

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: November 12, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council
Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager
From: H. Paul Brazil, P. E., Director of Public Works
Re: Public/Private Beautification Project with the Palm Beach Country Club
DATE: October 30, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff is seeking direction from Town Council on a request from Palm Beach Country Club to pursue a public/private beautification project along North Ocean Boulevard.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Palm Beach Country Club recently met with Town staff and discussed a possible beautification project for the strip of land between North Ocean Boulevard and the seawall. A public/private partnership would allow the Town the opportunity to help decide what this vista would become. If the Town Council gives conceptual approval to a public/private beautification project, staff will work with the Country Club to develop alternatives and preliminary budgets.

In April 1941, the Town and Palm Beach Country Club entered into an Agreement that includes right-of-way for road purposes, across the Country Club property. This right-of-way is North Ocean Boulevard. The agreement also addresses the Town's responsibility for the recently replaced seawall. The language addresses the strip of land between the road and the seawall. The Country Club believes that the language of the Agreement implies that the Town has some responsibility for this strip of land. The Town Attorney has reviewed this language and does not believe that the Town owns this strip of land and does not believe that the Town has a maintenance responsibility. This does not preclude the Town from doing a joint project in this area.

Over the next several months, staff will be returning to the Town Council with other items involving the Country Club, including easement documents for the D-8 pump station and outfall. The Country Club allowed both of these structures to be constructed on Country Club property at no cost to the Town. We also have to develop a Maintenance Agreement for the area between the Intra Coastal and the bike trail. The 1941 Agreement outlines responsibilities, but our practice (both the Town and the Country Club) has been different. The Country Club has been a very good partner through all of these efforts.

The Town Attorney will be available for comment during the Town Council meeting.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Town at this time.

Attachments

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Debuty Town Manager
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer
Jason Debrincat, P.E., Senior Project Engineer