



**TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 10, 2022
 To: Town Council
 Through: Roger T. Hernstadt, Town Manager
 From: Chelsea O’Riley, Public Works Director
 Re: February 2022 Monthly Report

Items requiring Council direction/attention for this report: NONE. Forthcoming policy matters for Town Council:

1. See the last page of the report.
2. Coconut Palms were installed at Bayside Park as the tree grates were constructed to fit the base of a coconut palm. Also, the Contractor already had the Coconut Palms on order as Sabal Palms were not specified in the bid package and would warrant a Change Order.

Public Works Projects	
Title	Status
Times Square Redevelopment Design	DRMP answered ERP comments for LAP portion of project; bid out in 2022; Working towards making this a LAP Project . Beginning to work on Temporary Construction Easement Documents; working with Lee County, County Lands for easement by Pier; applied for CCCL permit.
Times Square Senate Grant Application	Pending official notice of award.
FDOT Grant Application (Times Square)	Working to secure \$1M funding for July 2022
Bay Oaks Redevelopment	LCSB Improvements were completed except for playground equipment. applying for DO with the Town; pending SFWMD permit review
Bayside Park	Construction underway.
Downtown Sidewalks	Final walk-through complete, punch list items remaining
Street Lighting RFP	Town Council discussion on April 18 th
ADA Retrofits	Handrail’s island wide being addressed
Mooring Field Expansion / Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant	Out to bid. Anticipation of construction Summer 2022.
Land, Water & Conservation Fund Grant (Bay Oaks) Federal Grant through DEP	Notice of Commencement received.
Mooring Field Upland Services Land Acquisition	Property was closed on March 16 th
Bayside Park Pier	Sent ACOE public comment response letter; reapplied to FDEP
Estero Boulevard Landscaping	Contract Executed. Installation expected in Spring 2022
Island Entrance Sign	Pending FDOT Permit approval.
TDC Grant Application	Submitted grant application.
WCIND Grant Application	Submitted grant application.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY: May 18th, 2022 FROM 8:00AM – NOON

Beach Access Improvements:

- Staff gave Access 23 a makeover by removing the old rope and rotting square posts and installing new pilings in the access along with new rope and new handrails.
- Staff hand-made custom signs for beach accesses and installed them on accesses 35 Avenue A, 34 Avenue C, 20 Coconut Dr. and 16 Dakota Ave.
- Coordinated the replacement of the old ripped/cut, worn-out Mobi-Mats with new ones. Staff continued daily routine maintenance on all accesses, trash/recycle, trimming, weeding and Mobi-Mat inspections for any trip hazards.
- Assisted FWC with removing and disposing of a dolphin and turtle that washed up on shore in the CWA.
- Staff cleared the back bay public pier on Delmar Ave. of all tripping hazards such as over-grown roots, rocks, debris and staff picked up trimmings and debris left on Access 12 Gulf Dr.
- Started high trimming/coconut removal on all accesses and will continue these efforts.
- Removed a metal pole and a wood stake sticking out of the ground on the path of the public access across from Albatross St. Staff trimmed, sprayed weeds and cleared the piers of any obstructions on all back bay accesses, Delmar Ave, Miramar St, Hercules Dr and Coconut Dr.
- Staff filled holes and trip hazards on the beach with the tractor and will continue to monitor daily.
- Coordinated the removal and replacement of handrails on accesses that needed new lumber. The old rails were broken and rotted from weather exposure, will continue to monitor.
- Staff controlled sand build-up on accesses and parking areas with the tractor and leaf blowers and will continue to monitor.
- Continued performing sand dune inspections, regular maintenance on native plants/trees which were sprayed with natural fertilizer.
- Staff assisted with organizing, clearing, cleaning upstairs storage rooms, and loading pallets onto trucks with items to haul off to auction.
- Staff replaced broken, dented doggy boxes with brand new ones on beach accesses
- Removed graffiti on trash cans and signs with cleaner and pressure washer at beach accesses.
- Staff assisted Bay Oaks staff by cutting down trees and clearing the new lot along Estero Blvd.

Maintenance Team:

- Shuttled all Town-owned vehicles requiring maintenance and service to fleet services. Arranged appointments to have vehicles titled, registered and plated. Acquired Ford F-250 and Kubota RTVX 900 for operations. The aerial lift truck was recertified.
- Staff completed P.W. requests as they were received and disposed of items for auction as requested.
- Picked up all supplies needed for projects and completed inventory of equipment, supplies, vehicles and facilities for daily operations. Continued installation of new town logos on equipment.
- Staff set up and cleaned up for the annual Shrimp Festival Parade, and the St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Continued beautification efforts along North Estero and side streets. Crosswalks were repainted throughout the island.
- Staff exercised the ECCT trailer and the emergency generator.
- Coordinated cleaning, painting and repairs of all offices, restrooms and kitchen at Town Hall and Bay Oaks. Staff completed the second-floor ceiling tile project and moved forward with the second phase of the carpet installation.
- Staff met with field technicians for repairs, quotes and fulfillment of maintenance contracts as needed.
- Coordinated the upgrading of Palm Avenue's restroom electrical system for the installation of hand dryers.
- The vacant town-owned lot was cleared from debris and excess foliage. Staff trimmed the coconut trees along O.S.C.
- Staff performed improvements and continued demolition of the front parcel leading into Bay Oaks Recreation Center from Estero Blvd. The site was fenced off to prevent people from accessing the worksite.
- Staff repaired the community pool's side shower tower and removed the white fencing along the sidewalk leading to the pool.

Mooring Field:

*For mooring field revenues, please see Financial Monthly Reports.

- Mooring field has sustained 100% occupancy for the entire month. There are nearly 30 vessels on the waitlist requesting a reservation.
- Staff met with citizens to discuss the purchase of property behind town hall for future development of amenities. Town manager and staff heard all resident feedback.
- Vending machine procedures have been established. Tracking and collections from vending services are done at the end of each month. The machine is stocked and checked daily.
- Staff completed a south-end survey of repairs needed for the seagrass area.
- Buoy quotes were requested from various providers. Seagrass buoys are needing replacement at the south end of the island.
- Staff continued system cleaning and inspections. Systems 1-45 have been inspected and cleaned, and concerns of repairs that might be needed were noted. Repairs/replacements are scheduled for the end of May.
- Staff responded to two water hazards in our jurisdiction. With the influx of anchored boats, more underwater obstructions are being located. Staff is putting together an annual bay cleanout to help clear any unsee hazard that may present future hazards to boaters
- Ford Maverick pickup truck was purchased for the maritime division usage. Four-door extended cab with 3000lbs towing used for transportation and small skiff launching.
- Recent storms this month sent one vessel into the mangroves behind Mound House and one vessel sank at N26.45943,W81.95669. Both vessels were reported to LCSO, the vessel in the mangroves was removed and the sank vessel is under an active investigation. Both vessels are outside of the mooring field but within town jurisdiction.
- One dinghy washed into residential docks. A complaint was called in and staff removed the dinghy and stored it at town property until the owner is located.
- The vessel abandoned in the mooring field is being prepared for removal and anchoring. The vessel is afloat and will be anchored in the town's jurisdiction until lean on the vessel is transferred.
- Staff responded to residents' complaints of a houseboat illegally docked at properties.
- Staff assisted in multiple boater issues. Staff recovered two dinghies stranded in the channels, removed and disposed of hazard waste, helped two stranded sailboats in the shallows and redirected unfamiliar boaters.
- Staff assisted in the removal and anchoring of one vessel whose lease was no longer renewable in the field.
- This is a test to see who actually reads this. Send me your favorite place on FMB!
- New hires continue to train and get hours diving the systems and piloting all towns vessels.
- Staff is currently conducting a fob inventory. All fobs and deposits are being tracked so all system numbers match the fob assigned to that current system.

Items requiring Council direction/attention for this report:

- Does Town Council wish to have the newly purchased land behind Town Hall fenced off?
- Does Town Council wish to have staff begin the process of the Zoning Request for the Chapel Street parcel?