

Memorandum

Date: March 31, 2011
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – April, 2011

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

Coconut Lane Drainage-

We have advertised the project. Bids are due April 19th at 11:00 AM. So far 11 bidders have picked up plans.

Old Ocean Blvd. Dune.-

The Garden Club Dune Committee has planned their final planting in mid April. Once complete they propose to add a new bench. They've substantially improved the dune in this area.

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.

Energy Grants-

We have received a notice to proceed from the County for the \$50,000 grant for energy improvements on Town Hall and Ocean Ave. The engineering survey for this work is in the State grant. As we have still not received the State grant the County will allow us to use the County grant for the engineering evaluation. The engineers are preparing the contract for the energy survey,

The State has told us that the grant offer has been approved. We haven't seen the grant to know the particulars of the grant or what was approved and how the grant will work. Lantana is the lead applicant on the State grant. They have signed the agreement and returned it to the State for their signature.

Entrance Signs

Three of the signs have been installed. We've submitted a permit to FDOT to get a variance to install the fourth sign at the south end of Town. They haven't approved the variance yet.

.

Capri Apts.

The plans to remove the present laundry discharge have been submitted to the Health Dept. Comments have been received and answered. They're waiting for final approval from the Health Dept. to start the construction.

.

Ethics Commission

A committee made up of representatives of the County and the League of Cities is presently developing the ordinances and needed documents to implement the Ethics Commission voted on by the residents in the last election. All of the municipalities passed the referendum. However, as the saying goes the devil is in the details. A major concern, at present, is the funding for Ms. Sheryl Steckler, the Inspector General and her staff. The IG's office was supposed to be funded by a 1/4% of the municipal and county contracts. The contracts that would be subject to this fee were not defined. This, however, appears to be changing. There are discussions ongoing that the funding may be based on a community's budget rather than the contract percentage. There is uncertainty about what parts of the budget would be included as well as how large a staff she will have. Based on preliminary numbers our cost will be about \$3,750.

At present it appears that the Executive Director for the Ethics Commission, Mr. Alan Johnson, will be funded by the County.

Although the details haven't been finalized there is a growing concern among many of the municipalities that this is turning into an unintended expensive monster. The ordinances are expected to be finalized in April. I will keep you informed as this develops.

The Executive Director of the Ethics Commission, Mr. Alan Johnson, will be providing mandatory training to all of the municipalities as to the ethics dos and don'ts. This will include the Commission, Board members and staff. The timing is uncertain at present.

Boynton Beach's Oceanfront Park-

Attached is correspondence with Boynton Beach regarding some modifications they propose to Oceanfront Park. They plan to modify the two existing bathroom buildings. The men's room will be gutted to make a shelter and the women's room will be modified to house the men's and women's restrooms.

As the outside building dimensions will remain the same and the main functions will still be restrooms staff felt that this was not a major site modification. Therefore, these changes do not require a site plan modification approval. We request that the Commission ratify our interpretation that this is not a site plan modification.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Code Enforcement-----April 5, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

Commission Meeting -----May 2, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Code Enforcement-----May 3, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

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