Walker,

Please make sure our communications regarding turning the retention area on the corner of Lantana Lane and Admiral's Walk into a park/sports field are recorded in the packet and the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting as well as any future meetings regarding this issue. In addition, please record in the packet and the minutes that our communications were erroneously omitted from the packet provided for the June 23, 2015 meeting. If the comprehensive concerns of those who live closest to this property are ultimately disregarded, it will be important that all communications provided by residents - particularly those who stand to be the most severely impacted - are recorded to inform us when pursuing any remedies that may be available when the inevitable negative impacts occur. Printing this email out in its entirety, scanning it, and adding it to the packet/minutes will suffice as it encompasses all of our 2015 communications regarding this matter. Please acknowledge this request and let us know when our communications are added to the packet (via return e-mail), so that we may print it out and add it to our records. Although we aren't able to attend meetings on Tuesdays at 7 pm because of our work, we have always kept up with the agendas, packets, and minutes, which is how we discovered this omission. Thank you for your attention. Peter and Simone McPhee, 8 Admiral's Walk, Stuart, FL 34996

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From: spmcphee <spmcphee@aol.com>  
To: PWalker <PWalker@sewallspoint.org>  
Cc: VBarile <VBarile@sewallspoint.org>; jcampos <jcampos@sewallspoint.org>; JThurlow-Lippisch <JThurlow-Lippisch@sewallspoint.org>  
Sent: Fri, Jun 26, 2015 1:18 pm  
Subject: Re: Our communication was omitted from packet....Re: "Lantana Park"

We forgot to note below that at least one of the returned surveys was from someone on River Road - whose location would not suffer the myriad negative impacts of developing this retention area, further sullyng these 'survey' results.

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Cc: VBarile <VBarile@sewallspoint.org>; jcampos <jcampos@sewallspoint.org>; JThurlow-Lippisch <JThurlow-Lippisch@sewallspoint.org>  
Sent: Fri, Jun 26, 2015 12:22 pm  
Subject: Re: Our communication was omitted from packet....Re: "Lantana Park"

Thank you Ms. Walker,

We didn't know you were on vacation when sending the e-mails. The documents I refer to are available on line. I clicked on the packet associated with June 23, 2015's meeting. I checked it twice to be sure our emailed input was omitted. The commissioners have seen it as it was sent to all of them, however, its omission from the packet means that residents will not be able to see it. Seeing the letters that our neighbors sent in that packet was important to us, and we think our neighbors deserve the same benefit of seeing what we sent as well. We should all see the very valid objections and considerations we have all devoted so much time to communicating. We remain extremely concerned after seeing that only 10 people responded to the survey that was rife with biases (it assumed that improvements were necessary in its wording, and spoon fed suggested improvements). I used to be in the business of conducting focus groups and writing survey instruments; the one used here was not objective to say the least. Of the 10 responses, only half took the bait in citing vague improvements. Whereas those who were opposed spent much time raising comprehensive, valid concerns. Mind boggling that from these results, you have been directed to bring forward previously developed plans. We can't help but to feel that our input is not valued. The McPhee's

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From: Pamela Walker <PWalker@sewallspoint.org>  
To: spmcphee <spmcphee@aol.com>  
Cc: Vincent Barile <VBarile@sewallspoint.org>; jcampos <jcampos@sewallspoint.org>; Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch <JThurlow-Lippisch@sewallspoint.org>  
Sent: Fri, Jun 26, 2015 9:50 am  
Subject: Re: Our communication was omitted from packet....Re: "Lantana Park"

I am away from the office and so can't check the documents you refer to. If they were omitted I assure you it was an innocent error that I will correct immediately.

No decision was made at the meeting regarding the use of the property. I have been directed to bring forward the plans previously developed when the issue was considered before. The commission would like to review those and discuss the matter further.

I absolutely assure you that each commissioner will receive a copy of your correspondence and that I will correct any error of omission previously made.

Thank you for your patience. I will advise you further when I return to the office on July 6.

Pam Mac'Kie Walker  
Town Manager

On Jun 25, 2015, at 2:36 PM, " spmcphee@aol.com" < spmcphee@aol.com> wrote:

Hello,

Absent any answer, we just looked at the packet available online for June 23, 2015 and are left wondering why the email we sent outlining our concerns about the retention area (it is located below this message, dated May 6, 2015) wasn't included. Other residents' letters were included in conjunction with the 10 surveys received, but not our e-mail, which serves the same purpose as a letter. Please let us know and thank you for your help in understanding why we were omitted. Simone and Peter McPhee

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From: spmcphee < spmcphee@aol.com>  
To: pwalker < pwalker@sewallspoint.org>  
Cc: vbarile < vbarile@sewallspoint.org>; jcampos < jcampos@sewallspoint.org>; jthurlow-lippisch < jthurlow-lippisch@sewallspoint.org>  
Sent: Thu, Jun 25, 2015 8:45 am  
Subject: Re: "Lantana Park"

Good morning,

We were unable to attend Tuesday evening's meeting. We saw that the retention area in front of our home was on the agenda. Could you share with us what, if any, decisions were made regarding it? Thanks. The McPhee's

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To: PWalker < PWalker@sewallspoint.org>  
Cc: vbarile < vbarile@sewallspoint.org>; jcampos < jcampos@sewallspoint.org>; jthurlow-lippisch < jthurlow-lippisch@sewallspoint.org>  
Sent: Wed, May 6, 2015 4:00 pm  
Subject: Re: "Lantana Park"

Thank you Ms. Walker,

It was upsetting to see this again after three years. We have pages of fruitless and frustrating emails from August 2012 expressing our serious concerns about this. The survey attached does not address the logistics or exact plans, but characterizes it as potential "improvements" to "Lantana Lane Park", which implies that it is in need of 'improvement', when in actuality it isn't a park, and it isn't in need of 'improvement'. It's a retention area, much like several others located throughout town that haven't been given park names.

Unlike the real park across the street from Town Hall (which is just one mile away) this area does not have any infrastructure to support a "park". There is no parking (in fact, whenever there is a garage sale, it's a nightmare). A young child was actually hit by a car on the corner of Lantana Lane and Admirals Walk in 2002. There is no lighting, and if lighting is put in, it will shine into surrounding homes. If no lighting, it has the potential to turn into a teen hangout. We have seen countless tress planted in that space, only to watch them die shortly thereafter. Children already have a wonderful time playing in the green space when it isn't holding rain water, so it is unnecessary to officially "park-ify" it as it is already enjoyed as such. Several of the homes that would be negatively impacted by parking/lighting issues have out of area owners and/or are vacant.

We have enjoyed our quiet sanctuary for nearly 13 years now and normally do not get involved in any politics. But because this threatens the solitude we cherish, we feel compelled, once again, to ask that this small area with no parking be left just the way it is to do the job it was designed to do. It seems that if unnecessary changes stand to negatively impact the quality of life of ANY of its residents, then it shouldn't be done. The McPhee's

-----Original Message-----

From: Pamela Walker < PWalker@sewallspoint.org>  
To: spmcphee < spmcphee@aol.com>  
Sent: Tue, May 5, 2015 6:06 pm  
Subject: RE: "Lantana Park"

Thank you very much for taking the time to send us your thoughts on this issue. I will be sure that your opinions are shared with the Commission as they make their decision.

**Pam Mac'Kie Walker**

**Town Manager**

One South Sewall's Point Road

Sewall's Point, Florida 34996

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**From:** [spmcphee@aol.com](mailto:spmcphee@aol.com) [<mailto:spmcphee@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 2:54 PM

**To:** Pamela Walker

**Subject:** "Lantana Park"

Good Afternoon,

Attached you will find two documents. One is the letter that was sent to us about what is now being dubbed "Lantana Lane Park", and the other is the completed survey about the same property. **We are very much against** turning this **retention** area located on the corner of Admiral's WALK and Lantana Lane into something it was never intended to be, especially not a "park", as we have already shared some time ago with your predecessor the last time this was proposed (when it was dubbed "pocket park") . Please acknowledge that you were able to open these and print them out, and/or if we should also drop copies off to Town Hall. The McPhee's

# TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT



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May 1, 2015

Neighbor  
8 Admiral's Walk  
Sewall's Point, FL 34996  
Re: Lantana Lane Park

Dear Neighbor:

The Town of Sewall's Point would like your ideas!  
We are considering improvements to properties owned by the Town, including the vacant property located at the corner of Admiral's Way and Lantana Lane. While the primary purpose of the property is stormwater detention, the property can be used for other purposes during its usual dry condition.

Would you be willing to share your ideas with us? There is a brief questionnaire attached to this letter that is being distributed to property owners in the vicinity of the park. If you would like to have a say about potential changes to this property, kindly take a moment to respond.

Your answers can be returned by mail, dropped off at Town Hall, or sent via email to our Town Manager, Pam Walker: [walker@sewallspoint.org](mailto:walker@sewallspoint.org). The input received will be reported to the Town Commission at our workshop on June 16, so we need your response **no later than May 30** (sooner would be greatly appreciated).

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with the Town. We value your input.

Sincerely,

Paul Luger, Mayor

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# Lantana Park Survey

**Town of Sewall's Point**  
 One South Sewall's Point Road  
 Sewall's Point, FL 34996



Please complete the following Survey regarding potential improvements to Lantana Lane Park.

*Answers to these questions is optional but helpful*

Name: <u>McPhee</u>	
Address: <u>8 Admirals Walk</u>	Telephone Number: <u>772 260 4024</u>
Email address: <u>spmcphree@aol.com</u>	Household age range: <u>N/A</u>

1. How would you rate the current condition of this park?

- Excellent as is     Acceptable     Needs Improvement     Unacceptable

2. What would you say should be the primary use of this park? (You may check up to 3)

- Children playing     Dog walking     Relaxing     Meet Neighbors  
 Athletic activities     Exercise     retention ponds     \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please rate the overall appearance of the park as it exists today:

- Excellent as is     Acceptable     Needs Improvement     Unacceptable

4. Please identify improvements you would like to see at this park? (You may check up to 3)

- Landscaping     Lighting     Gazebo     Benches  
 Sports facilities     Drinking Fountain     Walking paths     No Changes

5. Please identify activities you would like to see at this park? (You may check up to 3)

- Dog Shows     Neighborhood gatherings     Kids' athletics     Educational programs  
 Exercise     A place for flood waters to go.     dog walking     None

6. Comments:

A place for flood waters to go.    \_\_\_\_\_    A place for serenity

- Concerned about parking (lack of) if this retention area is called a "park"
- Flooding, as that is its true purpose.
- becoming a Teen hangout
- negative noise impact on adjacent, nearby properties.