

November 20, 2019

To: City Council and City Manager

From: Environmental Committee

RE: Review & Recommendations *Alleyway Management Plan* and allowing pets (dogs) at Grey Preserve

Review of *Alleyway Management Plan (AMP)* With Committee Recommendations

Recommendation of the Environmental Committee of the City of New Port Richey to City Council on the City's *Alleyway Management Plan (AMP)*.

In response to the request from the City Council to review and offer recommendations on the City's *Alleyway Management Plan (AMP)*, with unanimous support, the Environmental Committee makes the following recommendations: (1) The City not vacate any alleyways or otherwise allow private property lines or private uses to be extended into existing alleyways. (2) The City not pave existing alleyways. (3) If the recommendation to not pave existing alleyways is rejected, Committee recommends paving be done with pervious materials. (4) Alleyways that have been encroached on by adjacent properties be restored to City use, unless a formal agreement vacating the alleyway is on file. Proposal based on preservation of existing cultural and natural ecologies of alleyways; preservation of current hydrology (runoff and drainage); limiting or preventing unnecessary use of paving materials (especially asphalt); and reducing or preventing use of alleyways as transit routes and commercial dumping sites.

Review of proposal to allow pets (specifically dogs) at the Grey Preserve With Committee Recommendations

Recommendation of the Environmental Committee of the City of New Port Richey to City Council on a proposal to allow pets (specifically dogs) at the Grey Preserve.

In response to the request from the City Council to review and offer recommendations on the proposal to allow pets (specifically dogs) at the Grey Preserve, with unanimous support, the Committee recommends that the prohibition on pets (specifically dogs) at the Grey Preserve be maintained, and that the prohibition be extended to the proposed Congress Street entrance to the preserve. Proposal based on issues related to control of pets relative to preserve patrons, native wildlife, plant communities, and the native ecology in general. Grey Preserve is an ecological preserve and should be maintained as such.

Submitted by

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