



Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Daniel P. Clark, P.E., Town Manager
Date: December 2, 2021
Subject: Status Report for the December 14, 2021 Town Council Meeting

Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

December 14th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting

January 11th - 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting followed by CRA Meeting

February 1th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting

March 1st – 6:30 PM Candidates Forum, followed by Regular Town Council Meeting, followed by CRA Meeting

Upcoming Town Events

Holiday Home Décor Contest – December 16th, 6:30 PM

Parade Dignitaries

We had a lovely day December 4th for the 2021 Annual Holiday Parade. The Parade had 29 entries including our Grand Marshall County Commissioner David Kerner who is working very diligently to help us make the boat lift a reality for us. We were also pleased to host State Representative David Silvers who is working very hard to get us special state legislative appropriations for three separate projects totaling \$2.65M. We want to thank them and all our entrants for making it a wonderful parade.

Speed Table for West Lake

Speed Tables (no longer speed humps) have been requested in two locations on West Lake Drive.

The Town Policy is:

1. Ask the proponent for the speed table to poll their neighbors and get consensus that the speed table would be appreciated by a majority (>66%) of the people closest to the speed table proposed location;
2. If there is consensus, have the engineer design and locate the speed table considering driveways, drainage, signage, and other roadway considerations; and
3. Present the neighborhood petition, construction costs, and location to the Town Council for approval and the necessary budget adjustments.

We have a petition in hand for a speed table located on West Lake Drive north of Barbados (it has been transferred to the engineers) and we are working with another homeowner on West Lake Drive south of Barbados to get a petition ready so they can canvas that area.

Affordable Housing Summit and the CRA

West Palm Beach hosted a meeting of the Business Development Board to discuss their accomplishments in bringing businesses to Palm Beach County. Along with businesses comes employees and the need for housing. It was stated that central Palm Beach County is targeted as the housing center for the businesses that relocate to West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, and the other large cities. The Village of Palm Springs, Lake Clarke Shores, and Boynton Beach expressed frustration at not getting any of the new businesses to even out the costs housing imposes on a municipality. It was made clear we are not worthy of consideration. We need to change the zoning within the CRA to allow for more height, more density, other uses, and we need to consider what ever financial incentives we can afford to help motivate businesses to the area. Other cities have 6 to 8 story buildings, mixed use buildings, tax incentives, and higher floor area ratios. The CRA staff would like to hire a planning firm to help us develop a CRA specific code of ordinances for the purposes of making the CRA a more attractive area for redevelopment.

Budget Amendment

As we get into the FY 21 Audit and pay all bills associated with that budget year, we are finding we overspent the budget by approximately \$90,000. Most of that is because of unanticipated expenses for the Town's responses to COVID-19, to a long drawn out arbitration with the Police Benevolent Association on a successful police officer firing, and to revenue for garbage collection franchise fees being over estimated. I have submitted two Resolutions for consideration of the Town Council. The first increases the FY21 Budget and the second Resolution gives me temporary authority to move money between the General Fund Departments to balance the budget. All budget work needs to be completed by December 17.

2022 Special Legislative Funding Requests (HB2001, HB2161, HB2803)

We have asked Representative Silvers to assist us in securing three 2022 Special Legislative Appropriations. Pine Tree Lane Bridge Replacement \$600,000, Palm Beach County Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Grant \$1,700,000, and Lake Clarke Biomass Reduction Grant \$350,000. All three bills are sitting in Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee.

2022 Legislative Session House Bill 471

House Bill 471 has been filed by Representative Roth for Lake Clarke Shores. The legislation is a Local Bill and simply declares Edgewater Park an enclave. This Bill passed through its first Committee with a unanimous vote. It has two Committee stops remaining.

Blueway Trail and Palm Beach County (HB3819)

Palm Beach County Administrator Verdenia Baker, Assistant County Administrator Patrick Rutter, Director Deb Drum (DERM), and Director Eric Call (Parks and Rec.) met with me to discuss the boat lift project at Spillway Park. We discussed the operational and construction aspects of the three components to the project. The boat lift is the most challenging, then the portage for non-motorized boats, and finally, the fishing piers. We discussed a timeline for construction and whether the operation could support itself financially. During the conversation about next steps, we discussed HB3819 which was filed by Representative Willhite in an amount of \$250,000 for the final design and permitting of the boat lift. The County supports the project, but does not want to be the lead agency at this time.