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Memo for Record, Meeting with Susan Parker, March 4, 2015

Chuck Helmboldt and I met with Susan Parker, Sunset Beach Administrator, this morning. As background, she needed facts, designs, and figures for the Memorial to be added to the major CAMA permit application that is being prepared; W&R did not apply for the permit (and their services have been terminated). No more work involving moving dirt can be done in the park until the CAMA and storm water permits are received (limited work was permitted on paths and parking area to prevent deterioration and has been completed.).

Susan will meet tomorrow with new engineering firm that, in turn, will have to survey, measure, and document everything in the park now and intended for the future, and submit the major permit application. No changes will be permitted once the permit is applied for (amendments are expensive and complicated). In addition to our Memorial, plans include a gazebo, rest rooms, observation deck near the intracoastal, and associated pathways.

The town is planning to request an expedited review, at additional cost, that would result in permits about one month after submission. It is not clear when the application will be submitted; much of that depends on how long it takes the engineer to put the application together or if CAMA/state will agree to expedite the review.

One key constraint Susan is concerned with is the limitation that no more than 12% of the park may be impervious. She wants to make sure the Town can do everything it plans to do in the Park. One question she asked was if any of the Memorial is in the 30 foot or 50 foot setbacks and the answer is no. She is not aware that there is a 75 foot limitation; however, we did tell her that a small portion of the Memorial is within 75 feet should it matter. I estimated about 10 square feet or so.

Chuck and I talked her through the impact memo (attached), stressing minimal area impact and benefits of a solid slab construction and shortcomings of separate footings (increased cost, complexity of construction, less stable or durable structure). We also talked her through the plans and designs, and made the point that everything we have done so far has been in line with Town guidance, oversight, and approval. And we

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suggested she review the website, particularly the details on the Memorial, the construction progress, and the timelines.

We provided Susan with pdfs of the blueprints, of the engineering survey, and of the impact memo. If she has any questions during her 2:00 PM Thursday meeting with the engineers, she will call me---I will be standing by and available to respond.

Susan is still in a fact finding mode, not a decision making mode, and, as such, gave no indication as to whether or not we have any issues at this time. We will not know where we stand until the engineers have completed their work and the CAMA and storm permits have been processed/approved. Susan said she will keep us informed. I have included Susan on this email in case I missed anything or she has a different interpretation of the above.

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