

Memorandum

Date: July 29, 2009
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – August, 2009

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

New Town Hall –

FEMA has submitted a 90% pay request on our grant. We should receive the funds by mid July. They held off of 100% as it looks like we might get the additional money we requested and if so we'll have to do a grant addendum. The additional funding requested was \$86,000 but we don't know yet how much of that we'll get. Nothing new on the rest of the grant.

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 but they hope to decide in July or August. Nothing yet from Tallahassee on the ranking.

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 and Comcast have moved their lines to enable construction on the north side of the bridge. We've issued the notice to proceed so the contractor can start the construction. The start date is August 17th.

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.

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.

Noseeum Spraying -

Clarke has started the spraying. We are only spraying in the back of homes where we have permission from the resident. Of the letters we sent out only two have declined spraying. They are spraying once a week on Tues. or Wed. depending on weather.

Pedestrian Street Signs-

The permit application has been submitted to FDOT. It is presently being reviewed in Ft. Lauderdale.

Police Report –

The police report for June activities is attached

Briny Breezes-

The Town of Briny Breezes has advertised for a proposal to provide police coverage for the Town. It is due by the end of August. We will be submitting a proposal.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Planning and Zoning-----date not set

Code Enforcement-----August 11, 2009: 10 AM-if needed

Commission Meeting/ 1st Budget Hearing ---September 10, 2009: 5:01P.M.

2nd Budget Hearing -----September 17, 2009: 5:01 P.M.

cc: Edward Hillery, Police Chief
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