

Memorandum

Date: September 30, 2010
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – October, 2010

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

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. FDEP has confirmed the grant is available. I would like to go out for bids to see what the cost will be. To be discussed later in the meeting.

Island Drive Bridge-

The bridge should have substantial completion by the first week in October allowing it to open to two lane traffic. Finishing touches should be complete by the end of October.

Old Ocean Blvd. Dune.-

The Garden Club Dune Committee has developed a plan to landscape this section. They have removed the invasive vegetation and completed about 80% of the planting of the new native vegetation. They are working with the State and DERM.

Once complete they propose to add a new bench. They've substantially improved the dune in this area. The project should be complete by mid November.

Spanish River and Douglas Drainage Improvements

The contracts have been signed by the contractor and shop drawings have been submitted. We are scheduling a preconstruction meeting to meet with the contractor prior to starting the project.

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 soon as we get that grant we will get the survey and start the work. The County has agreed to let us include the study in their grant if the State grant falls apart.

We have received notification from the State that we have been awarded an energy grant from them. The original grant request was for \$250,000. The State reduced the grant to \$171,965. The major reduction was in the residential rebates which were reduced from \$123,000 to \$38,465. We were told this reduction was due to EPA wanting to eliminate this component. We don't know what the restrictions will be on the funds left in the grant. Hopefully we'll hear soon.

This grant still includes funding for 2 hybrid vehicles. However, the Dept of Energy is backing off of paying for hybrids and only wants to pay for the difference between a regular car and the hybrid. This is a problem for all of the communities in the grant with us as none of us budgeted for these cars. At this point we don't know how the State is going to reallocate the funds if in fact they do. This grant program has been a fiasco since the beginning.

Entrance Signs

The concrete bases are being constructed and should be installed by the end of October. Once installed the signage will be added to the base.

Town Landscaping

Arrangements have been made to continue the Town landscaping contract with Chris Wayne and Assoc. as approved by the Commission.

Noseeum Spraying

A contract has been signed with Clarke to continue the noseeum spraying in the Town as approved by the Commission.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Commission Meeting -----November 1, 2010 @6:00 PM

Code Enforcement-----October 5, 2010 @ 10:00 AM

Code Enforcement-----November 2, 2010 @ 10:00 AM

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