

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 20, 2004

This report is submitted late because I was involved in a cataract operation. Please excuse the delay.

The meeting was held, as scheduled, at City Hall Council Chamber, at 9:30AM. Advisory Committee Members attending were: Ron Pennington, Chairman, Doug Finlay, Dan Spina and Michael Williams. Absent was James Rozzi.

Also present were: Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager, David Lykins Community Services Director.

Also present from Save The Bays:

**Marilyn Tempest, President
Edward Ten Eyck, Vice President
Albert Katz, Co chairman Water Quality
Gerry Rosow, Chairman Trash Removal**

AGENDA:

There were only two items:

1) Discussion of pass dredging project and need for work outside the pass and its inner approaches.

2.) Discussion of scope of debris removal activities. (This was requested by Spina at the last Adv. Comm. Meeting.)

Spina also distributed and added to the agenda, a copy of 3/29/04 drawing by Bill Lazear showing depths at the Gulf Approach to Doctors Pass with five foot shoal at the mid channel center of the approach. It should be over seven feet deep.

The following COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, ETC. should be noted:

The City Manager withdrew this item from the consent agenda of the April 7, 2004 Council Meeting:

Resolution 8-f Approve a First Amendment to an Agreement in order to obtain permits necessary to continue maintenance dredging of Doctors Pass and its approaches: Vendor: Coastal Planning & Engineering, Inc. Boca Raton, FL \ Cost \$24,892.00\ Funding: Moorings Bay Taxing District Reserves.

It was not clear to me what was the amendment, and why this was removed from the consent agenda, except that another and different resolution was needed.

This above resolution was proposed by COMMUNITY SERVICES/NATURAL RESOURCES.

The following item was then placed on the agenda of the May 3rd, 2004 Council Meeting:

Item 12 Consider amending the final budget of the Moorings Bay Special Taxing District for Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2004 adopted by Ordinance 03-10195.

This was proposed by the FINANCE Department. It is the First Reading of an Ordinance.

We therefore lost one month. The engineering firm did not come to the April 20 Adv Comm. meeting. Consequently we did not discuss what was to be done. "One thing after another has delayed the dredging project" said the Chairman.

We will need a second reading and this will cost another month! We are losing a YEAR!

The engineer from Boca needs a work order. He will have to come to the next Adv Comm. Meeting on May 18th, 2004. Save The Bays offered to loan the dollars to the City to have the engineer come and requested special. The Chairman declined the funds.

SAVE THE BAYS', Marilyn Tempest submitted a good list of questions entitled Dredging of Doctors Pass. This is attached. The adv committee did not respond to these questions.

The subject was tabled,

TRASH/DEBRIS REMOVAL was next for discussion. David Lykins explained, quite well, the problems experienced by the trash removal crew and boats. The crew is not able to remove trash from under docks or along seawalls. He feels the resident homeowner or condo maintenance people are to remove the trash. This was completely unacceptable to Spina, and others. Lykins wants the trash to be open water. However wind moves the trash to docks and seawalls.

SAVE THE BAYS' Marilyn Tempest submitted a good list of questions entitled Trash Removal in the Bays. This is attached.

The Adv Comm requested Mr. Lykin to please come back to the next Adv Comm May 18, with a draft POLICY FOR TRASH REMOVAL.

Spina reminded the committee that taxes are collected for this purpose, as also for seawall inspection and for dredging. The City had to issue a tutorial to explain how it does not do seawall inspection, per se, but offers advice. The tutorial solved the problem when residents asked for inspection. A tutorial on the problems of trash detection, trash recovery and removal, frequency, etc., would be very helpful with the POLICY. It would include the answers to Marilyn Tempest's questions.

The meeting was adjourned about 11:00AM.

Dan Spina May 10, 2004. (Spina is planning to write an open letter to Council.)