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**BRIEF REPORT OF FEB. 17, 2004 MEETING OF MOORINGS BAY SYSTEM  
SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

The City Council occupied the Council Chambers. This meeting was therefore moved to a conference room. Attending were: Doug Finlay  
Ron Pennington, Chairman  
Dan Spina

Dr. Jon Staiger

Absent were: James Rozzi  
Michael Williams

The agenda is attached. The Minutes of the last meeting, Dec. 16, 2003, are being sent to Ed Ten Eyck for the STB Web Site.

Only one item was discussed at this meeting: "Discussion of Coastal Planning & Engineering proposal for 10-year permit application."

A letter dated February 17, 2004 (same date of this meeting) from Coastal Planning & Engineering was distributed. It is 8 pages. I am enclosing the first four pages and one attachment.

It is a FEE PROPOSAL to get started. The fee is \$56,772. This includes \$54,504 for LABOR and \$2,268 for DIRECT COSTS.

There are SEVEN tasks to be done. These are listed in the pages I am sending you and on the one attachment, also enclosed. There are ASSUMPTIONS and these are discussed in their letter. They say impacts to existing hardbottom will be a critical issue.

This proposal does not include any surveying of the current conditions at Doctors Pass and it approaches. We do not know urgency. Do we need dredging? How soon must the Corps permit be renewed? .

The Corps Permit expired Sept.. 24, 2003. The FDEP permit expires March 29, 2005.

I was amazed at the high FEE Proposal of \$56,772. Never, in all our years, have we been informed of such fees to get started. I asked what Suboceanic Consultants Inc (Bob Crawford) charged. Dr. Staiger said it was never a formal amount. Probably , the work was charged as it was done. The work got done. Ron Pennington said this fee proposal

is the normal procedure he has seen used by Coastal Planning & Engineering for beach renourishment projects..

The attachments show that about 8,900 man hours would be required for labor. This amounts to about \$6.12 per hour for the \$54,504 fee for labor.

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee approved the Fee Proposal for consideration by the City Council.

OBSERVATION: It appears no one knows, at this time, the condition of the Pass and its approaches. Have the shoals drifted away? Ron Pennington has been busy and has no data. We do not know when Coastal Planning and Engineering will survey.

RECOMMENDATION: Bill Lazear mobilize his team and survey as much as possible, and as soon as possible and report to Doctor Staiger and Ron Pennington and David Lykins...

OTHER BUSINESS: Dan Spina asked that the City Trash Removal Program be on the agenda of the next meeting, which will be March 23, 2004 at City Hall. A spokesman for the city trash removal program is to be invited to explain it..

I explained Gerry Rosow's concerns about size of boat used for trash removal and his difficulty in trying to reach David Lykins. I also explained Bob Brady's report about the large amounts of trash seen at Doctors Pass and in the Indies West boat basin. I recommend the Gerry Rosow and Bob Brady both plan to attend the next meeting.

MORE: I informed the group that Dr. Staiger will be a speaker at the STB GALA on Water Quality in the Moorings Bay System on March 24, 2004 at The Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Mooring Line Drive at 9AM..

The meeting adjourned at about 10:30AM. Next meeting March 23, 2004 9AM City Hall.

Dan Spina

Cc: Ron Pennington  
Dr. Jon Staiger  
Doug Finlay  
Jim Rozzi  
Michael Williams  
Ed Ten Eyck & Web Site