

Memorandum

Date: May 26, 2009
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – June, 2009

I am providing you with brief updates on some of the Town's continuing projects and events.

New Town Hall –

FEMA inspected the building for the grant and to the best of our knowledge everything is satisfactory. They're reviewing the information we submitted and updated the beginning of May. We hope to receive the grant funds in the near future.

COCONUT LANE DRAINAGE -

This project is on hold until the Commission decides whether or not to proceed depending on the availability of funds. We have received the construction permits from the SFWMD. The construction permit is good for 5 years and the dewatering permit for 1 year. We have submitted the project to the State for a 319 grant which would pay for 30% of the cost. I don't know at this point how the project will rank.

OCEAN AVE. LANDSCAPE-

We are working with the landscape company to develop a plan to improve the landscaping on Ocean Ave. They have submitted their ideas and we're working on reducing the cost.

ISLAND DRIVE BRIDGE -

Preconstruction meetings have been held. FPL has moved the power lines to enable the construction on the north side of the bridge. We've issued the notice to proceed so the contractor can start the construction.

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OLD OCEAN BLVD.-

We have met with Mark Taynton of FDEP and Paul Davis of DERM to develop educational information for the residents and their landscapers on dune maintenance. The Garden Club Dune Committee will be assisting us with this effort. We have received the recorded deed from the County transferring the section of the dune to the Town. The Garden Club Dune Committee will be developing a plan to landscape this section. They will be working with the State and DERM and will present the plan to the Commission for approval. We are continuing to work with our landscaper to remove the exotics on the dune walkovers.

Inlet Cay Seawall-

We authorized Mark Smith Marine Construction, Inc. to make the repairs on the seawall. They have started the repairs and should be done by the end of June.

No Wake Zone -

I've contacted the County and the State about a no wake zone in the Intracoastal for manatee protection. The State is looking at speed zones but only as they relate to boater safety, at least at this time. If we want to have a reduced speed zone we need to write to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission making the request. I spoke to them and they will review the request and determine if they want to look into it further in order to make the change. They don't make the changes often and will need to agree that there's a problem.

At present the area between the Woolbright Bridge and the Boynton Inlet has a "slow speed" restriction from the shoreline to 50 feet offshore. The center of the area has a speed limit of 25mph for August and September and 30mph the rest of the year.

I checked with the County and the State regarding enforcement and neither could guarantee consistent enforcement due to their present minimal staffing.

Zoning Code Recommendations

The Planning and Zoning Board will meet again to discuss possible changes in the zoning code. A definite date hasn't been set.

Flood Insurance-

We submitted documentation to the Federal Government to reassess the Town's flood insurance rating. We were successful in changing the Town's rating from an 8 to a 7. This equates to a 15% discount in flood insurance premium instead of the previous 10%. Lisa Burns was instrumental in putting the documentation together.

Police Report –

The police report for April activities is attached.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Planning and Zoning-----date not set

Code Enforcement-----June 2, 2009: 10 AM

Board of Adjustment-----June 10, 2009: 8:30 AM

July Commission Meeting -----July 6, 2009: 6 PM

cc: Edward Hillery, Police Chief
Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk
Town Employees