

Meeting of the Environmental Resource Advisory Board held on Wednesday, May 31, 2000 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Commission Chambers

The meeting was attended by Town Manager Dunham and Deputy Town Clerk Herrmann and attended by the following board members: Chairman Aaskov, Jerry Goray, Jerry Lower, Don MaGruder, and Barbara Souther.

The minutes of the April 26, 2000 meeting could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

III. Update on Signage

Town Manager Dunham advised that the Town would soon receive the permit from DOT. He stated that he had met with representatives from DOT to show them the locations chosen for the signs and DOT is reviewing the right-of-ways and speed limits to see how far from the road the monuments would need to be placed. He added that he had not spoken to representatives from Turtle Beach as of yet, but that he did not think they would have any problems with the monument in front of their development.

Regarding the Old Ocean Blvd. signs, Town Manager Dunham advised that there were funds available in the current year's beautification reserve account and the environmental account and that he would recommend to the Town Commission that they use those funds for this purpose. He added that the cost would be approximately \$22,000, but that he did not have a more accurate estimate as of yet.

Town Manager Dunham explained that the posts for the Old Ocean Blvd. signs are all cast aluminum and the jacket that goes around the sign is made of a masonry material. He stated that he would like to have a street identification sign on top of the stop signs. He stated that he would be taking this proposal to the Town Commission once he has the exact cost.

IV. Update on landscaping and landscaping for Woolbright Road

Town Manager Dunham explained that the landscape plan to accompany the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful Grant is not quite finished. He stated that the Palm Beach County guide that is with the grant does compliment the Town's Xeriscape policy. He stated that he has a letter prepared for the board's signatures which states that they support the landscaping plan.

Town Manager Dunham explained that the Town Commission would be passing a resolution at the next regular meeting stating that the Town will match funds provided by the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful Grant.

V. Discussion on final report to Town Commission

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Town Manager Dunham explained that the resolutions which developed the two advisory boards specified terminating the boards after two years. He stated that at the last regular Town Commission meeting, the Town Commission requested that the staff meet with the boards to prepare their final reports. He stated that the Town Commission had contemplated combining both advisory boards into one which would meet on an as-needed basis.

Barbara Souther stated that she felt a forward looking Town would have a board that meets to discuss issues and make recommendations to the Town. She added that she felt terminating the board would be short sighted.

Chairman Aaskov stated that he felt if the board was reduced to an as-needed basis, it would mean that the board would only meet when the Town Commission had something to unload on them. He stated that he felt there were issues within the Town that needed to be kept alive so that the Town Commission was aware of them.

Mrs. Souther stated that once the board completes issues, the members would need to look for new issues. She stated that the board should meet regularly whether they had agenda items or not.

Don MaGruder stated that he felt the Town Commission was uneasy regarding the geographical balance of the board members. Chairman Aaskov suggested that the Town Commission zone the Town for the purpose of board appointments.

Town Manager Dunham reminded the board that the original resolutions approving these advisory boards contained a life for the boards and that is the reason the Town Commission has made the decision to terminate them. Chairman Aaskov stated that the issues of the Environmental Resources Advisory Board would be ongoing for several years.

Mrs. Souther stated that she felt some members of the board became disenchanted with the process because they felt everything that was recommended to the Town Commission should have been adopted when they are really just an advisory board.

Town Manager Dunham asked if someone from the board wanted to draft a final report which would then be distributed to the rest of the board for comments. Chairman Aaskov requested that a sub-committee be formed to write the final report. Mrs. Souther, Mr. Magruder and Mr. Lower volunteered to be the sub-committee for the board.

There was discussion on what to include in the final report and the board concurred that it should include four sections. These sections would be: what the board has previously discussed, what the board has considered, what the board still wants to recommend and a long term vision for the board. It was decided that the sub-committee would meet in the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 7, 2000 at 8 AM.

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Mr. Magruder questioned if they could form a committee which is not appointed by the Town Commission and; therefore, not subject to the restrictions of the Sunshine Law to which Town Manager Dunham stated that sometimes those types of boards are very effective. Mr. Lower stated that he felt the Town Commission wanted appointed boards discussing these issues as opposed to resident run boards.

Mr. Lower questioned when the board would receive more information about the property at Woolbright and A1A which they had planned for a passive park. Town Manager Dunham stated that the engineer for the drainage project is currently looking at the property and will give a recommendation at the next Town Commission meeting on whether or not this property would be needed for the drainage plan.

The board members also wanted it on the record that they supported the Town's purchase of the 500 gal water tank for watering the landscaping around Town.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Attest by:

Town Clerk