

PBC Mangrove Committee Update

June 7, 2021

Over the past 6 months the Master Board and the Mangrove Committee have been working hard to develop a plan to stop and legally reverse the steady annual increase in the height of our mangroves. We now have two contracts in place to initiate a 3-year plan to get our previously cut mangroves down to the legally allowed height of 6 ft. above the substrate and to remove and stump treat any nuisance, exotic, and invasive vines or trees in the mangroves.

What you can expect:

Mangrove cutting will start on June 14 and be completed no later than August 31st. This is a very different time frame than previous years. Why? We want to stimulate more bud development after cutting occurs. This will allow us to be more aggressive during the 2022 cut.

We will be installing markers. These are to provide a frame of reference for residents to watch how the height of mangroves are getting lower and to show the start and stop points of the 6 mangrove sections. Section 1 starts behind the Clubhouse and Section 6 ends behind the Villages (visit the website or the Clubhouse to view the map). This year, **we'll start cutting with Section 1 and end with Section 6.**

We want to keep you more informed. To accomplish this, **we're going to have a weekly** progress report and Monday morning meetings starting on June 21 and continuing every Monday thereafter until the 2021 work is completed. How will that report be shared? Using a color-coded map available on our website and at the Clubhouse, plus a weekly public meeting on Zoom held at the Clubhouse. The start time for all meetings is 10:30 am EST.

Here's the Zoom information.

To join the meeting log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/94417808866?pwd=bk1JUkhWcTkWUUhUMTVvZkVSU1dzdz09>

Meeting ID: 94417808866

Passcode: 455384

Please **DON'T talk to the contractors while they're working!** They will already have their instructions on how to approach the cutting for each mangrove section. Bring any of your concerns or comments to the weekly meeting.

What will the mangroves look like after the 2021 cut? They will look more un-even compared to the past, but your view of the water will improve. Why? Because we want to cut as aggressively as legally possible and not all trees will be able to be cut to the same height.

What will the mangroves look like after the 2023 cut? They will look similar to past cuts with the huge difference being that your view will be restored to what it was 10 years ago!