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August 5, 1993

Mrs. Jean Sexton
12877 138th Lane North
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Dear Mrs. Sexton:

In response to your telephone call of August 4th, please be advised as follows.

On July 22nd, Jay Avriett and Mark Scheuchik of the Recreation and Parks Department, and Travis Maddox and Robert Nowak of the Public Works Department, met with residents of Grove Lake Manor to discuss the condition of the lake in regards to the heavy growth of hydrilla, the smell and dead fish. The residents' concern was that the recent replacement of storm drain pipe on 138th Street could have caused these problems. Mr. Nowak advised that the condition the lake is experiencing usually occurs in late May or early June due to the heat, lack of rain and the high concentration of nitrogen in the water from lawn fertilizer which causes the rapid growth of hydrilla which uses up oxygen in the water causing fish kills. These types of conditions continued to occur into July, on the west side of Largo, because of the lack of daily rains in that area.

The City was asked for assistance in correcting the problems with the lake. Because this lake is a private lake and, according to City policy, it is the responsibility of the owner or owners to maintain it. The residents at the meeting expressed their opinion that the City should share the responsibility of the maintenance of this lake because other public storm drainage flows into it. It was suggested that a petition, expressing these concerns, be addressed to the City Manager so that the City Commission could review the matter and come to some decision.

In the meantime, staff has contacted Environmental Control of Pinellas County to determine if they can assist in making a determination of what can be done to eliminate this problem and how to keep it under control in the future.

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I hope this answers your inquiry, however, if you have other questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas".

Thomas D. Feaster
Mayor

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cc: City Commission
Acting City Manager Steven B. Stanton
Public Works Director Chris A. Kubala
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