

TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board ("Board") meeting

MEETING DATE August 10, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Ingrid Allen, Town Planner, Building Department

SUBJECT: Update on the February 2, 2022 Board recommendations to the Town

Commission.

SUMMARY:

On March 1, 2022, the Town Commission reviewed and considered the February 2, 2022 Board recommendations. The Board recommendations are provided below (in bold) along with corresponding Commission direction (*Note that the scheduled May 4, 2022 Board meeting was not held due to lack of quorum. A subsequent special meeting was proposed for June 1, 2022; however, this meeting was also not held due to lack of quorum*).

- 1. Consider employing a professional tree service company like Bartlett Tree Experts to facilitate the management and care of the palms situated in the right-of-way along State Road A1A. Consensus from the Town Commission was to have Bartlett Tree Experts implement a soil care and fertilization program, as provided on their February 10, 2022 estimate, at a cost of \$6000.00. The program will include five (5) separate treatments within a 12-month timeframe. The first and second treatments were applied on April 13, 2022 and July 7, 2022, respectively.
- 2. Approve the implementation of additional bucket trees to all Associations along the beach that have authorized their use. Consensus from the Town Commission was to "move forward" and construct and install additional beach bucket trees for those Associations who want them. Staff had a waitlist of six (6) condominiums who showed interest in acquiring a tree. As of the writing of this memorandum, the bucket tree status for each of these Condo Associations is provided in the table below:

Condo Name	Address	Status of Beach Bucket Tree
Highland Beach Club	3600 S. Ocean Blvd.	Installed
Regency Highland	3912 S. Ocean Blvd.	Installed
Coronado at Highland Beach	3400 S. Ocean Blvd.	Installed

Wiltshire House	2909 S. Ocean Blvd.	Association decided to not move forward with tree, they currently have a trash can on the beach and they find that to be adequate.
Penthouse Towers	3101 S. Ocean Blvd.	According to the property manager, they have no room for a bucket tree, but requested four (4) buckets to hang on existing hooks. Requested buckets were delivered to property.
Ocean Terrace North	3115 S. Ocean Blvd.	Installed but removed at the request of the property manager on behalf of the Condo Board and other community members because it obstructed view.

- 3. Consider providing code enforcement officer that routinely (once or twice a week) walks or rides on the beach to facilitate visual observation of any violations to Section 5-9 of the Town Code. Consensus from the Commission was that the recommendation is a low priority right now; however, they felt a more holistic approach regarding debris on the beach is needed. The Commission advised the Town Manager to look into this matter.
- 4. Consider at a special meeting or allocate time at its Commission meeting to address beach raking issue in a more detailed matter and take into consideration the needs of all residents of Highland Beach in regard to this particular process.

This recommendation was not presented to the Town Commission given pending litigation. It was determined by the Town Manager that the recommendation will not be discussed at this time.

Attached is the recommendation memorandum as it was presented to the Town Commission as well as the minutes from the March 1, 2022 Town Commission meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Board Recommendation Memorandum provided to the Town Commission on March 1, 2022. Town Commission minutes – March 1, 2022.