



**Minutes**  
**Town of Lake Park, Florida**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Town Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue**

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Commission Meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Osterman, Commissioners Hockman, Longtin, and Rumsey, Town Manager Maria Davis, Town Attorney Thomas Baird, and Town Clerk Vivian Lemley.

Mayor DuBois led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Town Clerk Vivian Lemley performed the Roll Call.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Rumsey requested moving Item #9 – Select Date for Town Commission Workshop on Street Closure to after the Consent Agenda.

**Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Osterman to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner Longtin made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin	X		
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor DuBois explained that several public comment cards were not filled out therefore she would do her best to proceed with the comments.

**Public Comment:**

1. *Alex Cuillo, 545 W. Jasmine Drive* stated “Good evening, please help us.”

Mayor DuBois asked Naptalie Jerome to explain Alex Cuillo’s plea for help.

2. *Naptalie Jerome, 810 Lake Shore Drive* explained that she is one of the founders of an organization for the after school center program which serves all the community called

“Let Us Stand United”, which is having difficulty finding a place to accommodate all the children at a low cost. She provided her phone number 561-228-1270.

3. *Cyndia Smith*, asked for the daycare to stay open and stated that parents were depending on it.

4. *Giovonta Perrone, 545 W. Jasmine Drive*, “Good evening, please help us.”

5. *Stephanie Perrone, 545 W. Jasmine Drive*, stated that her son has been attending the daycare for the past two years. She stated that her son has learned so much since starting Mrs. Jerome’s program including respect for himself and others. She gave examples of things her son has learned from the program and how well he is doing in school. She asked for support to keep the after school program “Let Us Stand United” opened.

6. *Gary Jackson, Gateway Blvd.*, “Mr. Hockman why are you still sitting in that chair? You stated on the record that at the last meeting, that your only concern was the massive amounts of money being wasted, of the tax payers money. To recall you it was going to cost us between \$20,000 and \$30,000, save us the money and resign. This Town is getting angrier by the hour with you. Mr. Hockman if you don’t understand why, get a copy of the last meeting and listen to your own words, understand that convolution of ten minutes worth of lies isn’t buying the people. Convolution of lies. Should you not be able to afford it, Town Clerk, I’ll be happy to pay for it, get a copy of it, listen to your own words. You have accomplished something since you’ve come here, you got a stop sign put up on Flagler and Kalmia, be happy with that and get out of our Town. Recall petitions as I’ve heard have surpassed the votes casted in the election that you were elected. It takes less than that to call for a recall for you. We would like to dispatch you as soon as possible. Second point of interest, its in reference to an article on 4-18-2010 in the Palm Beach Post. I have no recollection of anything except future discussion of the Commission in reference to stop signs, not closing roads in Town. What happened and why? Thank you”.

7. *Jason Wallace, 123 E. Jasmine Drive*, “Hi, How are you doing? My name is Jason Wallace, at least I wasn’t second this time, but I did follow him last time, which I find funny. Oh, can I talk about something that is on the agenda?”

Mayor DuBois explained that she would call him back when the item was addressed on the agenda.

“Ok, well then I’ll get to the next part of this, Oh, Steve, I gotta agree with him, why are you still here? I mean clearly there are some people that are ticked off with you, and thank God you didn’t bring your kid with you this time. I do have just a couple questions and they are really out of curiosity. Someone told me that you did finally file the updated Financial Disclosure, which is good to know, curious to know why it took so long when everybody else got theirs in. And also, I was reading over some of your campaign materials and you were talking again about the Town wasting money on something. You brought up the Street Light mock up and the money the Town was going to waste on that because they didn’t put out for bid, which means they are not looking for bids from various companies. I’m curious do you want them to put it out to bid because you might

be hired as sub of a sub of a sub from one of the electrical companies that might do the street light work in the Town of Lake Park; I mean it's a reasonable question based on what we have heard from you in the past. I would also like to ask or rather comment. I know that you have talked to a few people in the Town, people that I know and they asked you about the Sober House issue in our Town and you had basically told them that you didn't know a lot about it but that you would look into it. Which, my God, I find it really hard to believe that you didn't know a lot about it since you claim in all of your materials that you have been to a lot of Commission Meetings. But if you don't know a lot about it how is it that you sat here and watched your son be comforted by Randi Aberns, and she's been the biggest adversary in our battle against non-licensed, un-registered, sober houses in this Town. And honestly, if you don't know who she is, were you comfortable that your kid was sitting next to someone that you didn't know. If you're not comfortable with that, your paying some attention to him and not spending a lot of time and attention to the meeting. So, you know, it seems pretty clear that you don't have the best intentions at heart here. I didn't say it last time but I will say it this time, Dude, you gotta man up and resign, you gotta get out of Lake Park."

8. *Joy Humphries, 414 Greenbrier Drive*, "Good evening, Joy Humphries, 414 Greenbrier Drive. Tonight again I am speaking to Mr. Hockman and asking that you resign your position as Commissioner. Mr. Hockman, over the last few weeks the public has spoken clearly. We expect honesty from our leaders and you have not been honest. At the last Commission meeting you stated that you did not mention the Lake Park marina lawsuit in your campaign material, not the truth. At the last meeting you said that you did not know that Bridge Construction was a member of the marina lawsuit until after the election. But our Town Manager Ms. Davis stated that you told her in your first conversation as Commissioner that you needed to speak with the Town Attorney regarding this conflict of interest. Again you did not tell the truth. You stated that your relationship with Bridge Construction was that of a sub to a sub to a sub. But in the Palm Beach Post you said that you worked side-by-side with Bridge, again you didn't tell the truth. Mr. Hockman, this Town deserves better. There are serious issues that need to be addressed and your refusal to be honest with the citizens give you no credibility. At the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting you stood at this podium criticizing the sitting Commission on their process for a new street lighting program for our Town. At that meeting you stated CR Donn, Sports Lighter, and ES Electrical would have done the job for \$24,000. You lobbied for these firms. Mr. Hockman what is your relationship with CR Donn, Sports Lighter and ES Electrical? Do you work with them? Are they clients? Do you work side-by-side with them? Are you a sub to a sub to a sub? Either way, now that you have lobbied for these firms it appears that you have to announce yet another conflict of interest. Mr. Hockman we need leaders who can do their jobs, not leaders who are dishonest. Not leaders who take care of their clients to get work, and not leaders who have to constantly excuse themselves from voting because of conflict of interest. Mr. Hockman this Town needs you to resign, thank you."

9. *Leila Kidd, 415 Greenbriar Drive*, "Good evening, I believe the plan has been set into motion, lets call it Team Geppetto if you'd like. Ed Daly decided not to run for Commissioner, so lets get Hockman and Longtin as new Commissioners, so that Ed Daly can run for Mayor next year and the first thing that will be on their agenda is to get rid of Maria Davis, and Jen Spicer. I'm surprised that both of you weren't more coached on the

regards to the CRA and how it benefits the entire Town of Lake Park and how the money for example grants are distributed. Jen Spicer has nothing to do with businesses getting a grant. Her friends aren't receiving grants. You vote for that, just letting you know that, obviously you were not told that. I'd also like to ask Commissioner Longtin if you knew that Commissioner Hockman lied on his application, that he lied on his amended financial report, that he was going to decide not to vote on certain Marina issues, and that he broke the law representing himself as an electrical engineer. I was going to read some of the things that you actually went and distributed and put on your paid advertisement, but I think you know what the lies are on that. I just want to know if you two feel the strings being pulled tighter? Thank you."

10. *Ken Dover, 1400 Flagler Blvd.*, "Good evening, Ken Dover 1400 Flagler Blvd, before I get started with what I have written on here I'd like to turn around and say something to the gentleman that was up here before I was, to have something again Mr. Hockman man to man is one thing, but to bringing his kid into it is low. Very low."

Mayor struck the gavel several times. Mayor DuBois stated that she would not allow back and forth from the audience. She addressed Mr. Dover and told him to that if he wished to speak to continue to do so.

Mr. Dover continued "I'd like to thank the Commission for placing the stop sign on Flagler Blvd. its a long time overdo. Our family has lived on Flagler for over 39 years and this is the first thing that has been done to slow traffic on Flagler, I hope the speed bumps are next. I would like to congratulate Commissioner Hockman on winning Commissioner seat and hope you continue to ask where is the money going and who's going to pay for it, and how are we going to pay for it. I hope you ignore Commissioner Rumsey's request that you have nothing to do with the Marina lawsuit. Being in the construction trade all my life I understand how it is to be a sub of a sub of a sub, with no personal gain. You may not be able to vote on the final outcome, but you can voice your opinion on how the monies are spent. \$80,000 on plywood and carpet is ridiculous. I have over 30 years experience in the brick paver business. I am one of three original brick installers in South Florida. I have installed millions of square feet in Palm Beach County, Clematis Street, Palm Beach County Courthouse, the Fairgrounds, Park Avenue, and Kelsey Park, just to name a few. On some of these jobs I was the sub of a sub of a sub. Commissioner Hockman is right when he says pavers can be fixed with a few buckets of sand. Commissioner Rumsey before you ask me what's my definition of a few buckets, I'll tell you if I was doing the repair I'd would dump a truck load of sand on the job and use what I needed and remove the remainder. When you install pavers next to a sea wall, pool, a driveway, a roadway, pavers are going to sink. Industry standards are to pull the pavers up put some sand and reinstall the pavers. This is one of the selling points of the pavers, you don't have to buy the product again. If you had concrete and it cracked, you'd be jack hammering, forming, pouring, finishing and its going to crack again. I understand the Commission saw where the seawall was not engineered or installed right which is the basis of the lawsuit. I say lets cover up the seawall quit using them until the lawsuit is settled. Spend \$80,000 on repairing the pavers so we can enjoy the beauty of the pavers and not the seawall."

Mayor DuBois lightly struck the gavel and indicted to Mr. Dover that his three minutes were up and it was time to let someone else to speak.

Mr. Dover asked if he could ask one last question. Mayor DuBois apologized and said that particularly tonight she was holding to the rules as much as possibly can.

Commissioner Longtin "as opposed to last time."

Mayor DuBois "as opposed to every time Commissioner Longtin"

Commissioner Longtin "last time you allowed them to go over the three minutes."

Mayor DuBois "I'm not going to argue with you on this."

Vice-Mayor Osterman "Point of Order!"

Mayor DuBois "Thank You!"

11. *Karl Osterman, 919 W. Jasmine Drive*, "let me first begin by saying that the opinions I express tonight are solely my own. Mr. Hockman I acquired a copy of your campaign materials and there are some issues that I would like to ask about if I may just read a few excerpts. On the cover of your campaign materials there is a cut out of a Weekday article where you are represented as, the article is about your son nominating you as father of the year. His dad Steve is an electrical engineer and owns his own business Cadco Design Consultants. Now I understand that those aren't your words, those are the words of the Weekday, but you put this article on your campaign materials, on the front of your campaign materials. I would like to ask that if you are an engineer that you please produce your licenses for public review or if it is not true, I'd like you to explain what you are putting this on your campaign materials. This is another excerpt from your materials, the Commission does a wonderful job of telling the Town citizens what they want to hear and avoiding the real truth behind the scene, well the truth will always come out sooner or later. You see the previous Commission does a wonderful job of telling people what they want to hear and avoiding the truth. Well what is the real truth behind the scenes of your financial statement. On your original statement you list only one source of income for all of 2009 Cadco Design, which is your own company. Cadco was dissolved as a corporation on September 25, 2009, did you have any income for the remaining three months of the year? You're amended financial statement, which may I might add, was not submitted for more than a month after the election, you list only one client Smith Engineering. What is Smith's relationship to Bridge Design? And I find it difficult if not impossible to believe that Smith was your only client that crossed the dollar amount threshold. I would like to ask if you would provide Cadco's invoices for 2009 so that that can be verified. You said in your materials the truth would always come out sooner or later. Again let me read from your materials many told me that the Commission wouldn't care what I had to say. You say many told you the Commission wouldn't care what you had to say. Are these the same people who wish to remain anonymous? Or is this another fabrication and exaggeration. Do you care what the people at this podium have been saying tonight and at the last meeting? Again let me continue from your materials, actually let me go back for just a moment."

Mayor DuBois apologized that the three minute buzzer had rung.

Mr. Osterman "I'll be back at the next meeting to finish my list."

12. *Leigh Kendall, 318 Hawthorne Drive*, "Good evening, Leigh Kendall, I've been a resident of Lake Park since 2002, I love the Town of Lake Park. I've never seen the Town accomplish what its accomplished in the last couple of years. I've been thrilled with the way the Town looks, everything is going well and I'm extremely disappointed in the way things are going right now. I've been following all this, I was unable to make it to the last meeting, but I've watched it on television and I've been watching Mr. Hockman's issue carefully. Mr. Hockman you have no creditability left. You have misled this community about your intentions and connections with Bridge Construction. I'm afraid to find out what else you have conveniently left out. For the past year you have stepped to this podium at evening meeting and I sit and watch you criticize everything this Commission does, everything staff does and you are ruthless in your comments. Mr. Hockman now we find out that your comments were not made in the best interest of this Town, but in your own best interest and the best interest of your professional colleagues. Ninety-five people elected you, however the silence from your supporters has been deafening. I would guess mostly they regret their vote, or they might have something to gain as well. For months you ridiculed the Commission for not answering your questions as a citizen. Well now we the citizens ask you, will you resign in the best interest of this Town? We will await your answer. You underestimated this Town, you thought we wouldn't care, you thought we would sit back and we will not. This is our Town. Thank you."

13. *Diane Munroe, Hawthorne Drive*, "Its really hot out there, maybe you can turn the air conditioning up. Diane Munroe, Hawthorne Drive.

Commissioner Rumsey "Ms. Munroe, it's hot up here too. It's hotter up here."

Diane Munroe "I'm sure. This is to Mr. Hockman, I'm sorry Hockman in your campaign material you state and I quote, it is really hard for me to read it because your, anyway, I quote "If we are ever to settle the so called lawsuit the Town will end up paying all that money to them and we the homeowners will still have to pay for the repairs", end of quote. The last two Town meetings you stated you had no knowledge of any lawsuit, which is it? You did not? Or you did know of the lawsuit? This is a very clear and simple question and we the citizens of Lake Park deserve an answer. I believe its perjury, a deliberate, willful, giving of incomplete misleading of false testimony under oath. I also read the article in the Weekday where your son named you Father of the Year. It says that the relationship between you and your son is worth more than all the money in the world. It also says your son and you can talk about anything, how did you feel two weeks ago when person after person came to the podium and questioned your unethical behavior. What did you tell your son? Did you console him? Or tell him the truth? Or did you continue to talk in circles about your lies? If your relationship is worth more than money I say resign now and the Town pays you zero because you are worth zero. And you'll get to spend quality time at home with family plus you can shield yourself from further embarrassment and several possible ethical complaints. Lastly, Hockman I quote you

from your campaign material well the truth will always come out sooner or later, and guess what it did. Resign.”

14. *Kevin Bandy, 831 Northern Drive*, Mayor DuBois read an email into the record from Kevin Bandy. “ Dear Commissioner I am writing to express my concern over Steve Hockman remaining on the Town Commission. I believe Mr. Hockman’s decision to remain vague about a financial issue that had significant implications within current Town legal issues is unethical and grossly self serving. Mr. Hockman I believe you should resign from your post as Commissioner. I believe that your decision to be less than honest about your financial relationships relative to the legal issues with the firm that you had a subcontract relationship with is becoming a Town issue. When in reality it is a personal issue. I was at the last Commission Meeting and watched as you gave answers that were vague at best relative to what a subcontractor relationship meant and how that might apply to you. We in Lake Park are already dealing with businesses attempting to displace R1 residents within the divisive issues of Sober Houses. I am not interested in another Town employee that is comfortable with changing definitions of there business dealings to fit the situation, that is dishonest. Please resign Mr. Hockman and if you chose to run again please be transparent about your business dealings as it relates to the Town.”

**Public Comment Closed.**

The Commission took a five minute recess.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Emergency Debris Removal Services, All Florida Tree & Landscape, Inc.
2. Emergency Debris Removal Services, RKC Land Development, Inc.
3. Resolution No. 17-04-10 Revise the Town of Lake Park Uniform Classification System to Amend the Job Description for the Position of Librarian I
4. Modify the Operating Hours of the Library
5. Letter of Support for Children’s Home Society of Florida HUB Application
6. Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

**Public Comment Open**

None

**Public Comment Closed**

Commissioner Longtin asked to pull items 1,2 and 4 from the Consent Agenda.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Rumsey to approve Consent Agenda items 3, 5 and 6; Commissioner Longtin made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
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Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin	X		
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

Commissioner Longtin asked for clarification on if the Town had gone out for Bid/RFP for these two contracts. Commissioner Longtin stated that All Florida Tree is keeping their quote from June, 2007 and RKC is keeping their quote from 2006. Commissioner Longtin stated that in today's economy companies are hurting for work and maybe the Town could get a lower price. Commissioner Longtin expressed concern that All Florida Tree was a Broward County firm and would prefer that the Town seek firms in Palm Beach County.

Commissioner Rumsey asked the Clerk to provide an approximate cost of advertising a bid in the Palm Beach Post.

Town Clerk, Vivian Lemley stated that the cost of advertising depends on how large the bid specifications are. They run upwards of \$200.

Commissioner Rumsey asked for the timeframe of a Bid/RFP advertising process.

Town Clerk, Vivian Lemley indicated that it takes 21 days.

Commissioner Rumsey asked Town Manager Maria Davis for the last time the Town used these companies' services.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that the last time these companies were used was the 2005 Hurricane season. She explained that the contract with All Florida Landscape was competitively bid by another city and the Town was piggybacking off of that bid. Town Manager Davis stated that if it was the pleasure of the Commission she would go through the bid process. She explained that these companies serviced the Town well in the past.

Commissioner Hockman asked if any other companies were contacted for pricing. Town Manager Davis stated that the Town did not. She explained that in the event of a natural disaster the Town requires companies to augment the Town's in-house forces. She stated that both of those companies were for emergency debris removal.

Mayor DuBois stated that there was nothing anyone could purchase now that cost the same as it did in 2005. She stated that these companies had been reliable to the Town in the past and did not see a problem with approving the piggyback contract for both services.



Vice-Mayor Osterman wanted to know if it was feasible to make phone calls as opposed to doing an RFP. She asked if the Town did not approve the contracts tonight would the companies still honor those prices.

Town Manager Davis explained that the Town could call and get hourly rates or per ton cost from the companies, and references over the phone. She stated that she could only assume that they would maintain their pricing, but was not sure. If the Commission's pleasure was for staff to go out for bid then she would direct staff to do so. Town Manager Davis reminded the Commission that the Town gets reimbursed for debris removal from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of 87.5%

Vice-Mayor Osterman stated that the Town was cleaned up rather quickly during the 2005 Hurricane season as a result of having those companies on board.

Town Manager Davis indicated that the Village of Pinecrest competitively bid All Florida Landscape and they were pleased with their performance.

Commissioner Rumsey verified that if the Town does not use the services throughout the year, then the Town does not pay for anything.

Town Manager Davis stated that it does not cost the Town anything.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Rumsey to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2; Vice-Mayor Osterman made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin		X	
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 4-1

Commissioner Longtin expressed concern about the new hours at the Library because it proposed to close the Library at 1:00 p.m. She asked how it correlated with school hours.

Town Manager Davis introduced the new Library Director, Karen Mahnk, who explained that they found a great demand to have the Library open on Saturdays, which is when most children come in to work on major projects. She explained that on Friday, children most of the time do not have homework.

Vice-Mayor Osterman thanked Karen Mahnk for reevaluating the hours of operation at the Library because she was concerned when the Library closed on Saturdays.

Library Director Mahnk stated that it was not only the children that wanted the Library opened on Saturday, but it was all people who visit the Library that wanted it open on Saturdays.

Town Manager Davis stated that she received many complaints, especially right after the Library began closing on Saturdays. She explained that it was tested for six months and it didn't work, now that there is a new director, Karen Mahnk believes its best for the community to be open on Saturdays.

Commissioner Rumsey asked when the new schedule would take effect.

Town Manager Davis stated that it would begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Library Director Karen Mahnk stated that with the book sale the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup> the next possible Saturday to start the new hours would be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Osterman to approve Consent Agenda item 4; Commissioner Longtin made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin	X		
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

**Discussion and Possible Action:**

**Select Date for Town Commission Workshop on Street Closures**

Mayor DuBois indicated that she had received several cards of those that wanted to speak to this issue.

**Public Comment Open:**

*Bryan Cain, 314 Bayberry Drive*, "How are you doing, I've been a resident for 22 years here. My curiosity is where will the Town get the assets to cover such an expenditure as the street closure all the way from Silver Beach to Northlake and then from my street, 4<sup>th</sup>

Street all the way to 10<sup>th</sup> Street, that's a pretty big burden on the Town's treasury, isn't it? I mean, that's really all I have to say other than, I mean, do any of you guys weigh the benefits versus the cost and what it's going to do long term to the value you provided citizens. I mean capital is supposed to come from saving and production. Where does this little Town get the production means to even raise enough money from tax revenues. Do you see what I'm saying. I mean, that's going to probably drive down your values, home values here and I've been talking to friends about this and people, you know, there saying that, you know, there probably going to leave the Town and I don't want to see that happen because I have friends here. You know, I mean, I live on Bayberry and I'm going to have to go all the way to Park Avenue just to get out of Town. I'll leave it at that, but I, I will come back. Thank you."

Mayor DuBois said that she appreciates the comments. She stated that she wanted people to be aware that what they were doing was setting the dates to have hearings and have the input. There have not been decisions to write anything in stone. So please do come again.

*Jason Wallace, 123 E. Jasmine Drive*, "Is that on? Can I use this? I'm here about the street closures. I have a little bit of the same concerns as it does seem like a lot of the streets in Lake Park are going to be closed off and that does seem like it is going to cost a fair amount of money. But I do think it's a good idea to some degree. Some of the streets"

Mayor DuBois had to ask the audience members to keep their voices down.

Jason Wallace "I believe some of the streets could be closed off, I don't agree with all the streets that were marked off on the map in the newspaper article. I live on Jasmine and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street or just east of 2<sup>nd</sup> right off of US1, and on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street we don't have any four-way intersections, they are all divided between the blocks. So if somebody came to the stop sign they just roll right through it to make a quick S turn to go to the next street. I didn't think much of this until Monday when I was going to work and almost got t-boned from a guy who wasn't paying attention going through one of these S turn stop sign situations, only to find out that all he did was go up one more block and come out on Park Avenue to go to the school. He didn't need to be coming up Ilex, Hawthorne or Jasmine or any of those streets for that matter. He could have just gone up Park Avenue and gone to the school. So, I'm glad to see that you guys are doing something about setting up a workshop for it, I don't agree with closing down all the streets. I personally would like to see my street blocked off just because of all the heavy traffic I see through there, but we will go from there. I hear laughter in the back, clearly people don't agree with me so. Thank you."

*Marymargaret Goldsmith, 528 Date Palm Drive*, "First of all I'm Marymargaret Goldsmith and I live on Date Palm, and have for the last 30 years. My first thing is to thank the Mayor and Commissioner Rumsey, I sent an email over my concerns about street closure to ya'll, all of you, they were the only two that answered and I appreciate that. One of the things that Commissioner Rumsey stated was he hadn't seen the map until it was printed in the paper. I don't think that is very kosher. It says here the source of this map was the Town of Lake Park. The first people that should have seen this map should have been you guys, second the people that live here, then the press, not that we

learn what's going on through the press. My letter said that my husband and I are totally against it. Trying to turn us into another Singer Island with one road in and one road out? What happens if there is an evacuation need? Park Avenue will be so jammed with traffic that it will be terrible to commute let alone cross on a daily basis, and God forbid there is an emergency. And if crime is so bad how come we never hear about it? Nothing in the newsletter that we receive, the neighborhood post or in the emails that we get, but there is plenty about Mos' Art Theatre. If there is so much crime, why don't we see more police presence. It's been days since I've seen a cruiser on our street. And when they do go by its so fast windows up, they see nothing and hear nothing. The only crime I see are the gaggle of teens roaming the streets day and night, shame we don't have any sidewalks, being loud, obnoxious and just being teenagers. Furthermore in this economy the additional burden will be placed on those of us with limited funds for gas, not to mention having to go out of our way for church, grocery shopping, doctors, etc. These barriers are going to cost additional tax dollars on top of the lights you want, which I don't agree with, but. Unemployment is up, cost of living is up, social security doesn't make ends meet, our home values have dropped, our assessments have dropped, our taxes have gone up, and just look at the empty houses in Lake Park. Who would you want to come and live in the ghetto you will be creating. Before anybody gets mad the term ghetto means people secluding themselves, such as a suburban millionaires ghetto, we can be the urban poor mans ghetto. Before long this beautiful Town we lived in will be a ghost town. And last but not least, God forbid there should be a need for assistance from our neighboring communities. Lake Park is cut up enough, we have Old Dixie, we have the railroads, we have US1, please, you know, don't cut us up anymore. And, like I said thank you for your responses, and I think that's about it, I hope I kept it within my three minutes. Oh yeah one more thing, Silver Beach is part of Lake Park, God forbid you need help and a cop is stuck behind a barrier.

**Public Comment Closed:**

Mayor DuBois explained that what they were doing was discussing days to schedule a workshop.

Commissioner Rumsey asked if before setting a date for the workshop if he could make a few comments on the presses' accounts of what is going on and what is not going on. Commissioner Rumsey explained that the idea of street closures is one idea of many ideas this Town is looking at as far as fighting crime. Commissioner Rumsey stated the Town is looking at new street lighting, the alleyways have already been done, the Town is looking at different options that may be available for the Town to deter crime. Commissioner Rumsey read from a prepared statement "The media has been irresponsible in the reporting on something that is not even being considered. This is an agenda item to set a date for a community workshop only. This has nothing to do with street closures, nothing has been decided, this is a day where we are setting a date for a workshop. The first day I ever saw this map was in the Palm Beach Post. Mr. DiPaolo did a public records request from our Town asking for a copy of this map. This map was stated that this was for a traffic study of the streets of Lake Park. Unfortunately the media reported that this map was for road closures in the Town of Lake Park. That is not true. This issue is not racially motivated and anyone who tries to paint this in the light of a racial issue instead of an issue of public safety is being irresponsible and doing nothing

but trying to recite radical discourse. Its not fair to the people of Lake Park what is being said about this Town. This Town is as racially diverse as any community you will find in the State of Florida. We live together peacefully, we live in harmony, we all live together, we all play together and for this to have been made into a racial issue by the media is unfair. Quite simply, this is a public safety issue and anyone who values the law is always welcome in Lake Park. But we will not tolerate criminal behavior in our Town and we will use any method available to us to keep the streets of Lake Park safe. The voters of Lake Park will determine if we have street closures in this Town. It is not an issue the Commission will decide, but one that will be decided in a referendum vote after the public comes together to discuss options that are available to our community. That is what tonight is about. Tonight is not about a map that has been created, that has been misrepresented the Town of Lake Park. Tonight is to set a date for this community to come together like we always do to work out solutions that will move our Town forward. Thank you Mayor.”

Commissioner Longtin stated that “this was the first that she had seen of this. I was told there was discussion at prior meetings. I had missed those meetings. I understand there are other possibilities. I haven’t seen them. My concern on this would be life safety issues, Fire Rescue and Police access and evacuation concerns also, that’s a good one. I don’t know what additional plans or possibilities there are, but I’d like to see those as well. I do agree with the Vice-Mayor that this should be a referendum issue if the voters want to pay for it, they should have the vote. I’d like to see different companies come to a workshop when we come to that point give there ideas, let the voters, or those who are concerned come and give their opinion. I, myself, I’ve never wanted to live in a gated community that’s not my way. But I do see the value and maybe perhaps closing down some streets. I don’t understand how we are going to be able to afford this when we can’t afford to fix the sprinklers in Town, we can’t afford to light the basketball courts at night, and we can’t even afford a \$200 bid process. I’m not in favor of any temporary barriers until the voters have spoken. But again I don’t know where this money is going to come from. I really hope the citizens are involved in this workshop or these workshops and that’s my comments.”

Vice-Mayor Osterman stated that “Thank you Mayor, I would also like to echo what Commissioner Rumsey said, the first time that I learned that this was now on the agenda was from the Palm Beach Post reporter. The agenda was not even released, it was in draft form and not released so it’s quite curious as to how the Post reporter had the agenda before it was released. This issue was brought up, I don’t have the exact date, but a couple months ago, January, February, and I’m the one that brought this forward because there were so many concerns from so many residents about safety. Commissioner Rumsey had brought forward the issue of Street Lighting because that was the number one concern he had heard when he was campaigning the year prior. I heard a lot of concerns about children being out on the streets and cars coming through, running stop signs and swerving and parents being afraid for their children playing outside. I live in the CRA District and in the month of December there were three shootings or guns held to peoples’ head within three blocks of my house, so the neighbors were talking about it quite a lot. There was a lot of discussion about how the police would be able to best apprehend people. There’s a lot of issues that have to be ironed out. What I brought forward and what the Commission agreed on in February was simply to explore the topic

with residents, to come up with a plan to put forward to referendum. What we said is, I believe, when the other streets were closed the Commission just did it and what we said was that's not the way we want things done. It should be the residents and voters of Lake Park who make the decision. So, like Commissioner Rumsey, I feel that the media was incredibly irresponsible in this issue and incited racism for the purpose of ratings. Unfortunately we all know that readership is down in newspapers and television viewing because people are going to "YouTube" and private communication. But to take a community that is rich in diversity and try to incite strife is not only irresponsible it's simply wrong and I know that our community is better than that. I know that everyone in this community wants their property to be safe, they want their children to be safe, they want to be safe walking the streets or riding their bicycles, everyone, it's not about the color of skin, its about basic human needs and values. And when we come together as a community and we discuss these issues and we share ideas, we will be able to come up with a plan that we can put forward to residents in a vote so that residents make those decisions. This Commission never intended to do anything except for begin a traffic study so that we can begin the conversation with residents from a point of knowledge. We have had conversation already with the, preliminary conversations, with the Sheriff and also with Fire and Rescue to ensure that there was no problem with closing off of streets. Closing off streets, adding additional stop signs are not a problem. Speed bumps are a problem for emergency services. There are a lot of things that can be considered, one way streets, roundabouts, different communities have done different things. But all of the evidence that I have read from various communities both in Palm Beach County and elsewhere who have used traffic calming measures and traffic direction measures is that safety has increased, crime has decreased, property values have increased and general quality of life has been improved greatly. So I believe in our community. I believe in our diversity and I believe that together we will find a way. And if the voters of Lake Park want to do this, they will make that choice in a referendum. It will not be a Commission that I serve on, my vote will never be, and I know from the decisions we had in February that the sitting Commission, at that time never intended, in any way to push something through, only to open the discussion so that residents have the opportunity to make decisions about safety and well being in our Town. Thank you."

Mayor DuBois asked if there were any other comments. Mayor DuBois asked for the suggested dates of the workshop. Town Manager Davis indicated that the dates were, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 26, and June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion ensued among the Commission on when to hold the first Street Closure Workshop.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hockman to hold the first Street Closure Workshop on Wednesday, May 26, 2010; Commissioner Rumsey made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
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Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin	X		
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor DuBois announced that the first public workshop for the Street Closure will take place on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**The meeting adjourned for a five minute recess.**

**The meeting reconvened.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-2010 – Amendment to the Reasonable Accommodations Ordinance Clarifying the Definition of Qualifying Entity and Process for Proof of Disability**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 78-6(1) OF THE LAKE PARK TOWN CODE ENTITLED “REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PROCEDURES”; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “QUALIFYING ENTITY”; PROVIDING FOR THE REQUIREMENT THAT THOSE SEEKING A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION SUBMIT THEIR LEGAL NAMES AND PROOF OF THEIR DISABILITY OR HANDICAP; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 78-6(1) TO REQUIRE QUALIFYING ENTITIES TO SUBMIT PROOF THAT THEY ARE LICENSED SERVICE PROVIDERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 397.311(18), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Public Comment Open:**

None

**Public Comment Closed:**

**Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Osterman to approve Ordinance 04-2010; Commissioner Rumsey made the second.**

**Vote on Motion:**

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
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Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin	X		
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

Attorney Baird read Ordinance No. 04-2010 by caption-only.

**RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-04-10 Selection of an Audit Committee to Evaluate Proposals For Independent Audit Services**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IDENTIFY AND ENGAGE AN AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING AN AUDITING FIRM AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Vice-Mayor Osterman recommended Commissioner Longtin for the position since she had accounting experience.

Commissioner Longtin stated that she was unavailable to be on the committee.

Town Manager Davis clarified what would be expected of the committee members. She stated that the committee would meet once to review the proposals submitted by the audit firms and the meeting would take place during the day.

Commissioner Hockman agreed to be on the audit committee.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to approve Resolution 18-04-10 and have Commissioner Hockman on the Audit Committee; Commissioner Rumsey made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin	X		
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor			



Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**Defer Street Lighting Referendum Question to the March 2011 Election**

Mayor DuBois agreed with deferring the referendum question to the March, 2011 election.

Commissioner Longtin wanted to know the process. She asked if workshops would be scheduled to discuss the item with residents, and if the Town had gone out for bid.

Town Manager Davis stated that the Town had gone out to bid and that a committee would be formed to evaluate the RFP's by the end of June. She explained that the firm chosen would do the cost benefit analysis of extending FPL lighting versus Town owned lighting, and would look at LED or induction lighting. Town Manager Davis stated that the committee would be looking at all types of lighting and would be providing the Commission a plan and a cost associated with each plan.

Vice-Mayor Osterman asked if different types of poles would be included in the analysis.

Town Manager Davis stated that if the Commission wanted different types of poles included in the plan that she could add that to the specs.

Commissioner Rumsey asked that the firms provide different options at the workshop.

Commissioner Longtin suggested that anyone that was interested in bidding the project come to the workshop and provided their plan.

Town Manager Davis explained the bid RFP was to choose a lighting design company, not a company that sells lights. She explained that the Commission could direct the firm as to the desired design for Town street lighting.

Commissioner Longtin asked if the Town could bypass the consultant and hire a company to install lighting.

Town Attorney Tom Baird offered additional explanation on what the RFP specified and what the process involved entailed.

Commissioner Hockman suggested choosing the type of lighting, fixtures and poles and then have an RFP for the firm to design. He stated that certain areas of 45<sup>th</sup> Street in West Palm Beach had FPL sample lighting. Anyone can drive through that area and view the type of lighting and get a sense. He stated that many years ago he was involved in a lighting project where lighting representatives provided a demonstration and three or four of the reps were chosen to provide a package, then the RFP was created.

Commissioner Rumsey asked Commissioner Hockman to explain that he was hired as the consultant for a project to find the lighting representatives. Commissioner Hockman explained that he had seen it done different ways.

Town Manager Davis suggested that the Consultant Engineer, John Downs of Calvin Giordano & Associates explain.

John Downs explained the he had received the RFP and it basically asked to evaluate the existing lighting and take a look at the opportunities of other types of lighting for the Town. He explained that Calvin Giordano & Associates is going to provide the Town with different cost benefit ratio to be considered. John Downs stated that the Commission and residents could then review and decide on a design. He stated that he expects that it would lead to another RFP for a design system or design build.

Commissioner Rumsey expressed concern with inviting lighting manufacturers to come in and provide the Commission with information when the Commission were not experts and they wouldn't know what the manufacturers would be selling the Town. Commissioner Rumsey suggested hiring a consultant first that could assist the Commission.

Commissioner Longtin stated that after hearing what John Downs said she was at ease and she wanted to make sure that the people of the Town had as much input as possible since they will be paying for this service.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Rumsey to defer the Street Lighting Referendum Question to the March 2011 Election; Commissioner Longtin made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin	X		
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

### Harbor Marina Advisory Board

Mayor DuBois stated that she had been approached by residents who asked that the Code Compliance Board be reactivated because they were unable to take time off from work to attend the Special Magistrate Hearings. Another request she had received by residents was to have an Ad Hoc Committee formed for the Marina to assist with special events. She indicated that she had not received any positive feedback on bringing back the Marina Board.

Vice-Mayor Osterman indicated that she was surprised to see this item on the agenda when her recollection was that Commissioner Longtin was going to contact the former members of the board and see if they were interested in starting to meet again.

Commissioner Longtin stated that she was surprised that the item was on the agenda. She indicated that she contacted the members of the Marina Board, but had not been able to get in touch with all of them.

Town Manager Davis stated that it was her misunderstanding that this item was brought for Commission discussion.

**Selection of Volunteer Dinner Date**

The Commission chose June 4<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Volunteer Dinner.

**Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Rumsey to approve June 4<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Volunteer Dinner; Vice-Mayor Osterman made the second.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Steve Hockman	X		
Commissioner Jeanine Longtin	X		
Commissioner Kendall Rumsey	X		
Vice-Mayor Patricia Osterman	X		
Mayor Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 5-0

Commissioner Longtin indicated that she would not be available to attend the event, but wanted to thank the volunteers.

**Commission Insurance Coverage**

Town Manager Davis explained that at the last Commission Meeting, Commissioner Rumsey had asked for information on health insurance coverage for the Commission at a rate of 50% and a spreadsheet was provided with those premium costs.

Commissioner Longtin expressed concern with the cost to the Town to include medical insurance for Commissioners. Commissioner Longtin stated that as a positive incentive maybe more people would run for office if medical insurance was included. She stated that she could not vote in favor of this issue.

Commissioner Rumsey explained that the 50% he was referring to would be for the Commissioners not for their family members. Commissioner Rumsey explained that if a Commissioner decided to take this plan that the Commissioner would be responsible for paying 100% for their spouse and child. He stated that other municipalities do offer this type of plan for their elected officials.

Commissioner Hockman stated that he agreed with Commissioner Longtin that the Town in under budget constraints and he would not want to put the Town or Town people in more constraints. He stated the he would agree to this if the Commissioner wanted to pay 100% of the cost of medical insurance.

Vice-Mayor Osterman stated that she was shocked when she attended the League of Cities meeting and heard what other municipalities offer their elected officials. She expressed concern about how this would affect the budget.

Commissioner Longtin explained what it would cost to cover each Commissioner that would be interested in this plan. She stated that she would not be able to vote in favor of this item at this time.

Commissioner Rumsey clarified his request by stating that if a Commissioner paid half of their insurance, if their spouse or child were then added to the plan then they would be expected to pay the full amount for the spouse and child. He stated that the only deduction would be for the employee not for the spouse and child.

Mayor DuBois recapped for the Commission and stated that none of the Commissioners would be in favor of this plan.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that she would provide revised figures for the Commission.

#### **COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY**

**Mayor DuBois** stated that she would like signs on US1 pointing out that the Town has a business district and have it point to downtown Park Avenue.

Town Manager Davis stated that this has been a long topic of discussion and it was decided that when more businesses open in the downtown area, signs would be placed on US 1 that point to the business district.

Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and encouraged residents to keep coming to meetings.

**Commissioner Rumsey** explained that legislation passed regarding the Sober Housing issue, the State House voted in favor last week restricting the homes from being within 1000 feet of each other. He stated that the bill went before the State Senate and the amendment was not approved. It will now have to wait until next year. He thanked those who called. He explained that Town Manager Davis got the PBSO to lower their yearly percentage without sacrificing services, which totaled \$142,000. He stated that an email was sent expressing concern about the flag at the Public Works Sprint cell tower.

**Town Manager Davis** stated that the flag was untangled, but Sprint would not change the size of the flag and it remains too small for the cell tower.

**Commissioner Rumsey** asked if there were any options to assist Mrs. Neptalie Jerome with her daycare. He wanted to know how the Town could help.

**Town Manager Davis** stated that they would look into how the Town could help. She explained what the daycare program has done for the community and what Mrs. Jerome has done for the children and their families.

**Commissioner Rumsey** stated that the community will stand together during this difficult time in the media and he appreciated everyone coming out to the meetings.

**Commissioner Longtin** wanted to know what Sprint did with the flag.

**Town Manager Davis** explained that the flag was untangled.

**Commissioner Longtin** asked if there was something else that could be done to get a bigger flag.

Discussion ensued on what options there might be to fly the correct size flag off of the Sprint Cell Tower.

**Town Manager Davis** stated that she would provide the contact information for Sprint to Commissioner Longtin.

**Commissioner Longtin** stated that residents in her area would like to have a four-way stop sign installed on the corner of Flagler Blvd and 4<sup>th</sup> Street or speed bumps. She stated that she understood there was an expense with putting in speed bumps.

**Town Manager Davis** stated she just needed direction from the Commission on what they wanted done. It was determined that she would bring back the four-way stop signs as an agenda item.

**Commissioner Longtin** stated that for those that came to the meeting to voice their concerns with Commissioner Hockman they should file the Ethics Complaints and end the side shows, they should get involved so that the situation could get resolved.

**Vice-Mayor Osterman** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated that those sitting on the Dias needed to stop the sarcastic remarks and that they should be

addressing one another by their titles and be respectful. She stated that she did not want to be called girl and the men should not be called boys, it is disrespectful.

**Commissioner Hockman** thanked those who voted for him and those that stood by him these past few weeks with all the has been said about him. He read from a prepared statement as follows. " It makes me feel good to know that people in this Town who believed in what I stood for when I ran for Commission as well as they still stand and believe in me today. However, it does upset me to have people question the fellow citizens who did voted for me. Just because you don't like me or what I stand for it no reason to question the people that voted for me and put me in this position. Should we question all the people that voted for all the other Commissioners? Lets drop who likes who and get back to Town business. This has been what I call child's play. I understand not everybody is going to like me, that's understandable. It's a shame that there are Commissioners are trying to tear the Town apart by feeding things to Town residents. When all I want to do is get on to Town business done the best way possible to work as a team, I've said that from the beginning and I still stand by that today. As one of the Commissioners have said to me in the past months stop trying to tear the Town apart with nonsense. Why don't they follow there own laws. Stop sending out emails using their personal account as it is said they do get around and everybody sees them. I had a Commissioner call me yesterday, and for the record it was not Commissioner Longtin, they said if I publically apologized and tell everyone that I made some big mistakes that they would call the people off as well as the other Commissioners from the witch hunt against me. This saddens me that people push issues like this. They went on to make the comment that I was in cahoots with Commissioner Longtin because I was seen walking towards her house last Thursday. For the record, if these people would have actually watched where I went last Thursday, they would have seen that I walked to Publix, not Commissioner Longtin's house. Again, this is how the rumors get started, its hearsay, mixed emotions. As I walked passed Commissioner Longtin's house I didn't even think about stopping and saying hi. I had an agenda to get to the store and back. Just like the rumors in the paper, they were one person's feelings that changed from person to person, as we all know those stories very well. Let's get the facts before we make statements. I was also told that they know that I'm out to get employees fired. Well the fact is that as long as employees are doing their job I have no problem with any employee. Furthermore its not my job to try and get them fired. It's the Town Managers job to oversee them, and as long as they are doing their job I don't see the problem. Let's stop the gossip. Comments have been made of how mean I was to have my son sit there in the last meeting and listen to people call me all those names. Well, my son is smart enough to realize that adults are as mean as kids and can even be meaner. Also my son was not the only child in the audience there was other children. Those people should take a minute and look at what is happening around us. The girl in Deerfield Beach that was almost beaten to death, the boy that was burned by his fellow students, another that killed themselves because of peers calling them names and they were unable to handle it. Just look at what is happening around us locally, and this was just a few. As adults we should know better what type of example are we trying to set for the kids, the kids watching TV, your grandchildren, the children of this Town, and calling people names and so forth, as went on in the last meeting. That does not set a good example for this Town. Anyway, I have had several people ask me about my working background and what all the fuss is about with this lawsuit. I am currently self employed as an NEP Design Consultant. I

have been a design consultant for the last 30 years. This is my way of making my living to support my family. I want to try and make it as clear as possible as to my connection to the firm Bridge Design, which the Town is suing over the Marina. I am a sub consultant who is hired to complete the engineering drawings for the project management for such projects. Each team is made up of several consultants, such as the firm Bridge Design for the structure. My client is hired as the engineering consultant for the electrical mechanical. There are architects, landscape, civil consultant, interior designers, and so forth. We work only as a team to complete the project, which can be for a city, county or even the state. I do not work for Bridge Design, nor have I ever worked for Bridge Design, other than as a team member. I was not ever involved in any part of the Marina, as well as drawing the design. Again I have never worked for Bridge Design, ever, only as part of the team, that's it. Second at the last Commission meeting I was asked multiple times by some of the Commissioners to remove myself from meetings, emails, discussions, etc., in regard to the marina lawsuit. And I did so agree to it at that time. However, these past two weeks I've had the pleasure to talk a lot of Town residents and have repeatedly been told that they want me to be involved, and I should be involved because when the truth comes out they want to know the whole truth, not just parts of it. So with that said, I am publically retracting the statement made at the last meeting and I will publically announce that will participate in all meetings, emails, decisions, etc. and to be brought up to date on the lawsuit so I may perform my duties as Commissioner as people have voted for me, and by which the law allows me to be involved as per the Town's Attorney previous statement that I am allowed participate by the law. As far as voting on my lawsuit any issues that may arise with the lawsuit. I have sent a letter to the Attorney Generals Office asking for clarification if there is a conflict of interest or not do to my work and the team connection with Bridge Design. Based on that I will follow the Town's Attorney and the Attorney General response to the letter of the law. And only sustain from voting when required by such law. I am not the first Commissioner nor will I be the last Commissioner to have conflict of interest with any items that may come before us since we are typically Commissioners with day time jobs. And last, I would like everybody to put all your differences about me to rest and lets get on with Town business and stop wasting the Town's people just because you don't like me. I want to keep moving this Town forward, that is my intention, I have no other hidden agenda and I thank everybody for coming out and voicing their comments.

#### **Town Attorney**

None

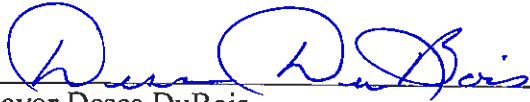
**Town Manager Davis** announced that on April 30<sup>th</sup> the Town will be celebrating Arbor Day at 10:30 a.m. at Lottie Mae Miller Park, at Date Palm Drive and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. About 90 children have been invited from neighboring schools. On April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., is the Sunset Party at the Marina. At our Library there will be a book sale on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on the Library front lawn sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Hardcover books are \$1.00 and children's books are 25 cents. The Library has changed it hours and will be open on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Recreation Summer Camp starts June 14<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$60.00 per child, \$30.00 for the second child, and a weekly fee of \$55.00. Extended child care is \$20.00 per week, \$10.00 for a second child. Call Recreation at 881-3338.

Town Manager Davis introduced David Hunt as the new Public Works Director.

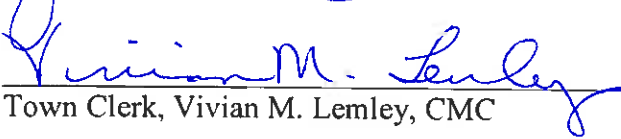


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Vice-Mayor Osterman and seconded by Commissioner Rumsey, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

  
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Mayor Desca DuBois

  
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Deputy Town Clerk, Jessica Shepherd, CMC

  
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Town Clerk, Vivian M. Lemley, CMC



Approved on this 2 of June, 2010