

Frank Shockey

From: Shampj@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 2:54 PM
To: Frank Shockey
Subject: Re: from Carleton Ryffel, your response for Ray Judah

Frank:

Thank you for forwarding the email exchange between Carleton Ryffel and Steve Boutelle.

I think that this is an important capital improvements issue. The Town has supported the CORPS program without thoroughly researching the more cost-effective solution-oriented alternatives.

The Town should have negotiated long ago that a porous, movable groin be constructed to control the impact that the repeated channel dredging and continually changing shape of Bowditch Point, owned by the County, has upon the beach properties owned by the town, town residents and businesses.

It has never been in the best interest of our town or its taxpayers to do the artificial beach program and enter the financial cycle of perpetual mandated maintenance and renourishment projects. The facts nationally and locally do not support this CORPS program as an effective use of our financial and environmental resources.

I was out in my boat today and took pictures comparing Lovers Key and Bonita Beach with the Pink Shell. Within 1/2 hour of each other, the photos show that the beach at Lovers Key and Bonita is almost gone the entire length, with huge escarpment ridges. They spent \$23 million in 2006. Had we joined that endeavor, we would be looking at round two already. The Pink Shell Beach, despite the current complaints, remains larger than the artificial beaches to our south. These projects do not work.

The LPA and the Town should demand that the CORPS project be terminated and that the CORPS dredging mess be corrected immediately, with a porous groin installed. What other \$2,000,000 engineering contractor would not be held accountable for the job that they designed and performed if it damaged surrounding properties?

I strongly believe that this is a capital improvement issue for the LPA, and that the Town has \$1,000,000 of taxpayer money that should not be wasted on a program and project that will admittedly, according to the proposing contractor, fail.

Joanne Shamp

In a message dated 9/21/2009 1:02:38 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, frank@fortmyersbeachfl.gov writes:

For those of you who don't see HTML mail and therefore lost the formatting of Carleton's message, I printed the message and scanned it into a PDF. The bulleted and the numbered non-boldfaced paragraphs are the paragraphs from Steve Boutelle's message, and the boldface/italic paragraphs are Carleton's comments in response.

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