

TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH



Manager's Minute – October 2019

BOARD VACANCIES

The Town Commission welcomes and encourages residents to get involved by attending meetings and participating in Town Boards. All interested residents can download a Talent Bank Application from the Town's website at www.highlandbeach.us or pick up an application in the Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

Current Vacancies:

Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Code Enforcement Board
Natural Resources Preservation
Advisory Board
Planning Board

Upcoming Events:

November 5, 2019 – Town Commission Regular Meeting

November 14, 2019 – Planning Board Regular Meeting

November 19, 2019 – Town Commission Regular Meeting

December 3, 2019 – Town Commission Regular Meeting

December 5, 2019 – Light Up the Holidays and 70th Anniversary

Check meeting updates on our website <http://highlandbeach.us/media-archives-minutes/>

INTRODUCTION

As we kick off the fall season in Highland Beach and begin to welcome back our seasonal residents, we are reminded of the serious societal issues affecting the greater Palm Beach County area. This month the Commission and staff presented a proclamation to Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) to raise awareness on domestic violence. *If you or someone you may know are victims of domestic abuse contact AVDA at (561) 265-3797 for further assistance.*

Secondly, the Commission expressed support of the creation of a community redevelopment agency within the Village of Palm Springs, Florida. This action was taken to support our home rule partners in Palm Beach County.

Lastly, concerned citizens of Highland Beach attended a seminar held at St. Lucy's Catholic Church on the human trafficking crisis. The presentation was made by the Place of Hope of Boca Raton. Place of Hope serves as a home for trafficking victims, with accommodations for 26 children and planning on 16 additional beds.

Place of Hope takes donations of money, canned goods, personal supplies and other items. For information please contact them at: info@placeofhoperinker.org.



Photo ID left to right: Jeanette Schmitz of St. Lucy's, Highland Beach Lieutenant Jay Szesnat, Lisa McDulin of Place of Hope, Monica Speer of Place of Hope, Dominic Conte of St. Lucy's, CCW president Michele DeGennero, Highland Beach Police Chief Craig Hartmann, HBPD Dwayne Fernandes and HBPD Eric Aronowitz.

COMMISSION ACTIONS

Below are actions recently taken by the Town Commission:

- Approved on first reading of the comprehensive plan amendment:
Removes the “potential conservation” designation outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. The second reading is scheduled for November 5th.
- Approved setback ordinance revisions (No. 19-006 O):
Allows certain accessory uses in the setback areas of residential structures such as generators, walkways, air conditioning condensers, pool heaters, steps/stairways, and buried propane tanks.
- Approved vacation rental regulations ordinance (No. 19-002 O):
Establishes and enforces standards for vacation rental units in Town.
- Approved accessory structure – separation ordinance (No. 19-005 O):
Allows accessory uses and structures to be located on noncontiguous lots, that are under the same ownership, to be located up to 1000’ from the lot with the principal structure.
- Approved on first reading on the repeal of Ordinance 18-008 O, Board of Adjustment and Appeals authority:
Returns the majority of the decision-making authority to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals for what the Commission referred to as low impact variances with high impact variances being decided by the Commission with a recommendation from the Board of Adjustment & Appeals. The second reading is scheduled for November 5th.
- Approved public notice procedures (No. 19-004 O):
Removes the requirement for public notices to be sent by certified mail and allows for first class mailings. Additionally, all properties within 500 feet shall receive notice.
- Approved removing workshop meeting format (No. 19-007 O):
Changes the monthly workshop meeting to a regular business meeting and schedules the one business meeting for the first Tuesday of each month with the caveat that additional meetings may be scheduled by the Commission.
- Approved advisory board and committee appointment process (No. 19-029 R):
Establishes consistent procedures and standards for the appointment of individuals to all town advisory boards and committees.

You may request a copy of the above-mentioned ordinances and resolutions from the Town Clerk’s Office or visit the [Town’s website](#).

Upcoming Town Commission Items:

- **Parking Ordinance:**
Revises and modifies the current parking regulations. The first reading is tentatively scheduled for November 19th. This item also includes a discussion on the results of the resident survey on parking.
- **Citation Ordinance:**
Revises and establishes the code citation process. The first reading is scheduled for November 5th.
- **Accessory Structures – Dock removal with principal structure demolition:**
Addresses the process in which vacant lots with docks following demolition of the principal structure are handled.
- **Marine Facilities:**
Evaluates the review and approval process for seawalls, docks, boatlifts and bulkheads (all marine facilities).

DID YOU KNOW?

The Town of Highland Beach's Water Plant was located in Boca Raton along Dixie Highway until 2004?

The original plant was a lime softening/dual media filtration plant with four surficial wells. Water from the lime plant in Boca Raton was pumped through a subaqueous pipeline across the intracoastal waterway to Highland Beach.

In August 2004, the Town completed the construction of the current Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant (ROWTP) and switched from a surficial aquifer to a brackish Floridan Aquifer source of water. The ROWTP is located in the Town Hall Municipal Complex, directly behind the Town Hall building on the west side State Road A1A.

For more information on the ROWTP and the Town's award-winning water, visit www.highlandbeach.us/public-works/.

OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

October 1st marked the beginning of the new fiscal year. The Town has many interesting projects to look forward to in the upcoming fiscal year. Some of the projects include expanding the crosswalk flag pilot program, acquiring new financial software, improving the security of the Town Hall building, renovating the Clerk's Office and Finance Department, replacing a police vehicle with a hybrid patrol vehicle, replacing public street signs and posts, painting the elevated water storage tank, and painting the emergency generator building.

Crosswalk Enhancement Project Update: The Town is anxiously awaiting the approved FDOT permit at which time we hope to kick off the bid process. The crosswalk enhancement project includes: solar power pedestrian activated crosswalk signage, pavement flush mounted LED crosswalk indicator lights and crosswalk landing improvements to ensure ADA compliance. Additionally, the Town submitted direct appropriation requests for both the House and Senate in hopes to secure funding from the state legislature to make the enhancements to ensure pedestrian and cyclists' safety.

Milani Park Update: At the October 22, 2019 Palm Beach County Board of Commission meeting, the County Commissioners approved authorizing the 5-year extension option as it relates to the development of Milani Park. Regardless of today's vote, the commission indicated an interest of discussing the additional of the design of Milani Park within their fiscal year 2021 Budget Capital Improvement Planning Process.

Public Works Update: Over the next few weeks you may notice the Public Works department repainting the fire hydrants within Town, which is a part of the regular maintenance schedule. The fire hydrants will be changed from a silver color to red.

Code Enforcement Update: As a friendly reminder, if you have code enforcement inquiries or complaints contact Code Enforcement Officer, Jason Manko at (561) 278-4540.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Properties Under Construction

- 4202 Intracoastal Drive – Demolition and new single-family construction
- 2352 South Ocean Blvd – New single-family construction
- 3833 South Ocean Blvd – New single-family construction
- 4215 South Ocean Blvd – Seawall construction
- 4315 South Ocean Blvd – Demolition

Properties Soon to be Constructed

- 1100 Highland Beach Drive – Consideration of seawall construction to be approved by the Town Commission
- 4403 Intracoastal Drive – New Single-family construction
- 4513 South Ocean Blvd – Single-family demolition and duplex construction

If you have any questions, concerns or issues, you may contact Terisha Cuebas, Assistant to the Town Manager to schedule an appointment with Town Manager Labadie.



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH
2019 Annual Light Up the Holiday &
70th Town Anniversary Events

Mark your Calendar to
Save the Date

December 5th, 2019, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM