



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Commission

FROM: Ingrid Allen, Town Planner, on behalf of the Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board ("Board")

SUBJECT: February 3, 2021 Board recommendations

ACTION:

At the February 3, 2021 Board meeting, the Board provided the following three (3) recommendations to the Town Commission:

1. **Beach Rakers.** Take the necessary steps it deems advisable to facilitate compliance by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in regards to their permit that has been offered to beach raking companies that are currently serving private properties in Highland Beach.
 2. **"Clean Beach = Healthy Beach" banner.** The banner not be accepted in the manner it was proposed and requests that the Commission review the Board's intentions of the original proposal and incorporate much more of a direction in regards to the initiative. *Note that the Board indicated that the "Clean Beach = Healthy Beach" banner preferred by the Town Commission at their February 2, 2021 meeting, does not communicate or encourage citizens to facilitate cleaning the beach nor does it tie into the bucket tree initiative.*
 3. **Invasive Species.** Obtain the services of a qualified horticulturist to undertake a survey of the Town's public properties and determine whether or not there is an invasive plant species that may affect our Town. *Note that the Board indicated that they are not qualified to identify invasive plant species.*
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BACKGROUND:

Beach Rakers. At the February 3, 2021 Board meeting, Mr. Bob Patek discussed his concerns (during public comment) regarding beach rakers.

Banner. On December 9, 2020, the Board recommended a banner and outline pertaining to the "Take Pride in our Beach" Educational initiative. These items were considered by the Town Commission on January 5, 2021 and February 2, 2021 (banner only).

Invasive Species. At the January 19, 2021 Town Commission meeting, a motion was approved to have the Board review the January 19, 2021 Town Commission conversation

relating to invasive species (Item No. 11C on the agenda) and take up the identification of invasive species particularly at light poles and street lights.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Invasive Species. According to the current Professional Services Agreement between the Town and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, the hourly rate for an Arborist is \$113.66 (based on 2020 fee schedule).

ATTACHMENTS:

Clean Beach=Healthy Beach banner options (as provided to Town Commission on February 2, 2021).

Board's "Take Pride In Our Beach" Educational Initiative proposed banner and outline (as provided to the Town Commission on January 5, 2021).
