

August 4, 2003

Board of Directors
Crystal Water Beach Association
By fax c/o Mrs. Brenda Delf

Re: Safety vehicle/fire access to Waters Road & South

Following an earlier beach rescue incident where the fire trucks inability to negotiate the corner of CWB and Holiday Lane was apparent; I visited Fire Chief Nick Kineski to solicit his opinions. On July 22, the Chief made two site assessment visits including bringing the newer and longer wheel based fire truck to attempt various corners. The radius of various corners and their respective obstructions were then noted as follows:

1. The Watts corner at Roberts & Holiday – the truck will wish to come south on Roberts, drop hoses at the hydrant and proceed east on Holiday. Ron has already reset his SW corner post to facilitate. Thank you. This triangle piece of property which the Watts have allowed passage over does not constitute providing an easement, nor any other form abandonment nor usurption for the common good of all. Remaining to be relocated about 25 feet east are a group of 4 mail boxes. The Tully tall grass is to be kept minimized. Ideally there should be no cars parked in front (ie end-on) to the Poirer garage.
2. The T corner at CWB and Holiday has significant problems for swinging either east or west. The primary difficulty is that the CWB 'roadway' is too narrow, and then the truck enters an even narrower Holiday Lane. The open culverts either side need about ten or more feet of underground pipe to be installed and the road surface widen accordingly. The east side has both a rock and wild flower bed that need leveling. On the west side the Culberts have a white corner post which should be removed and the corner widened per Watts style. Same non-usurption terms and condition to apply to property.
3. Various corners have "pretty" green road sign posts which are an attractive feature. Some need to have their locations "adjusted" again to conform with turning radiuses.
4. Roberts in the vicinity of Denny and opposite Sivertz have overhead branches which interfere with the height of the fire truck.

5. The SE corner of CWB and Waters, namely Kevin Thompson, has trees with low branches on County property which need to be trimmed out and completely eliminated as these inhibit an eastward turn. They are also a very serious roadway view restriction at the stop sign. The NE property has allowed groomed bushes to encroach which inhibit the turning radius west on to Waters.

The Chief welcomed our community's pro-active approach to wishing to make appropriate improvements for safety. Apparently Maple Bay also has access problems and has not demonstrated the same community self-help. In considering our improvements we have to recognize that we have a volunteer fire department, whose driver may not be familiar with our narrow lanes, and they are likely working in darkness, under severe stress and great concern not only for property but also for whom may be trapped within a burning house.

Our early implementation of the above is highly recommended.

Yours truly,

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