

Memorandum

Date: September 4, 2009
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – September, 2009

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

New Town Hall –

We have received the initial payment from FEMA and have submitted the revised contract for an additional \$36,000 that has been approved. A request has been submitted for all of the funds which we hope to get soon.

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 dewatering permit has been renewed for another year. We have submitted the project to the State for a 319 grant which would pay for 30% of the cost we have received a verbal confirmation that we are in line for a grant of \$119,000. The funds won't be available until next summer.

OCEAN AVE. LANDSCAPE-

We have been working with our landscape company to develop a plan to improve the landscaping on Ocean Ave. They have submitted their plan which is on the agenda later in the meeting.

ISLAND DRIVE BRIDGE -

Construction started on the bridge replacement the week of August 17th. They will remove the north span first and then move to the south side. One lane will remain open at all times. The project is expected to take about 6 to 7 months.

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. We have received the recorded deed from the County transferring the section of the dune 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.

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 Woolbright 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 checked with the County and the State regarding enforcement and neither could guarantee consistent enforcement due to their present minimal staffing.

Zoning Code Recommendations

The Planning and Zoning Board will meet again to discuss possible changes in the zoning code. A definite date hasn't been set.

Noseeum Spraying -

Clarke has started the spraying. We are only spraying in the back of homes where we have permission from the resident. Of the letters we sent out only two have declined spraying. They are spraying once a week on Tues. or Wed. depending on weather.

Pedestrian Street Signs-

The permit application has been submitted to FDOT. It is presently being reviewed in Ft. Lauderdale. The verbal indication from FDOT is that they will approve the project. We're waiting for the actual permit which should be received this month.

Police Report –.

The police report for the August activities is attached

Briny Breezes-

The Town of Briny Breezes has advertised for a proposal to provide police coverage for the Town. We met with Briny and they have asked us to modify our proposal. Boynton Beach stations a man there 8 hours a day and they want our cost to do the same. We're evaluating our ability to do that and still supply the other services cost effectively.

Garbage and Trash Collection

We advertised for a company to collect trash and garbage and received five bids. Republic Services of Palm Beach was the low bidder. We are working with them to develop a contract. They will start on October 1st.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Planning and Zoning-----date not set

2nd Commission Budget Hearing -----September 17, 2009: 5:01P.M.

Commission Meeting -----October 4, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M.

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