



Village of Biscayne Park

Commission Agenda Report

Village Commission Meeting Date: February 2, 2016

Subject: Discussion of storm water removal system.

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Background

The Village has typically responded to water abatement problems by making spot repairs. A long-standing example is the drain in the street at 121st St and about 11th Avenue. This one spot has been repaired several times over the years, and it continues to break down. In the past 10 years, I have been aware of other abatement failures, and complaints from various residents about problematic puddling in the streets. Can we continue the conversation about a more comprehensive approach that does not simply address particular failed spots as they arise?

I am reminded of the approach the Village took over the course of decades regarding the log cabin, which resulted in a train of “bandaid” repairs, which really failed to address any of the underlying problems. This resulted in an eventual massive renovation project that could perhaps have been avoided by proper attention over the preceding years and decades.

Similarly, regarding my own property, when over the years I had roof leaks, I was advised that there comes a time that a number of roof leaks means the roof is failing and needs to be replaced, not that continued spot repairs should continue to be made. I suspect that’s where we are regarding storm water removal.

Fiscal / Budget Impact

Presumably considerable, but specifically unknown. It’s a matter that once acknowledged, requires a plan of saving.

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Recommendation

There is already a plan for a Village-wide study of the storm water system to assess the scope of weakness and/or failure. I suggest we embrace the planned study with enthusiasm and resolve.