



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Shore Protection Board was called to order at 2:10 P.M. on January 21, 1998 in the meeting room of the Town of Palm Beach South Fire-Rescue Station.

II. ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Shore Protection Board Members were in attendance: Chairman Garrison D. Lickle, Vice Chairman George M. Moffett, II, Eileen C. Curran, Wayne F. Dimm, Edward Hennessy, Jr., Charles C. Isiminger, Gerald H. Levy, Joel Martino, and Richard Raffo. Others in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting included: Town of Palm Beach Councilman Samuel McLendon, Town of South Palm Beach Mayor Margot Roberts, Town of South Palm Beach Commissioner Ernest Muro, Town of Manalapan Town Manager Charles Helm, Lantana Director of Marine Safety/Sports Complex Dan Reidy, City of Lake Worth Projects Manager Ray Smith, Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management Engineering Assistant Bob Clinger, and Applied Technology & Management (ATM) Vice President Dave Decker. Staff members in attendance from the Town of Palm Beach were: Town Manager Robert Doney, Assistant Town Manager Peter Elwell, Director of Public Works Al Dusey, and Deputy Town Clerk Susan Eichhorn.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was unanimously approved as printed, through motion of Board Member Joel Martino, seconded by Vice Chairman George Moffett.

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IV. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SHORE PROTECTION BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE JANUARY 13, 1998, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Chairman Lickle reported that at the January 13, 1998, Town Council Meeting, approval had been granted to proceed with the development of the economic model with Dr. Stronge and Applied Technology & Management. Participation in the economic model would include the municipalities of Palm Beach, as well as South Palm Beach, Lake Worth, and Lantana. Proportionate share funding had been requested from these municipalities, however, the public benefits derived by including them would be outweighed by the additional cost. Manalapan had not been included as it involved an additional expenditure of \$13,400, and did not have as much of a problem as the rest of the coastline between the two inlets.

Mr. Lickle expressed that it was his observation that the reception from the Town Council had been very positive and encouraging. He noted that the reimbursement of monies expended by individual members of the Shore Protection Board of approximately three thousand nine-hundred dollars (\$3,900) was approved by the Town Council. He thanked the members of the Shore Protection Board for their support. He advised that the Town Council had also approved the expenditure of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to hire Kate Gooderham, of Gooderham & Associates, to aid in the completion of the "educational overview". In addition, the Town Council had requested that consideration be given to other firms regarding the comprehensive public education campaign.

South Palm Beach Mayor Roberts commented that she had received the estimated costs for the proportionate share of the economic model due from the Town of South Palm Beach, and was not in agreement. Dave Decker of ATM responded that the pro-rata shares had been based on shoreline length and he would review the figures for accuracy. City of Lake Worth Projects Manager Ray Smith commented that he saw no need for Lake Worth to contribute a pro-rata share of the costs for the economic model, as all of its beach was public property. Lantana Director of Marine Safety/Sports Complex Dan Reidy commented that he believed the pro-rata share from Lantana would be forthcoming, unless the figure changed radically from the current figure of six hundred ninety dollars (\$690).

Discussion ensued regarding the contract administration process as proposals for the educational campaign were received, and considered by a selection team, the Shore Protection Board, and the Town Council. Mr. Doney explained that he anticipated having four individuals designated to sit as the selection team, who would then make a recommendation to the Town Council. He indicated that his responsibility was to ensure that a defined procedure was used, with a careful scope of work and accurate costs. He estimated that the appointment of the selection team would be heard at the March 10, 1998, Town Council Meeting.

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In response to the suggestion of involvement of the members of the Shore Protection Board in the selection process, Mr. Dusey responded that any member of the Shore Protection Board or the public could observe the selection process and listen to the presentations. Mr. Lickle suggested that the Shore Protection Board listen to presentations made for the selection team after the short list was created. Mr. Doney indicated that it would be a public meeting, where the selection team as well as the Shore Protection Board members could ask questions of the firms after presentations were made.

V. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT "EDUCATIONAL OVERVIEW" DOCUMENT

Chairman Lickle suggested that specific direction be given to Kate Gooderham to review the "Educational Overview" document, make the appropriate revisions, and return to the Shore Protection Board with a more defined document.

Board Member Curran suggested that consideration be given to a lengthier "Questions and Answers" section in the "Educational Overview" document.

Chairman Lickle noted that the document would be substantial, and would probably require a two-three page explanation/fact sheet as well.

Vice Chairman Moffett commented that the current "Educational Overview" document drafted by Chairman Lickle was twenty-one pages long, and questioned the inclusion of the ATM technical information?

Chairman Lickle commented that he envisioned the document being used as a reference tool, by a resident looking for information, or perhaps as part of a newsletter.

Board Member Joel Martino commented that in a project such as this, there were many risks and uncertainties, and he did not see any reference to that in the document. He suggested that specific reference be made to the risks and uncertainties, with a list created of the top ten potential risks in any beach project. He mentioned four primary uncertainties: the actual severity and frequency of storms compared with the design assumptions; the variability and erosion for a given storm; the continuing availability and quality of sediment sources; and the stability of public policies and priorities.

Mr. Decker, of ATM, suggested that risks and uncertainties related to the project be included in the "Question and Answer" portion of the "Educational Overview" document. He noted that existing projects could be used as examples, mentioning the technique called "hindcasting," however it would need to be crafted from a public relations perspective, rather than a technical perspective.

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Board Member Curran proposed that Kate Gooderham include the subject of insurance companies in the document, noting that history indicated that insurance companies looked favorably upon beach restoration.

Board Member Isiminger referred to the October 15, 1997, letter from Chairman Lickle accompanying the draft "Educational Overview" document. He suggested that the last sentence ["By copy of the letter enclosed to Dave Decker, I have asked for Dave's review and any comments regarding the accuracy of the report."] be a standard sentence on any transmittals conveyed by the Shore Protection Board.

Mr. Decker commented that the summary document put together by ATM was a summary of the ATM master report, and was prepared for the benefit of the Town Council. He expected that Kate Gooderham could condense the document even further. He clarified that the summary document was merely a synopsis of the extensive ATM technical report.

VI. STATUS REPORT ON "PEER REVIEW" OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (CCMP) UPDATE

Assistant Town Manager Elwell stressed the importance of staff managing the contract administration of the project. He explained that consultants need to hear feedback from the individuals responsible for administering the project. It is important that each member of the Shore Protection Board and the Town Council receive a copy of the report so that all will have access to the same information in order to make decisions.

Mr. Dusey informed the Shore Protection Board that the "Peer Review" of the Comprehensive Coastal Management Plan (CCMP) Update had just been received today. It would be reviewed and comments/discussion could be heard at the next meeting.

VII. IDENTIFICATION OF TIME, LOCATION, AND ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING

The next Shore Protection Board meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at 2:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers for the following purposes:

- ◆ The other municipalities with involvement in the project would be invited to attend to give them the opportunity to ask questions and review information.

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- ◆ Dr. Stronge would be invited to attend to give an overview of the economic model.
- ◆ The "Peer Review" of the Comprehensive Coastal Management Plan (CCMP) Update would be reviewed and discussed.

VIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

In response to the query of Board Member Raffo, Mr. Decker explained that in the formula used by Dr. Stronge, there were two different users groups of the beach to be considered— winter and summer. In order to properly define the recreational benefits, both of those groups must be polled. Ideally Dr. Stronge would like to perform the winter survey in March or April, and the summer survey in July. He would report the preliminary findings to the Shore Protection Board after each survey.

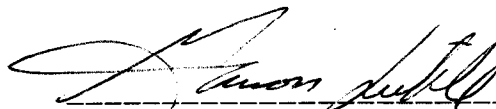
Mr. Elwell noted that the reports of the meetings of November 25, 1997, and December 16, 1997, were included in the back-up package of the Shore Protection Board members, and requested action on them.

The reports were unanimously approved through motion of Board Member Gerald Levy, seconded by Board Member Joel Martino.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 P.M.

SHORE PROTECTION BOARD


Garrison duP. Lickle, Chairman