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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER by KEVIN PRUETT

The New Year is off to a great start in Cocoa Beach. The weather has been mild, so far, and hasn't destroyed our landscaping and many of the coconut palms like we experienced last year. Speaking of landscaping, we have a downtown project set to kick off about the time this article hits the press which will help to beautify downtown with some significant landscape improvements.

The project involves the parking lot west of Yen Yen's along with the two lots adjoining to the north. The property owners have partnered with the City to improve landscaping, storm water control, traffic flow and lighting. The lots will be resurfaced and much better organized. Parking prices will be adjusted during the weekend summer months to better match the "market". The city will receive 25% of the revenue generated by the lots along with all of the parking fine fees until the lot improvements have been reimbursed. We anticipate the lot expenses being completely reimbursed within 36 to 40 months. After that, the city will still collect a portion of the revenue along with the parking fines to avoid any need for use of city funds for ongoing maintenance and improvements.

I would like to thank the property owners, Tely Tse, Jack Hurt, George Artz, Joe Stazzone and Robert Williams along with their legal counsel, Jason Gordon, for their willingness to explore creative ideas with city staff and the city commission for solving our downtown issues. This was accomplished even in light of losing some parking spaces from their current configuration. In these economic times there would be little hope of achieving a municipal project of this nature without cooperation, a creative spirit and a vision for how we all can work to improve Cocoa Beach one small step at a time.

We have another recently approved project which will also be a nice addition to Cocoa Beach. Funded by FDOT and in the discussion/planning stages since 2000, an 8-foot sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of A1A from 16th street to downtown. A second phase of the project will improve the existing sidewalk/bike path between the Triangle Park and St. Lucie

Lane. This will provide us with a walking/ bike path connecting the entire length of the city. The southern portion of the sidewalk is being designed to have the least amount of impact on residential landscaping and will be contained well inside the FDOT's 37.5 foot right-of-way to each side from the center of A1A.

While I am sure that 2011 will bring us many challenges, I'm confident that we can solve any issue before us with creativity and a "positive" collaborative approach to problem solving. If we keep that in mind, I'm sure we can keep Cocoa Beach a safe and "economical" place for residents, develop a robust and thriving environment for our local businesses and possibly protect ourselves from many of the 2011 pressures facing other Brevard and Florida communities.

It's an honor to serve as your commissioner. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with concerns, comments, ideas and recommended improvements for our city. Let's make it a great 2011. All the best!
---Regards, Kevin

Location of new downtown parking lot project



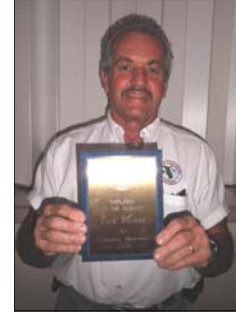
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"STATE OF THE CITY"
2011

VICE MAYOR KEN GRIFFIN TO GIVE "STATE OF CITY" BRIEFING

Vice Mayor Ken Griffin will be giving the "State of the City-2011" briefing to members and guests of the Cocoa Beach Citizen's League at the Country Club on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 11:30am. For information on reservations and tickets, please contact either Joe Morgan at 783-8389 or Bob Fritz at 783-7192. (Note: Mayor Beeler is scheduled to give this presentation to interested citizens at the next "Town Hall" meeting scheduled for March 1, 2011.)



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR ~ JACK SHELTON ~

Jack Shelton, Collections Supervisor for the Cocoa Beach Water Reclamation Department, was selected by his peers as the 2010 Employee of the Year at an employee appreciation breakfast held at the Cocoa Beach Golf Club on January 14th. Jack was praised for

his leadership and "going that extra mile" to accomplish his tasks. He voluntarily takes on additional duties and obtains the necessary training to become certified in the jobs he takes on.

Congratulations Jack Shelton on a job-well-done!

Several other employees were also recognized for their accomplishments and years of service: Paula Larrea was selected as the "Employee of the 4th Quarter". Kris Kuehn (5 yrs); Roger Leeming and Wes Mullins (10 yrs); George Herron, Sherry Mahaffey and Kathleen Stiles (20 years); and Liz Bass, Bryan Holmes and Darryl Manning were congratulated for service 25 years as members of the City employee staff. Congratulations to all and thank you for doing an outstanding job for the City!



POLICE

"LOST & FOUND"

The below items were received by the Cocoa Beach Police Department

and are being stored as "Found Property". For inquiries, please call 868-3265 or e-mail Liz Bass at ebass@cityofcocoa beach.com.

Found in October 2010

Cell phone; tent; cooler w/contents; 1 bicycle

Found in November 2010

1 bicycle; ball w/flames on it; purse; glasses brown

Found in December 2010

bicycle; necklace



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LEON "SKIP" BEELER—MAYOR
KEN GRIFFIN—VICE MAYOR
SKIP WILLIAMS—COMMISSIONER
KEVIN PRUETT—COMMISSIONER
DAVE NETTERSTROM—COMMISSIONER
CHUCK BILLIAS—CITY MANAGER