



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 15, 1997

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Shore Protection Board Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman Garrison D. Lickle at the South Fire-Rescue Station.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** On roll call, the following Board Members were found to be in attendance: Garrison D. Lickle, George M. Moffett III, Eileen C. Curran, Wayne F. Dimm, Charles C. Isiminger, Joel Martino, and Richard Raffo. Edward Hennessy, Jr. and Gerald H. Levy did not attend the meeting. Also attending the meeting were: Mayor Margot Roberts, South Palm Beach; Director of Marine Safety/Sports Complex Dan Reidy, Lantana; Town Manager Charles Helm, Manalapan; Engineering Assistant Bob Clinger, Department of Environmental Resources Management, Palm Beach County; and several members of the general public. From the staff of the Town of Palm Beach, Town Manager Robert Doney, Assistant Town Manager Peter Elwell, Director of Public Works Al Dusey, and Town Clerk Mary Pollitt attended the meeting.
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as printed.
- IV. **CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 1997, AND MARCH 6, 1997:** The reports from the February 24th and the March 6th meetings were approved.
- V. **DISCUSSION REGARDING COASTAL PROJECTS IN AREAS WITH PRIVATELY OWNED UPLAND PROPERTY AND/OR COMPLETED WITHOUT STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE REPRESENTATIVES FROM:**
 - A. **MS. ALISON HAGERUP, ADMINISTRATOR, CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT** *(available by conference call, if needed)*
Ms. Hagerup was not able to attend the meeting. Her materials were included in the back-up information supplied to the Board members.

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B. MR. LEONARD SMALLY, P.E., DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

Mr. Smally provided information regarding his educational background and his job experiences. Mr. Smally described the geographical configuration of Longboat Key and compared it to the Town of Palm Beach regarding the need to control beach erosion. Mr. Smally reported that Longboat Key had \$2.1 billion in property values and described it as a predominantly residential area. Mr. Smally identified the public areas of Longboat Key as "street ends" that are eligible for federal funding, at the rate of 75%, for five hundred (500) feet in each direction.

Mr. Smally explained the history of beach erosion and the components of beach restoration for Longboat Key. Mr. Smally emphasized the importance of a good public education program early in the planning process. Copies of publications used to inform the public were included in the materials presented to the Board members.

Mr. Smally outlined the staffing of the Longboat Key beach erosion control program and emphasized the need for the Sarasota firm that manages the other consultants used for on-going projects. The firm reports to Mr. Smally and is hired on a retainer basis at a cost of approximately \$60,000 annually.

C. DR. JON STAIGER, NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER, CITY OF NAPLES

Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager, City of Naples, reported that the City of Naples provides the public beach for all of Collier County; therefore, the countywide funding formula for beach restoration projects that works for Naples would not work for the Town of Palm Beach. Dr. Staiger suggested that other entities, including hotels, could be included in applications for funding assistance.

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Dr. Staiger noted Hydrogeological differences between the Gulf Coast and the Eastern Coast of Florida. Dr. Staiger discussed the possibility of establishing an "Inlet to Inlet" special taxing district (either dependent or independent). Each municipality may have to establish a separate district. Dr. Staiger reiterated the value of educating the public concerning the issues of beach restoration.

Dr. Staiger provided a detailed description of the steps required for the City of Naples to complete its successful beach restoration project.

VI. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS REGARDING THE TOWN'S SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECTS

Mr. Smally and Dr. Staiger agreed the Town should obtain a copy of the video tape prepared for the Captiva Erosion Prevention District prior to developing a newsletter for Town residents. After discussing the merits of public education for beach erosion control issues, **THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THE TOWN PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER TWO OR THREE TIMES PER YEAR TO BE SENT TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE BEACHES AND CONTROL OF EROSION.**

Assistant Town Manager Peter Elwell said that the Town Staff will be preparing the proposed FY98 Budget within the near future, and the Town Council could consider the newsletter as part of the budget process after the Staff has compiled costs and additional information concerning the potential content of such newsletters.

VII. IDENTIFICATION OF TIME AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for May 15, 1997, at 1:30 p.m. at the South Fire-Rescue Station. *(The date of this meeting was finalized after the April 15th meeting when Mr. Elwell had contacted potential speakers for the May 15th meeting.)*

Representatives from the coastal municipalities, south of Palm Beach, are to be invited again to the May meeting and to all subsequent Shore Protection Board meetings.

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VIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Director of Public Works Al Dusey reported on the monitoring of the Mid-Town Beach. Erosion is less than had been expected so far. Also, the Sand Transfer Plant has pumped approximately 265,000 cubic feet of sand from May 1996 through March 1997, and the Corps of Engineers has placed about 200,000 cubic yards on the north beach area this winter.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

SHORE PROTECTION BOARD


Garrison D. Lickle, Chairman

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