

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of The Town Clerk

## MINUTES OF THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Medical Care Commission was called to order at 9:05 a.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in the Town Council Chambers. Members of the Commission present were: Chair Michael Dennis, Vice Chair Robert Friedman, Commission Members Richard Furlaud, Norman Goldman, Michael Stein, and Norman Traverse.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as printed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2008, MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION MEETING

The Minutes were approved through motion of Commission Member Goldblum, seconded by Commission Member Stein. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Dennis commented regarding the water situation in the Town of Palm Beach.

V. DISCUSSION OF QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF WATER FOR THE ISLAND OF PALM BEACH AS IT RELATES TO HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES BY:

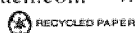
- a) PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. DIRECTOR, DR. JEAN MALECKI, JOHN O'MALLEY, ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATOR, DARREL GRAZIANA, ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERVISOR

Dr. Jean Malecki and Darrel Graziana, Chief of the Bureau of Water Programs, provided an overview of the history of the water supply, safety and hazards, and the options faced by the Town in the future. Mr. Graziana and Ken Rearden, Assistant City Administrator, City of West Palm

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1 Beach responded to questions from the Commission members.

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4 b) WILLIAM MIKUS, CHAIRMAN PALM BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION WATER  
5 COMMITTEE AND PALM BEACH LIAISON TO MAYOR FRANKEL'S WATER  
6 BOARD *Mr. Mikus was not available. Ned Barnes of the Palm Beach Civic*  
7 *Association filled in for Mr. Mikus.*  
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9 Ned Barnes of the Palm Beach Civic Association provided an overview of the Civic  
10 Association's Water Committee.  
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13 c) KENNETH REARDEN, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY OF WEST  
14 PALM BEACH  
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16 Mr. Rearden provided the status of the current water system. He responded to questions from  
17 the Commission members.  
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19 d) JOHN C. RANDOLPH, TOWN ATTORNEY - None  
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23 VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC  
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25 William Diamond, 220 Wells Road, commented regarding the water issues in the Town and  
26 mentioned the large site owned by the Town across Okeechobee Boulevard near the Turnpike to be  
27 used as a water plant.  
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29 Alex Saylor commented regarding the water situation, acknowledged Mr. Rearden for taking  
30 responsibility for the water situation, and urged the Town to partner with the City of West Palm  
31 Beach.  
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33 David Barton, Jamaica Lane, commented regarding the lack of long range planning by the  
34 Town regarding the water, and that the Strategic Plan was never completed. He indicated that if the  
35 Strategic Plan was not completed, there would be meetings like this forever.  
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37 Harrison Robertson, 134 Seagate Road, commented that a study should be recommend to the  
38 Town Council on building a reverse osmosis plant on the island.  
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40 Chris Kellogg, commented regarding the harmful chemicals in the water.

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1 Water Utilities Director Bevin Beaudet responded to Council Member Markin's questions  
2 on the water restrictions and made the following comments:

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- 4 • There had not been any reports relative to these kinds of issues to this degree on the  
5 county supply of water; and
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- 7 • Cities and counties had no incentive from the state or water management district to  
8 go to an alternative water source, as there was no benefit derived from it in terms of  
9 a break in the restrictions.
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11 Dick Kleid, Town Council President, commended the Commission on instituting the water  
12 study, and mentioned that his neighbor was unable to use the water from the City in his dialysis  
13 machine, as it was contaminated with fecal material and high chlorination. The Town had a  
14 significant amount of concerns regarding the quality of the water.

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16 Lynn George, resident, commented regarding the end use water and lead content of the water,  
17 and that there was no data available on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
18 Agency's website regarding the water.

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20 Mr. Graziana addressed the end use water and lead content in the water.

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22 Commission Member Stein commented that the Town's water would be a problem, and the  
23 ultimate solution was for the Town to have its own water supply. The obstacle was the contract with  
24 the City of West Palm Beach. A major effort was needed to re-negotiate the contract, in order to  
25 work out an alternative source of availability and quality of water.

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27 Council Member David Rosow, 1460 N. Lake Way, commented regarding the solution to  
28 working out a transaction with the City's contract and the Town.

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30 Chair Dennis thanked Director Beaudet for his contributions, Dr. Malecki and her team, Mr.  
31 Graziana, Mr. O'Malley, and Mr. Rearden. He indicated that the Commission had specifically not  
32 talked about the contract with the City, as it was not the purvue of the Commission. He would  
33 entertain a motion to recommend to the Town Council to pursue an active partnership with West  
34 Palm Beach in improving the water source, with an emphasis on the Town having its own productive  
35 system.

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37 **Motion made by Commission Member Stein, seconded by Commission Member**  
38 **Goldblum to recommend to the Town Council to pursue an active partnership with the City**  
39 **of West Palm Beach in improving the water source, with an emphasis on the Town having its**  
40 **own productive system. On call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

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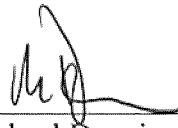
VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the February 6, 2008, Medical Care Commission meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

APPROVED:



Michael Dennis, MD  
Chairman