

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: October 13, 2020

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Report Regarding Public Access and the Enforcement of Regulations on the Beaches
Between Wells Road and Sunset Avenue

Date: October 5, 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Town Council review the attached reports from the Departments of Public Works, Police, and Planning, Zoning and Building, relative to public access and the enforcement of regulations on the beaches located between Wells Road and Sunset Avenue and provide direction to staff as necessary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

As the Mayor and Town Council is fully aware, staff has dedicated a lot of resources over the last year to address neighborhood concerns in the beach areas between Wells Road and Sunset Avenue. Multiple measures have been implemented and several are in progress, which are intended to improve control at the public beach access points and enhance enforcement of regulations. Attached are reports from the Departments of Public Works, Police, and Planning, Zoning and Building, which provides details on the measures they have taken to mitigate concerns.

As you are also aware, Town Council approved the implementation of paid parking on the 100 Block of Sunrise and in the N. County Road corridor. Parking kiosks were ordered shortly after this approval and are schedule to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Motorists will be able to physically pay by credit card at the kiosks or via phone, using Parkmobile.

If Town Council desires additional actions to further address neighborhood concerns, you could consider increasing the parking fees on the 100 Block of Sunrise to \$5/hour to match the rates charged at the Mid-Town and Phipps beaches. You may also wish to consider modifying the Town Code to implement certain restrictions currently in place at the guarded municipal beaches, including the complete prohibition of dogs, fishing, surfing and skim boarding, ball playing, etc.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Minor expenses related to necessary signage and communications will be absorbed in existing operations budgets.

Attachments

cc: H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
Nick Caristo, Police Chief
Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
John C. Randolph, Town Attorney