

# Memorandum

**Date:** April 1, 2009  
**To:** Mayor & Commissioners  
**From:** Ken Schenck, Town Manager  
**Re:** Town Update – April, 2009

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

## **New Town Hall** –

The punch list items have been completed on the building and the parking area. FEMA inspected the building for the grant and to the best of our knowledge everything is satisfactory. They're reviewing our information at present. No indication as to how long it'll take to get the funds.

## **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. The State has requested information on projects ready to go for the stimulus money coming from the Federal government. I sent them this project as well as other work that still needs to be done on Inlet Cay. There's no word yet as to how these funds will be spent or what strings will be attached. We are submitting the project to the Lake Worth Drainage District for a 319 grant. I don't know at this point how the project will rank.

## **OCEAN AVE. LANDSCAPE** -

We've completed the new well on Ocean Ave and the distribution system has been repaired. The operation permit has been received from the SFWMD. FDOT has removed the mangroves from their drainage ponds on both sides of Ocean Ave. They are supposed to maintain them so the mangroves don't grow back. We are working with the landscape company to develop a plan to improve the landscaping on Ocean Ave.

### **ISLAND DRIVE BRIDGE -**

Preconstruction meetings have been held. We are waiting for FPL to move the power line from the north side of the bridge to the south side as it's in the way of the construction for the pilings of the new bridge.

### **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. The County has agreed to transfer the section of the dune they own 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 Paving-**

The paving is complete and the repairs have been made to the bridge.

### **Inlet Cay Seawall-**

We received a proposal from Docks and Seawalls Inc. to rebuild the seawall at the bridge on Inlet Cay. The cost is much less than the design and bid procedure. The proposal is on the agenda later in the meeting.

### **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 Woobright 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 am meeting with Commissioner Pugh to see how we can recommend a reduction.

**Zoning Code Recommendations**

The Planning and Zoning Board will meet again on April 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible changes in the zoning code.

**Police Report –**

The police report for February activities is attached.

**Chickasaw Linear Park**

I met with representatives of Crown Colony and the Yacht Club to discuss the concern on the linear park. The main concern is the hedge height. The Crown Colony Board is meeting to discuss it and will get back with me.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Planning and Zoning-----April 20, 2009: 8 AM

May Commission Meeting -----May 4, 2009: 6 PM

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