

Meeting of the Environmental Resources Advisory Board held in the Town Hall Chambers on Wednesday, January 19, 2000 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was attended by Town Manager Dunham, Deputy Town Clerk Herrmann and the following members: Chairman Aaskov, Kim Beaumont, Jerry Goray, Tom Horton, Don MaGruder, Barbara Souther and Victor Martel.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaskov.

The minutes of the October 27, 1999 meeting were passed unanimously.

III. Update on signage

Town Manager Dunham explained that he and Mr. Goray had been looking for locations for the entrance signs around town adding that they believed the most difficult one to position would be at the south end of town. Chairman Aaskov suggested that the south end sign be placed somewhere near Turtle Beach as opposed to the actual southern town limit. Town Manager Dunham explained that the sign for Ocean Ave. would be placed at the bottom of the ramp where the street starts to level out. He added that the Town Commission has suggested that a sign be placed on each side of Ocean Ave. He suggested that the sign at the north end of town be placed in the green space just north of the sign for the Inlet Park. Mr. Magruder questioned if the Town would wait until the County is done with construction at the park before placing that sign to which Town Manager Dunham advised that the Town would wait.

Town Manager Dunham distributed a copy of the new turtle design for the signs and also designs for other sign possibilities. Dr. Martel questioned if the stop sign would be a framed sign to which Town Manager Dunham explained that it would have to be a reflective sign, but it could be framed in coquina similar to other proposed signs. Mr. Goray suggested that the board get cost estimates for the new signs so that they can prepare a proposal for the Town Commission.

Dr. Martel questioned if the board members could receive color copies of the signs being proposed that they could show to other residents in order to get their support to which Town Manager Dunham advised that they could.

Dr. Martel questioned if these new informational signs would have the same features as the signs for the dunes to which Town Manager Dunham explained that currently there was no plan to make them similar. Mrs. Beaumont suggested that the two have similar features and the other board members concurred. Town Manager Dunham stated that he will look into incorporating the same features in both sets of signs when he requests estimates.

IV. Discuss Seagrapes on the dune

Town Manager Dunham distributed the dune preservation ordinance to board members.

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Mrs. Souther stated that she had noticed that the lower the seagrapes are, the more dune restoration they provide. Chairman Aaskov stated that he felt an ordinance should be adopted which requires them to be maintained between 3' and 6' or not to have them at all.

Town Manager Dunham questioned what the board would like to recommend to the Town Commission. Mr. MaGruder questioned if the board was considering suggesting that all sea grapes be removed and replaced with sea oats to which Chairman Aaskov stated that he would agree with that suggestion as invasives are identified more easily in sea oats than seagrapes. Mr. Horton advised that when a tree is cut back, i.e. a seagrape, to a fraction of its height, it becomes unhealthy. Mrs. Souther reminded the board that Mr. Baron had stated at a previous meeting that the most cost effective replacement would be sea oats.

Mr. Goray suggested that the board recommend that the windowing provision be eliminated from the dune preservation ordinance and that the use of alternative materials be encouraged. Chairman Aaskov stated that they could suggest three or four alternate materials some of which require very minimal care. Mr. Horton suggested that the board request the opinion of Mr. Baron and other landscape architects before making any recommendations to the Town Commission. There was concern by the board over Mr. Baron making a presentation to the Town Commission, so it was decided that he would make a written proposal for the Town Commission and/or a presentation to the ERAB only.

Chairman Aaskov stated that he would speak to Gene Joiner, Palm Beach County Extension Service, and ask if he would like to speak at an ERAB meeting and/or get some information on this topic from him. Town Manager Dunham suggested that a representative from the County be contacted for an opinion to which Mr. Horton stated that he would speak with Paul Davis from DERM. Mrs. Souther advised that she would contact Mr. Baron. Town Manager Dunham stated that after they discuss the above contacts at the next meeting, they will be able to bring a draft ordinance to the Town Commission.

Chairman Aaskov stated that in regards to the Corrine St property that was discussed at the previous meeting, he would like to suggest that a bird watching tower be included in the plans to which the rest of the board concurred.

Chairman Aaskov also suggested that the Calycophyllum Trees on Ocean Ave. should be replaced by DOT as a result of the roots being cut. Town Manager Dunham advised that the Town Commission has already directed the staff to approach DOT to replace all of the Calycophyllum Trees on Ocean Ave. adding that he would report DOT's response at the next ERAB meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7PM.

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Attest By:

Town Clerk