

Memorandum

Date: October 27, 2010
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – November, 2010

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

Coconut Lane Drainage-

The State has confirmed the \$119,000 grant for this project. As they won't reimburse us for work done prior to the signing of the grant agreement we are waiting to get the agreement before we advertise for bids. Hopefully that will be in November.

Island Drive Bridge-

The contractor is planning to pave the bridge on Nov. 1st. They will be working on finishing items such as painting and the caps in the meantime.

Old Ocean Blvd. Dune.-

The Garden Club Dune Committee is about 90% complete on the new plantings. They expect to complete it by January when the Club gets back together. Once complete they propose to add a new bench. They've substantially improved the dune in this area.

Spanish River and Douglas Drainage Improvements

These projects are complete. The contractor did a very good job. We did run into several problems because of unanticipated site problems. We had to make adjustments on Spanish River because the land was almost flat and wouldn't drain properly. It became more apparent when the old valley gutter was removed. We had to raise the new gutters to make them work which required raising the street. We made several other changes to improve the system while we were working there. The problem we ran into on Oceanview was an extensive area of coral rock. This required considerable more work than anticipated in the bid. A change order will be discussed later in the meeting. Even with the changes the project is \$65,000 below budget.

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.

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 \$173,500. 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. EPA has decided they don't want to pay for hybrid vehicles so we've requested those funds be included with the residential rebate program. This would allow \$110,000 for residential rebates, \$6,500 for an energy audit and \$57,000 for common elements with the other applicants. We don't know what the restrictions will be on the residential rebate program. Hopefully we'll hear soon.

Entrance Signs

The concrete for the entrance signs is being cast. Once complete we will install all but the sign at the south end of Town. We have to apply to FDOT for a variance to install this sign. The FDOT right of way at the south end of Town has 20 feet of clearance. After installation there will be about 14 feet of clearance. FDOT requires 18 feet of clearance, thus the need for a variance. This is the location everyone prefers for this sign. Hopefully FDOT will cooperate.

Noseeum Spraying

The new contractor, Clarke Environmental, has started spraying.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Commission Meeting -----December 6, 2010 @ 6:00 PM

Code Enforcement-----December 7, 2010 @ 10:00 AM

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