



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order on March 14, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

On roll call, all committee members were found to be present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Lindsay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Lindsay requested that sub-item "Florida Power & Light Update Including the New Street Lights in the North End" under item "VII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE" be moved to the first item after Communications from Citizens.

It was the consensus of the Committee to approve the agenda as amended, above.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

John David Corey, 426 Australian Avenue, spoke regarding the Town Docks project and the impact to the surrounding residential area. He mentioned the need for traffic calming, parking, increasing greenspace, crosswalks, trees and formalized plantings.

In response to Mr. Corey's comments, Director of Public Works Paul Brazil, spoke regarding the recent meeting with the homeowners' association for the area and their similar requests.. He noted that the requests could be implemented as long as drainage was not affected.

V. GREEN INITIATIVE UPDATE:

- New Specifications and Implementation Schedule for Eliminating Toxins on Town Property and Parks

Paul Colby, Facilities Manager, explained actions being taken to eliminate toxins from Town properties. He reported that the scope of work for Worth Avenue Landscape Maintenance had been rewritten to eliminate any synthetic weed control. The contract should be issued by June and is paid out of the Worth Avenue Assessment. All scopes of work will be rewritten to eliminate toxins.

- Park Avenue Update

Manager Colby explained the work being done including the addition of native plants; removal of tree stumps, mulch and invasive Oyster plants. He reported that sod has been added to areas where mulch and plants were removed. The irrigation system has been changed to low flow Hunter MP rotors.

- New Rec Center Fields: Non-toxic soccer field, play fields and playground update, including consultant review on getting there by opening

Eric Brown, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided an update on the Recreation Center fields regarding the type of turf. He reported that consultants, Chip Osborne and Jeff Carlson, who specialize in organic playing fields had been retained to offer suggestions and recommendations regarding the new playing fields.

In response to a question from Chair Lindsay, Director Brown explained that new drainage is being installed to help with the organic field. The proposed landscaping has 96% Florida-friendly plantings. The breakdown was listed as 38% Natives, 58% Florida-friendly and 4% Exotics.

John David Corey, Master Gardener, explained that the term "Natives" refers to anything here before the arrival of Columbus, and the term "Florida-friendly" refers to practices such as mulching, water-control or cultivars (that were not here before Columbus arrived).

- Priority and Plan for F. Benjamina Replacement: Identify locations and proposed schedule and budget

Facilities Manager Colby referred to the list in the back-up showing the various Town properties where the replacement will take place and the estimated cost.

John David Corey, 426 Australian Avenue,, expressed his concern regarding the removal of Ficus Benjamina from the area surrounding the Town Docks.

In response to Mr. Corey's above comment, Director Brazil explained that there would be temporary replacements if the dock project was taking longer than anticipated.

- Potential Additional Panel Discussion Aimed at Landscaping Professionals and Soils "From the Ground Up"

Chair Lindsay spoke regarding the commitment by a private club in Town to the green initiative and also about the recent panel discussion "Where Did All the Song Birds Go?"

VI. STRONGER FERTILIZER ORDINANCES FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES

Mr. Colby reported that all other surrounding coastal municipalities, except Boynton Beach, had adopted and implemented Palm Beach County's fertilizer ordinance which is known as the *Fertilizer-Friendly Use Ordinance*.

Discussion ensued regarding the implementation of the Ordinance by Town property owners.

VII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE:

- * Paving Program

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer, provided an overview of the Paving and Lift Station Improvement Programs. She also provided an update on the following projects:

- Bradley Place/Sunrise Avenue: Mast arm work should be completed by the end of May or mid-June
- Clarke Avenue: Same as Bradley Place
- North Fire Station Roofing & window replacement: Project is out to bid
- E-2 Lift Station: Being treated as an emergency, out to bid.
- E-3 and E-4 Lift Stations: Start work by May 1st. Winning bidder has never done work in Palm Beach.
- G-9 Lift Station: Will commence work as soon as materials are received.
- 400 block of Worth Avenue

She reported that the paving contract was awarded to All County Paving and that working along with FPU the cost was shared 50/50 with FPU. As the undergrounding project progresses all poles should be removed by the end of May.

* Florida Power & Light Update Including the New Street Lights in the North End

Town Engineer Strayer spoke regarding the replacement of existing poles and installation of new street lights. She reported that some residents had complained about the brightness (lumen) of the new lights so the Town requested the lowest lumen bulb from FPL as a test replacement. That test light is currently installed at Via Manana.

Annette Dowell, 101 E. Inlet Drive, expressed her concern regarding the brightness of the lights on the street and referred to it as being over illuminated. Mr. Corey also spoke of his experience with the new lighting.

* Lake Trail Lift Stations

Ms. Strayer informed that five (5) lift stations will be under construction during the construction season.

* Dock Environmental Permit Progress from Marine Fisheries

Ms. Strayer provided an update on the permitting progress for the Town Docks.

Mr. Brown provided an overview of the Recreation Center progress. He presented photos of various stages in the construction process.

VIII. FIVE YEAR PAY-AS-YOU-GO FUND

Ms. Strayer provided an update on the PAYGO fund comparing last year and this year's budgets. Director Brazil spoke on the budget and funding process.

IX. TRUCK TRAFFIC - UPDATE

Mr. Brown introduced Wayne Bergman, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building/Building Official. Mr. Bergman expressed his desire to require contractors to add a construction staging plan to their applications. He provided an overview of the requirements of the plan which would ultimately assist in managing the truck traffic into the island.

X. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The next meeting will be scheduled for a date in April.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Committee meeting of March 14, 2019 was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

Bobbie Lindsay, Chair

ATTEST:

Kathleen Dominguez
Town Clerk

Date