4. STAKEHOLDER SUMMARY

OVERVIEW
On Saturday, October 14, 2006 residents of Water Island and a select group of government agencies participated in a stakeholder meeting at Honeymoon Bay Pavilion.

The presence of representatives from government agencies was very well received, and the informal exchanges between them were, at times, intense, yet cordial.

Below are responses, recorded without evaluation, to the question asked by the meeting facilitator:

“What services and improvements would have to be in place for you to enjoy a desirable quality of life on Water Island in 5 years?”

A. Character of Community

1. Still self-sufficient in most ways
2. Carefully managed commercial development that fits in with what we want Water Island to look like and be.
3. NO commercial development – it’s fine the way it is (minority view)
4. Want it to remain primarily a residential community
5. Water Island as an educational tool in regards to alternative energy, recycling, eco-camps, community planning
6. Would like there to be a Church (no denomination specified)

B. Utilities

1. Electricity: Electricity that is stable; lessen delays in restoration; affordable /lower cost
2. Availability of potable water
3. Reliable Transfer Station. Do not want a Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority collection system
4. Fuel and Gas Depot
5. Utilities placed underground
6. Eyesores removed
C. Transportation

1. Vehicle: Still able to use Golf Carts—Grandfather in their licenses (are currently unlicensed –Residents think this was addressed in Transfer Deed, Department of Property and Procurement said “No”.)
2. Roadways: Guard rails; bush cut, potholes fixed, create a traffic circle at ferry dock intersection, roadways widened, easements, and regularly maintained.
3. Do not want street lights installed
4. Need some signage and speed bumps
5. Boat: Decent Ferry Dock; Dingy docks on the Water Island and St. Thomas sides; Moorings with Pump-Out Facility

D. Public Services

1. Beach Management Authority akin to Magen’s Bay Authority
2. Security for parked cars on the St. Thomas side
3. Need flow of “day-trippers” to be monitored by Tourism or Department Planning Natural Resources (remember Trunk Bay)
4. Search and Rescue volunteers need equipment and training, for health emergency and fire.
5. Peace Officers for the beach to enforce relevant laws.
6. Paramedic support
7. An Administrator for Water Island and a dedicated budget line for services
8. Assistance to establish Recycling programs
9. Need a Review of Zoning
10. Airspace restriction needs to be reviewed and enforced from standpoint of emissions, noise, and safety
11. Territorial Emergency Operations Plan and Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Manage Agency need to define plans for Water Island