### TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Council Meeting on: October 13, 2020

### Section of Agenda

Regular Agenda - Old Business

### Agenda Title

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

#### **Presenter**

Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Memorandum Dated October 5, 2020, from Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
- Memorandum Dated September 30, 2020, from Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police
- Memorandum Dated September 28, 2020, from H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works
- Memorandum Dated October 2, 2020, from Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
- Letter Dated October 12, 2020, from Guy Rabideau, Esq.

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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

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## Information for Town Council Meeting: October 13, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

VIA: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

FROM: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

RE: Sunrise Avenue to Wells Road Beach Area Police Department Actions

DATE: September 30, 2020

#### **Increased Patrol and Enforcement**

The Police Department has been providing increased enforcement due to complaints since April, 2020. Increased enforcement was accomplished via officer education and supervisor-verified proactive patrols. These patrols were a combination of increased Parking Control presence and citation issuance, increased zone officer patrol, and increased ATV beach patrol. These patrols were tasked with enforcing parking regulations, VTO's, emergency orders, and trespassing complaints. Our policy in this area has been to educate and warn offenders for first offenses (except for parking), and cite for subsequent violations.

Beginning in June of 2020, the PD began keeping more detailed statistics of our activity in the area. The below numbers cover June through September 30, 2020.

- Approximately 765 proactive patrols.
- Approximately 289 parking tickets.

Additionally, we have responded to every call for service that has arisen the area. Those service calls are not represented in the above numbers.

#### **Trespass Enforcement Affidavits**

These affidavits allow the Police Department to take trespass enforcement action on behalf of a homeowner when they are not present or immediately available. To date we have obtained affidavits from 8 out of the 17 beach front parcels.

#### **Signage**

The Police Department conferred with Public Works regarding the signage along North Ocean Boulevard between Wells Road and Sunrise Avenue. Public Works provided signs in that area indicating there is no parking, stopping, and standing. In addition, signage stating regulations were placed at the public access points.

#### Suggested Ordinance to Change Closing of the Beach at Night

The proposed ordinance change, which is scheduled for second reading on October 13, will keep this beach area consistent with the time regulations present at our municipal beaches. When enacted, the Police Department will be responsible for opening and closing the public accesses at the requisite times.

#### **Communication with Residents**

The Police Department has maintained robust communication with residents in regard to their concerns via email, phone, and in person with officers and supervisors. Unfortunately there are still times when residents are dissatisfied with lack of action (due to legal limitations) on trespass complaints or in the lack of a permanently stationed police officer in the area. The Police Department suggested to the residents that they may hire a detail officer for increased presence in the area if they so desire.

Cc: H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P. E., Director of Public Works

RE: Public Works Actions to Date – Sunrise Avenue to Wells Road

DATE: September 28, 2020

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Beach Nourishment, 2020

In March 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' contractor, Weeks Marine, started construction of the Palm Beach County Federal Shore Protection Project, Mid-Town Segment. The dredging subline landing was placed on the shore in the vicinity of Sunrise Avenue. Between March 17<sup>th</sup> and May 1, 2020, the beach was renourished. Prior to the beach nourishment project, the shoreline in the Sunrise to Wells vicinity had receded close to the seawalls. Following nourishment, the shoreline position is consistently greater than 100 feet from the seawalls in this same area.

#### **Interaction with Residents**

The Public Works Department has responded to an increased amount of email correspondence from private residences between Wells Road and Root Trail since November 2019. The primary issue for these emails, disproportionate from the rest of the beaches in Town, pertains to public access and use of the beach. Public Works staff has taken steps to assist the residents with their concerns for both safety and quality of life while maintaining public rights based on Florida Statutes.

#### Public Beach Accesses:

Prior to 2020, the Town was maintaining public beach access points at Wells Road, Dunbar Road, and Atlantic Avenue. Following a review of legal documentation by the Town Attorney's office, Atlantic Avenue is no longer being maintained as a public access point. The public access points have landscaped to be consistent with the neighborhood and gates have been installed. The gates will be locked (either manually or with timed locks) between sunset and sunrise.

#### Private Beach Accesses:

Atlantic Avenue, Everglade Avenue, and Seminole Avenue beach accesses are private and are being maintained by the residents with a locked gate. The only private beach access in the area that is currently accessible by the public is Root Trail. Public Works staff is working with the two (2) ownership entities of Root Trail to have improvements permitted by the state. The ownership of the Root Trail access is being reviewed by the Town Attorney and our Planning, Zoning and Building Department. Public Works staff understands that if the ownership does not change, the current owners of the Root Trail beach access intend to install a locked gate in the near future. Residents have asked for Town regulatory signs at Root Trail. Ownership should be determined before signs are installed. Regulatory signs on private property would be a precedent.

#### Beach Signage:

Oceanfront residents requested that the Town assist with obtaining regulatory authorization to install signs near the seawalls to discourage the public from trespassing onto both the seawall and improved private property. Public Works staff confirmed with the Town's sea turtle monitor that no nests were present within two (2) feet of the seawalls and that signs could be installed without harming sea turtles.

As requested by the oceanfront residents in May 2020, Public Works staff committed to redesign the signage at the Wells Road and Dunbar Road beach accesses to be more aesthetically pleasing and to discourage unwanted behavior on the beach. The Town has regulatory signs at the public beach accesses. We are in the process of revising the signs to clarify that dogs must be on a leash and the reference to "tents" will be removed.

#### Beach Post and Rope:

In June 2020, oceanfront residents requested that the Town install post and rope along the Erosion Control Line to identify public and private land. Public Works staff informed that the Town would not pursue this activity due to both liability and permit-ability issues.

In September 2020, Public Works staff installed posts and rope along the north and south limits of both the Wells Road and Dunbar Road beach accesses from the seawall extended shore-perpendicular approximately 100 feet onto the berm. The purpose of the posts and rope are to aid beachgoers toward the shoreline. No work was performed on the beach prior to the Town's sea turtle monitor confirming that no nests were present in the area.

Also in September 2020, oceanfront residents requested that Public Works staff work with FDEP to obtain regulatory authorization for posts and rope to be installed along the Erosion Control Line (ECL). Public Works staff met with FDEP staff on the beach to discuss the request by the residents. FDEP concluded that such an activity would require a permit application to be submitted for review. FDEP informed that such an activity would likely result in permit denial as FDEP would interpret posts and rope running along the ECL as an activity inconsistent with public rights as identified within Florida Statutes. FDEP suggested that the residents consider the installation of "monoposts" (a single free standing post spaced approximately 10 feet apart) without rope to guide the public. Monoposts are exempt from permitting. The Town confirmed with the sea turtle monitor that there are no nests in the approximate location of the monoposts. Public Works staff believes that the residents will pursue this alternative and install free standing posts on the privately owned section of beach. Ropes resting on the sand can be placed without the need for a permit; however, these ropes must be picked up every night during sea turtle nesting season.

#### Beach Access Renovations:

In June 2020, oceanfront residents requested that the Town renovate both Dunbar and Wells Roads public beach access points in an effort to provide a more esthetic look to their neighborhood mimicking the renovations performed by the Atlantic Avenue residents. These renovation consist of decorative aluminum fencing and gates, installation of salt tolerant turf, native plantings, fountain grasses, green island ficus hedging, and low-flow irrigation systems for both Dunbar and Wells Roads' accesses respectively. The water for these systems are being provided by the adjoining residents existing irrigation systems. Funding for the renovations and additional maintenance costs are being provided by these oceanfront residents. These renovations commenced the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) week of September and are currently anticipated to be completed in two (2) weeks.

#### Parking:

Installation of parking kiosks was approved by the Town Council and the kiosks have been ordered. We anticipate delivery within a week. Installation will be completed as soon as possible after delivery.

Additionally, the residents have requested that we review the sight triangles at the western end of the 100 block streets. We found that the visibility was limited and have changed some of the parking spaces on County Road to "Compact Car" parking spaces. The signs will be installed on October 1, 2020.

#### **Dune Restoration, 2021**

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The Town continues to work with FEMA and the Florida Department of Emergency Management to replace the vegetated dunes damaged from hurricanes Matthew and Irma. The sand for these dunes will be truck-hauled from Phipps Ocean Park following completion of the Phipps Ocean Park/Reach 7 Beach Nourishment Project in early 2021. The dimensions of this dune would be similar to that which was constructed in 2016. The height of the dune will only be approximately two feet above the elevation of the berm so that ocean vistas are not impacted. The width of the dune will vary based on the existing conditions, but will likely be about 15-20 feet wide. This dune work is expected to be performed during March and April 2021. If the dune sand is in place by mid-April, the Town will look to have the dunes vegetated prior to May 1, 2021. Should the dune sand not be in place until May 1<sup>st</sup>, the dunes will be vegetated after November 1, 2021 following the sea turtle nesting season. Sea oats will be plants approximately 12 inches apart throughout the newly placed dune. Five to six-foot-wide paths will be left at both the public and private access points to allow beachgoers to stay off the vegetation. After sea oats are planted to vegetate the dune, the Town will obtain a state permit to install posts and rope to best protect the newly vegetated dune. A post and rope system will keep beachgoers from trespassing onto the dunes which, inherently, would keep beachgoers from trespassing onto the seawalls and improve private property.

Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

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Information for Town Council Meeting on: October 13, 2020

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building

Re: Status on the Root Trail Beach Access

Date: October 2, 2020

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Town Council with an update on the status of Root Trail beach access. There is no recommended action at this time.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Planning, Zoning and Building Department received an inquiry from a fence contractor about closing off an approximate 20-foot wide beach access at the end of Root Trail with a six foot high fence and gate. The inquiry from Root Trail Partners, LLC, who owns the north 10 feet, and Ocean Towers North, who owns the south 10 feet, want to close off that beach access which stretches from North Ocean Boulevard to the Atlantic Ocean with a six foot tall gate and fence.

Staff questioned the closure as it had historically been open to the public. After reviewing the plat of Root Trail, staff advised the contractor that in order to construct the gate and fence, staff had to confirm ownership of the north 10 feet of the beach access as the plat for the Root Subdivision indicates that it is dedicated to the Root Trail lot owners. In addition, staff advised that once ownership is confirmed, that a variance is required if the proposed gate and fence is over 4 feet in height, as this is in the Beach Area zoning district.

Staff subsequently reviewed the plat and the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's information on the subject property. The subject property was platted as part of the Root Subdivision in June of 1900. The subject property in question was platted as 10 feet wide and ran from Lot 1, Root Subdivision, to the Atlantic Ocean The 10-foot wide strip of land on the south side of the subdivision that was dedicated as "private trail" runs from North County Road, east to the Atlantic Ocean and is dedicated on the plat for access to the lots and for the use of the lot owners in the subdivision. In addition, staff questioned how Root Trail Partners, LLC, took title to the subject property being that it is dedicated on the plat to all of the lot owners in the Root Subdivision.

Planning, Zoning and Building staff contacted John Randolph, Town Attorney, regarding this ownership issue and a joint meeting with Public Works was held to discuss beach accesses. Staff

was advised that Mr. Randolph had met with Peter Coleman, manager, and Barry Curtain, attorney, for Root Trail Partners, LLC, in February 2020 in regards to closing off the beach access. They advised Mr. Randolph that Root Trail Partners, LLC, owned the Root Trail beach access and wanted to close it off to the public. At that time, Mr. Randolph had Mark Dahlmeier, an attorney from his office, review two 1912 deeds provided by Mr. Curtain. He concluded that while he had not independently reviewed record title, his review and reliance on the deeds identify that the Quit Claim Deed dated July 1, 1912 from Enoch Root and Victoria A. Root, his wife, to and in favor of the Town of Palm Beach recorded on July 2, 1912 in Deed Book 22, Pages 408 and 409, dedicates the North 10 feet of Root Trail, extending from County Road on the West to the Atlantic Ocean on the East, as a public highway to be kept open and maintained by the Town of Palm Beach for the benefit of the public and the Root Trail lot owners.

Similarly, a Quit Claim Deed dated July 1, 1912, from Dorinda H. Brelsford to and in favor of the Town of Palm Beach recorded July 3, 1912 in Deed Book 22, Pages 410 and 411, which dedicates the South 10 feet of Root Trail, extending from County Road on the West to the Atlantic Ocean on the East, as a public right of way to be kept open and maintained by the Town of Palm Beach as a public highway.

Based on that information, Town staff questions, how three previous owners and Root Trail Partners, LLC, took title to the property since 1995. How could a private entity make application; pay the taxes and obtain a tax deed from the Palm Beach County Tax Collector on what appears to be public property? With all of these questions, staff requested that the Town Attorney's office have a title search conducted to determine what happened between 1912 and 1995 that could have released or abandoned the Town's rights to the subject property.

Staff received an email from Mark Dahlmeier yesterday regarding that title search report. He stated that the Title Search Report finds no recorded conveyance out, relinquishment or abandonment of the public right-of-way rights established by virtue of the Quit Claim Deed dated July 1, 1912 from Enoch Root and Victoria A. Root, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 22, Pages 408 and 409, and the Quit Claim Deed dated July 1, 1912, from Dorinda H. Brelsford recorded in Deed Book 22, Pages 410 and 411. This contradicts the claim of Root Trail Partners, LLC, that it privately owns title to the beach access property free and clear of any rights of the public. This raises questions about the validity of the 1995 Tax Deed as to this beach access property. It appears that that Tax Deed conveyance, which gave rise to this new chain of title now vested in Root Trail Partners, LLC, unknowingly conveyed title to the Town's public right-of-way to a private entity

Staff is in the process of determining what the next steps might be as it relates to this finding. Regardless, the Town will assist and coordinate with property owners in this area to provide controlled beach access across on the subject property.

cc: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager
Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
Paul Castro, Zoning Manager
John Randolph, Town Attorney
Mark Dahlmeier, Esq.
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October 12, 2020

#### Via e-mail

Gail L. Coniglio, Mayor Julie Araskog **Lewis Crampton** Bobbie D. Lindsay Danielle H. Moore Margaret A. Zeidman Town Council Members Town of Palm Beach P.O. Box 2029 Palm Beach, FL 33480

> Re: Root Trail Access to the Beach

Dear Town Council Members and Mayor Coniglio:

In connection with the above-referenced matter, I represent Root Trail Partners, LLC ("RTP"), the owner of the North 10 feet of the parcel at the end of Root Trail leading from North Ocean Boulevard to the beach (the "North Root Trail Parcel"). Ocean Towers Condominium Association, Inc. ("OT") is the owner of the South 10 feet of the parcel at the end of Root Trail leading from North Ocean Boulevard to the beach (the "South Root Trail Parcel"). Sometimes in this letter, I will be referring to both the North Root Trail Parcel and the South Root Trail Parcel as the "Root Trail Parcel".

For the past few years, there has been increasing concern regarding the use of the Root Trail Parcel to gain access to the beach. You have in your materials for the Town Council Meeting on October 13, 2020, a September 30, 2020 Memo from Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police (the "Police Memo"), concerning the multiple problems that have been going on with trespass and related complaints in the area of the Root Trail Parcel. That Memo, which does describe some of the issues in that area, nonetheless misses many of the multiple issues that have been caused by the public in the area of Root Trail.

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To resolve most of the issues, RTP and OT recently came to an agreement to fence off the Root Trail Parcel and to add berm and landscaping improvements. These improvements would both beautify the area, increase the berm to help with potential flooding, and prevent many of the incidents caused by a certain segment of the public using that area.

When RTP and OT went to the Town to obtain the necessary permits for the improvements to the Root Trail Parcel, it apparently caused the Town's staff to inquire as to the ownership of both the North Root Trail Parcel and the South Root Trail Parcel. See in your materials for the Town Council Meeting on October 13, 2020 the October 2, 2020 Memo from Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building (the "Ownership Memo"). Last week this Memo came to the attention of RTP and OT and they were surprised to see that the Town may be coming to the conclusion that the Town may be claiming an ownership interest in both the North Root Trail Parcel and the South Root Trail Parcel.

I am writing to you to provide evidence that RTP does indeed own the North Root Trail Parcel. Many of these same arguments apply to OT's ownership of the South Root Trail Parcel.

# 1. The Grantors of a December 12, 1911 deed recorded at Deed Book 22, Page 48, did not have authority to deed the North Root Trail Parcel to the Town of Palm Beach.

In the year 1900, Enoch Root and Victoria A. Root, husband and wife (the "Roots"), subdivided a strip of land extending from Lake Worth to the Ocean. That land now comprises the lots on the North side of Root Trail, which lost include the North 10 feet of Root Trail. The Plat for that is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 22, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" (the "Plat"). Please note that many of the attachments to this letter are copies of very old documents and can sometimes be hard to read, but these are the best copies available.

On the Plat itself, the Roots dedicated "a private trail ten feet wide South of the red line and running from Lake Worth to the Ocean Beach for access to lots sold and for the use of lot owners". It needs to be noted that this dedicated strip of land runs over the lots that were subdivided on the Plat, similar to an easement. This dedicated strip of land comprises the North 10 feet of Root Trail today and the North Root Trail Parcel.

Soon thereafter, the Roots started selling various of the parcels on the Plat to third parties. See Exhibit "B" attached hereto copies of some of these deeds for these lots. This list is not complete as some deeds were recorded in Dade County records since Palm Beach County was not carved out of Dade County until 1909.

In the Ownership Memo, it is alleged that the Town gained ownership of the North Root Trail Parcel via a deed dated December 12, 1911 recorded at Deed Book 22, Page 408, and Deed Book 410 (the "Root Deeds"), attached hereto as Exhibit "C". In the Root Deeds, Enoch Root and Victoria A. Root, husband and wife, quit-claimed the North 10 feet of what is now Root Trail and the North Root Trail Parcel to the Town.

When a party quit-claims an interest in real property to another, the grantor is not saying that he or she owns that property and is giving ownership to the grantee. The quit-claim merely provides that <u>if</u> the grantor owns the property, then such ownership interest is transferred to the grantee. This is the case with the Root Deeds, however, the Roots did not have authority to transfer an

ownership interest in that property to the Town since, once the first lot on the Plat was sold to a third party, the Roots no longer could deed property already dedicated to anyone else. As noted above, that property was already dedicated to all of the lot owners. A binding deed would have required the joinder of the Roots and all other parties to whom they had sold lots on the Plat. The Roots Deeds did not have the joinder of such other owners and therefore failed to convey the North Root Trail Parcel to the Town.

# 2. Even if the Root Deeds were valid, the Town never accepted the transfer of the ownership of the North Root Trail Parcel.

For a transfer of ownership of property to be valid, there has to be an acceptance by the grantee of that ownership. In the public records, there is no record that the Town ever accepted ownership of the North Root Trail Parcel. There is, however, evidence that the Town did <u>not</u> accept ownership of the North Root Trail Parcel.

- a. If a property is owned by a municipality, then no real estate taxes are due on such property. For the North Root Trail Parcel, real estate taxes were due, as evidenced by the Tax Collector's Certification recorded at Official Records Book 8659, Page 565; the publication that the North Root Trail Parcel was going to a tax sale recorded at Official Records Book 8659, Page 566; and the tax deed itself, recorded at Official Records Book 8659, Page 567 (the "Tax Deed"). These documents are attached hereto as Exhibit "D". Taxes have continued to be due and paid on the North Root Trail Parcel right up to the current time, and the Town has been a beneficiary of those tax payments.
  - Similarly, OT has been paying taxes on the South Root Trail Parcel for decades.
- b. The Town's own records, as late at 2017, in a map published by the Town's Planning, Zoning & Building Department entitled "Town of Palm Beach Existing Road, Bicycle Pedestrian Network Map 2017" shows the Root Trail Parcel as "Beach Access Private". A copy of this map is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

After 113 years from the original purported conveyance of the North Root Trail Property to the Town, too much time has elapsed for the Town to now accept ownership of the North Root Trail Property, particularly when the purported grant was defective in the first place.

3. Even if the Root Deeds were valid and even if the Town had accepted the transfer of the ownership of the North Root Trail Parcel, any interest in the North Root Trail Parcel was eliminated by the Tax Deed.

As stated above, the North Root Trail Parcel was sold by the Tax Deed. That Tax Deed sale occurred in 1991. The State of Florida's interest in tax deeds, in general, is to give finality to any claims of ownership of the transferred parcel. This maximizes the return to the taxing authorities. While the governing statutes have various exceptions for certain rights in a property sold by a tax deed (see Florida Statute 712.03), there is no exception for any purported claim of ownership by the Town. Indeed, the Tax Deed also eliminated the rights of the owners on the North side of Root Trail that was granted to them under the terms of the Plat.

#### It is contrary to the interests of the Town to assert ownership in the Root Trail 4. Parcel.

As mentioned earlier and borne out by the Police Memo, there has been a dramatic increase in reported crime in the area of the Root Trail Parcel. This dramatic increase in crime corresponds to the dramatic increase to non-Town residents using the Root Trail Parcel for beach access. Problems from non-neighbors have included multiple reports of trespassing, not just on the Root Trail Parcel, but on nearly all of the surrounding private property, including the Warden House where multiple times there have been incidents of what appear to be homeless people sleeping. Further, bicycle theft and car theft have been reported, along with indecent exposure, car damage caused by beachgoers, and beachgoers' unleashed dogs threatening residents. At all hours, including in the middle of the night, residents report being disturbed because of loud noise coming from beachgoers. Often those beachgoers appear to be drunk or on drugs.

This has understandably greatly upset the neighbors.

RTP and OT were both very concerned about this alarming increase of crime in the area and that is why both parties stepped up to the plate to do something about it; i.e., fence off access to the general public, but provide gated access to all of the owners on Root Trail, not just the owners on the North side of Root Trail which previously had access by the terms of the Plat. As part of fencing off the access, funds were also raised to improve the berm and the landscaping on the Root Trail Parcel – none of which were at public expense.

Indeed, written confirmation of the access for the neighbors on Root Trail was recently concluded and a copy of the agreement was provided to an attorney for several of the neighbors, neighbors who previously mistakenly thought that they were going to lose their access to the beach. Preventing access to owners on Root Trail never was part of the plan - improving the area for all residents was. The owners of RTP are and have always been civic-minded, and that will continue.

If the Town asserts its ownership, then the fencing, berm improvement, and landscaping improvement are all forfeited. Crime will continue, if not increase, and the quiet enjoyment of their homes will be lost to all of the residents on Root Trail. This is contrary to the Town's interest and the interests of the residence on Root Trail.

I appreciate your understanding of this matter, and I request time to address this issue with you during your general discussions of the beach access at the October 13, 2020 Town Council Meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Guy Rabideau

cc: John C. Randolph, Esq. (via e-mail)

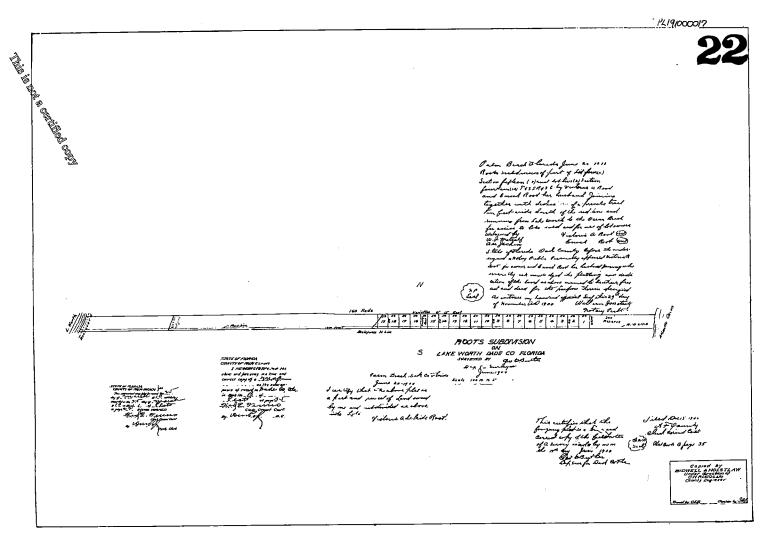
Mr. Paul Castro (via e-mail)

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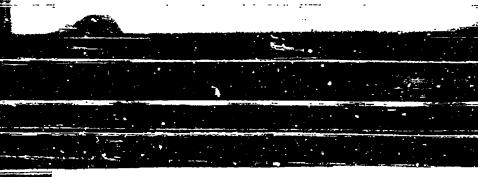


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# **EXHIBIT "C"**

This Inducture, made this 12th day of blesember a. D. . 1911, between Grock Rook and Victoria a. Rook hurband + wife of the bounty of Palm Beach and State of Ilouida parties of the five pour and Lower of Palm . Beach, a corporation of the Country of Value Buch and I tate of Florida party of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said partie of the first part, for and in consed. enalion of the same of One Wollaws in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereas is hereby askennoledged have remised, released and · grit- claimed, and by these presents do remise, reliais and quit- claim unto the said party of the second jears and its successors former, all the right, title, interest. claims and demand which the said parties ? the first part and to the following described lot, price, or parel of land, io wit being a right of way in what ies known as Roots Subdivision to Palue Beach, Palus. Beach County, Florida, and Known as Roots' Trail. Ten fut wide out the South side of late laid out in said subdivision and Extending from the love last, daid ground on the Heat to the Atlantic O cean on the last, daid trail on strip of land hereby Juil- claimed, to be kept open and maintained, by said granter, and its successors as a public highway for the henefit of Have and to Kold the same together with all and ... kingular the appointenances thereinto belonging or in any wire apperlaining, and all the relate, right. Title, interest and claim whatever of the said parties of the first part, either in law or equily, to the only proper. part, its successors, forever In thitness thereof, The said justice of the first part have humbs set their Rands Signed, resled and year find alove written. delivered in presence of Victoria a Post seet Thenry J. Grant 74. 2 milials State D. Florida County Q Calus Beach hereby butity that on this day

uppeared before me, an officereduly authorized to administer outto and take asknowledgments, bush Root, and Victoria a. Prot to me well known to be the the persons described in and who executed the sore yoing instrument and who asknowledged before me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purps therein expressed. and I Further Certify, that the said . Victoria a. Root known to me to be the wife of the raid . Ewoch Road on a separate and private examination, taken and made by and before me, reparalely and apart from her said husband, did acknowledge that she executed the foregoing bleed for the purpose relinguishing, alienating and conveying all her right, . Title and interest, whether of dower . homestead or of ... reparate property, etalulony or equilable, in and to the boods described therein, and that she exercited said bleed freely and voluntarely and without any com pulsion, constraint apprehension or fear of or from her raid husband. Withers my hand and official seal at Hest Talin Beach, County of Talin Beach and State of Florida This 13 day of Alexenter a. D. 1911 ... William & metall notary Public my commission experies may 6, a. Al. 1844 Filed July 1-1912

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This Indenture, made this 3rd day of June a. D. 1912. between Dorinda H. Brelaford, midow, Galon Beach, of the Country of Palm Beach and State of Florida, party of the first part, and Town of Palm Beach of the Country; of Galm Seach and State of Florida party of the second part, Fitneseth, That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Wollars in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has remised, released and quit- claimed, and by These presents does remise, release and quit-claim unto the said party of the record part, and its successors all the right, title, interest claim and demand which the said party of the first part has in and to the following described lot fiere or parcel of land, situate, by Thousand to mit: Being a night of may ten feet mide beginning at the back side of the present County road and running last, on the north live of track of land deeded on march 22 nd 1893 by Elizabeth I'm. Kingel and husband to Dorinda W. Brelsford and recorded in Book 'F page 211 Records of Wade County Florida, to the atlantic decan, thence south ten. (10) feet there meet parallel to the first line, and ten (10) feet therefrom, to the present lounty and ... Theree north ten (10) feet to the place of beginning ... Said Right of way to be kept open and and main tained, by said town of Palm Beach and if not used as public highway to revent to owners. To have and to hold the same, together with all my singular the appartenances thereinto belonging on a anymise apportaining, and all the estate, right, title, interestyclain whateverty of the said faite of the first part, either in law or equity, to the only proper use, benefit and telant of the exist part the second part husband assigns forever En Atuesa Ahereof the said parting the first part he - Teremeto set hard and seed the day and year first above mitter med sealed I delivered in presence m. Brelsford

State of Florida

Bounty of Palm Beach?

I an officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds according to the laws of the Btate of Florida duly qualified and acting, Hereby Certify that

Bounda H. Brelsford, to me personally known this day has acknowledged before me that she executed the foregoing instrument, and I further lettify that I know the said person making said acknowledge ment to be the individual described in and who executed the said instrument.

In Hitness thereof, I herewite set my land and of the Hitless of June. a. D. 1912.

This third day of June. a. D. 1912.

Enoch Root

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My commission expires bee 2121923.

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articles of agreement, made this 18th day of fune, in the year of our bond one thousand nine hundred and tuelor between a Hofman and anna Hofman his mife, faction of the first part, and M. H. Milton, party of the second has been the first make the perputate and perform the event news have ments hereinafter mentioned on his fact to be made by performed, the said faction of the first fact facts of the record and agree to convey and assure to the fact, agethe record fact, in fee simple clear of all incumbrates whatever, by a good and significant died, the lot, price or facilities of ground situated in the lounting of Calm Grand, btate of Florida, known and described as follows, to mit formulating at the bouth theat (SH) corner of Rot and State a distance of Forty sevents.

# EXHIBIT "D"

Address VHCIO

Property Appraisers Parcel Identification (Folio) Number(s):

R-513 . 06/93	TAX COLLECTOR'S CERTIFICATION					DATE OF TAX DEED APPLICATIO 9-20-94			
This is to co	ertify that <u>COU</u>	NIT OF PALM BEAG	CH	, hold	er of	Tax Sale Ce	rtifica	te Number <u>18453</u>	
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared D. Mullin, who on cath says that she is the General Manager of the Palm Beach Dolly Business Review 1/k/a Palm Beach Review, a newspaper published at West Palm Beach in Palm Beach County, Florids; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Advertisement or Notice in the matter of

CERT. NO. 18453 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: RHODES L PERDUE ET AL

was published in said newspaper in the issues of Feb 7, 1995 Feb 14, 1995

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Afflant further says that the said Palm Beach Daily Business Review is a newspaper published at West Palm Beach, in said Palm Beach County, Floride, and that the said newspaper has herestorier been continuously published in said Palm Beach County, Floride, and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in West Palm Beach in said Palm Beach ter at the post office in West Palm Beach in said Palm Beach County, Floride, for a period of only year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affliant number says that the has neither field nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount rebate, commission or refund for the purgose of securing this swertisement for publication in said negacings?

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INDA RAPPAPOXIT MY COMMISSION # GC267180 EXPIRES February 14, 1907 SONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
POIL TAX BEEN
NOTICE IS TENEBY GIVEN,
that COUNTY OF PALM BEACH the holder of the following certifi-cate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it assessed are as follows: Certificate No. 18453

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14-43-43, N 10.3 FT OF SUB. P OF GOV LT 2 LYG E OF OCEAN BLVD 50-43-43-14-00-002-0041 Name in which as

RHODES L PERDUE ET AL Said property being in the County of PALM BEACH, State of

Interest said certificate shall be redeemed according to less the property described in each certificate shall be said to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 15th day of MARCH, 1965, in Courthouse Lobby (Broned Street me 16th day of MARCH, 1966, in Courthouse Lobby, Becond Street entrance at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 7th day of FEBRUARY, 1968. SUBJECT TO 1864 TAXES DOROTHY H. WILKEN Clerk of Electric Court of

Clerk of Clouit Court of PALM BEACH County, Florida (Circuit Court Beet) DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAKES DUE FOR THE YEARS: 1990,1987,1988,1989,1992 & 1993 TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RE-DEEMED: \$4,850.31 27-14-21-28 P95-1-0207125

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

ORB 8659 Pa 567 DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK PB COUNTY, FL

I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Palm Beach County, State of Florida, do hereby certify that I, the Clerk, did on the 7th day of February, 1995 mail a copy of notice addressed to:

SEIDEN HOLDING CORPORATION, % LOUIS LEIBUVIT ATTI, 200 WORTH AVENUE, FALFI DEACH, FL RHODES L PERDUE ET AL, 340 E PACES FERRY RD NE, ATLANTA, GA 30305

TOWN OF PALM BEACH, 360 S COUNTY ROAD, PALM BEACH, FL 33480

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH, % PREM, BLDG 503, 3323 BELVEDERE ROAD, WES TPALM BEACH, FL 33406

LMG PROPERTIES INC, % SUNBURST TRUST DEPT, P.O.BOX 23053, JACKSON, MS 39225

RICHARD F OR MILDRED OLSON, 7901 NE 8TH COURT, BOCA RATON, FL 33487

HEARTWOOD 88° INC, TAX CERTIFICATE DEPT, 2981 GATEWAY DRIVE, POMPANO BEACH, FL 33069

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DOROTHY H. WILKEN

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT



Property Appraisers Parcel Identification (Folio) Number(s):



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ADDRESS: _	APT B1 701 NW	13TH STREET BOCA R	ATON FL 33486		·
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# **EXHIBIT "E"**

