

To: Bay View Improvement Association July 26, 2021

In regard to planned expenditures by the Association, I would like to make everyone aware of the Association's legal responsibility for the groin; (jetty) at the Calf Pen Creek.

In a yearly Association meeting in 1996, the issue was raised that the groin was in need of repair. At that time, some board members said it was not the Association's responsibility for the repairs.

Let me state some facts:

1. In 1954, a meeting of the board members, and a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers met in our dining room at 12 Bayshore Drive to discuss the building of the groin. Board members included Mr. Bass, Mr. Edward Bates and Mr. Griffin, among others.
2. The groin was approved, and a private builder was hired by the Bay View Beach Association.
3. The cost of the groin was ten dollars per foot, or \$ 1,500.00 for the 150 foot groin. It was paid for by the Bay View Beach Association.

In 1995 it was clear the groin needed repair and it was brought up at the meeting. One of the Board members said permits alone would cost over \$ 60,000 dollars. (not true) The issue was closed.

In a meeting not long after the 1995 meeting, Lou Bass at that meeting confirmed two things about the groin:

1. It was built and paid for by the Association.
2. Its cost was \$ 1,500.00.

3. In 1996 the groin was in need of immediate repairs. The homes along the beach, from the creek to the main beach, decided to go it alone. The following is a list of costs for each repair that was made.

1996	\$ 1,026.39
1998	\$ 1,751.07
2004	\$ 2,925.27
2012	\$ 4,244.26
Total	\$ 9,947.07

Let's be clear about one point. It is the legal responsibility of the Bay View Beach Improvement Association to maintain the groin in the future.

The groin was built to send creek water and debris out further into the sound and prevent it from polluting the beach. The build up of sand was not anticipated at the time, although the engineers said it was possible. It took over twenty years to gather the amount of sand you see now. It turned out it was the most cost-effective improvement made by the Association, which added beach and value, well past the private beach on both sides.

The groin added so much sand up to Lawrence Avenue that the benches on the beach have twice been moved closer to the tide line, and where the normal high tide came up to all the seawalls along Field Court, it rarely does even in storms today. It also increased the height of the entire beach by almost **three feet**. The sidewalks and the street were once level with the beach sand.

This information is intended to make sure money is not spent foolishly when there could be major important expenses in the future, including maintenance and repair of this vital jetty. If not maintained, it can never be replaced. It is grandfathered in by DEEP, and can be maintained and repaired when needed.

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