

Memorandum

Date: February 1, 2012

To: Mayor & Commissioners

From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager

Re: Town Update February, 2012

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

Coconut Lane Drainage-

Preliminary construction for the drainage improvements has begun on Coconut Lane. FPL is scheduled to install the necessary power pole in the next 3 weeks. The project is scheduled for completion in May.

The generator contractor is fabricating the fuel tank for the generator at Turtle Beach. The factory is constructing the generator to replace the existing generator which will be used on Coconut Lane. The generator is scheduled for installation in mid February.

Old Ocean Ave-

I'm met with the residents on Old Ocean Blvd. to develop a plan to remove the Scavola and replant the area with native vegetation. We want to have a plan that will eliminate the Scavola and maintain the privacy that's been provided by the Scavola for the last 20 years. The resident at 5518 just wants grass planted in place of the Scavola. The other two want to address the privacy issue. We're finalizing the landscape plan and the cost. Now that we've been getting rain we'll finalize the landscape plan.

Inlet Cay and Sabal Island Bridge Repairs

We have advertised for bids for the bridge repairs. Bids are due February 9th at 2PM. The contractors estimate is \$55,000 including inspection services. The funds that were set aside for this project are being used for the Tropical emergency generator so the Commission will have to appropriate addition funding from the reserves for the construction. The exact amount can be appropriated after we receive the bids.

Entrance Signs

The final sign has been installed at the south end of Town. I would have preferred it be closer to the road but that's as close as FDOT would allow the sign to the travel lane. We plan on lighting it up at night with a solar spot light as the lighting is not as good as we hoped it would be.

Energy Grants

County Grant:

The contract for the energy improvements is on the agenda for approval. We've modified the improvements we want to do based on the budget. We want to eliminate the changes in the parking lot lights and include a solar pump for the coy pond. This will bring the project within budget.

We took bids on Dec. 28th on the energy reduction program for Town Hall. The engineers estimate was \$27,000. We received one bid for \$44,022 with an alternate bid of \$13,100 for the solar pump for the coy pond. With the revised energy improvements recommended the construction cost will be less than \$30,000.

This project will be discussed in more detail later in the agenda.

State Grant:

There are three Municipalities in the State residential rebate program. They are Ocean Ridge, Atlantis and Haverhill. Lantana is overseeing the whole grant. EcoSmart PR has begun advertising for participants in the rebate program.

The program has a short timeframe in that it's suppose to be complete by May, 2012. We will have \$112,000 to use for rebates on energy saving improvements for the residents. We will have to do a budget adjustment as we have to front the money prior to reimbursement. This program will not have an impact on the budget as it is 100% reimbursable. A resolution amending the budget for these funds is addressed later in the agenda.

The consultant has been advertising in the local papers, on our website and monthly newsletter, has notified local contractors, and utilized direct mail. The original program was for single family residents but we're trying to extend it to the condos. To date the consultant has approved one contract and received numerous phone calls.

Capri Apts.

They finally received their permit from the Health Dept. to construct a drainfield for the washing machine. Their Board is scheduled to meet in February to select a contractor for the work.

Police Union Discussion

We came to a tentative agreement on a contract with the PBA and sent the contract to the officers for their vote. As of this writing we don't have a confirmation of the voting results. If they approve it the Commission will adopt a resolution for their approval of the contract. If the officers don't approve it we can go back to negotiations or declare an impasse.

FDOT Discussions

We've requested FDOT to look at constructing proper pedestrian crossings at Woolbright Rd. and A1A. They are still evaluating our request. We don't have a timetable for their review. We also requested they look at the retention ponds on Ocean Ave regarding the tidal influence and flooding. They are reviewing our request.

Employee Evaluation

We have reviewed the forms used by several other communities. They are all unique; however, the content is basically the same in all of the forms. Our form is consistent and we propose to continue using our form for employee evaluations. These will be done on the employee's anniversary.

Street Inspections

We will be evaluating the streets this month and ranking them as to their need for repaving.

Island Drive Rabbits

See the attached memo regarding this concern.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Code Enforcement-----February 7, 2012 @ 10:00 AM

Commission Meeting----- March 5, 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Code Enforcement----- March 6, 2012 @ 10:00 AM

cc: Chris Yannuzzi, Police Chief
Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk
Town Employees