



Pinellas County

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Clearwater, Florida 33756

Staff Report

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UNTIL CONCLUSION OF LITIGATION
(Ch. 119, Fla. Stat.)

File #: 15-722

Agenda Date: December 15, 2015

Subject:

Settlement demand in the case of Rebecca Meeker v. Steeplechase Townhomes Owners' Assn., Inc. and Pinellas County – allegations of negligence resulting in personal injury.

Recommended Action:

Approval to reject the settlement demand in the amount of \$135,000.00 received in the above-mentioned case.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

In 2012, the Plaintiff was walking her dog in a grassy area between her townhome and her neighbor's townhome. She alleges the area she was walking was within Pinellas County's right-of-way on her neighbor's side of the grassy area. She alleges that her foot got caught under or on the driveway due to an indentation in the grass. This result in a fracture to her ankle which required surgery. She initially sued the owner of the neighboring property and Steeplechase – the townhome association. She settled with the owner of the property for \$10,000.00 releasing her from the lawsuit. The Plaintiff then amended the Complaint to include Pinellas County based on the accident happening in the County's right-of-way. Discovery is ongoing, but at this point in time, there is no evidence Pinellas County was put on constructive or actual notice of a dangerous condition in the County's right-of-way. Based on the photographs provided, there does not even appear to be a dangerous condition. Pinellas County does not maintain the right-of-way at issue. Steeplechase, however, is responsible for the maintenance of the area in question and has admitted to providing lawn services. At this point in time, there is no evidence to support any negligence on the part of Pinellas County so it is recommended the settlement demand be rejected.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown

Staff Member Responsible:

James L. Bennett, County Attorney
Nancy S. Meyer, Sr. Assistant County Attorney

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

Loy, Norman

From: Estrada, Sue M
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:41 PM
To: Loy, Norman
Cc: Young, Bernie C
Subject: RE: ITEMS BEING HELD IN LOCK-UP.xls
Attachments: 45254.xls

Norm:

Attached is an updated version regarding items being held in lock-up. Thanks.

~ Sue

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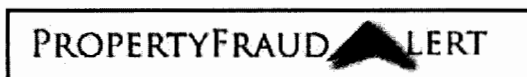
Hi Sue:

Could you please have the attached list reviewed and let me know if any of these items can be released for public view.

Thanks,

Norman D. Loy, C.P.M., B.A.M.
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6/6/2016

BCC MEETING DATE		ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	DATE RELEASED AND AUTHORITY
1	1/28/2014	20	Consideration of Proposal for Settlement in the Case of Shannon Baker, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Andrew James Cavanaugh, Deceased, v. Board of County Commissioners, Pinellas County, Florida, State of Florida ,Board of County Commissioners, Pinellas County, Florida, State of Florida, Department of Transportation, and Depositors Insurance Company Circuit Civil Case Number 10-16223-CI-15	JAP - Cannot be released
2	12/2/2014	15	Recommendation to Reject Settlement in the Case of GCS Energy Recovery of Pinellas, Inc. v. Pinellas County Circuit Civil Case Nos. 2014-005220-CI-13 and 14-006566-CI-11	DSC/JAM - Cannot be released
3	2/10/2015	21	Recommendation to Reject The Proposal for Settlement in the Case of Monja Djordic v. County of Pinellas, Circuit Civil Case No. 14-2446-CI-8	NSM - Can be released 6/6/2016
4	9/10/2015	31	Recommendation to Reject a Proposal for Settlement in the Case of The Richman Group of Florida, Inc. v. Pinellas County Circuit Civil Case No. 14-005608-CI-15.	NSM - Cannot be released
5	10/20/2015	28	Approval to reject proposal for settlement in the case of Linda Holbrook v. Pinellas County. Sixth Judicial Circuit, Case Number 15-003952-CI-21.	JAP - Can be released 6/6/2016
6	12/15/2015	25	Approval to reject the settlement demand in the case of Rebecca Meeker v. Steeplechase Townhomes Owners' Assn., Inc. and Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No. 13-004929-CI-8.	NSM - Can be released 6/6/2016
7	1/12/2015	25	Proposal of Settlement served by the Plaintiff's counsel in the Case of Shannon Baker, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Andrew James Cavanaugh, Deceased, v. Board of County Commissioners, Pinellas County, Florida, State of Florida ,Board of County Commissioners, Pinellas County, Florida, State of Florida, Department of Transportation, and Depositors Insurance Company Circuit Civil Case Number 10-16223-CI-15	JAP - Cannot be released
8	4/12/2016	19	Approval to accept an offer of settlement in the case of Linda Holbrook v. Pinellas County - Sixth Judicial Circuit Case No. 15-003952-CI-21 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.	JAP - Can be released 6/6/2016
9	5/24/2016	20	Approval to accept an offer of settlement in the case of Paul Hanson v. Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No. 15-006299-CI.	JAP - Cannot be released