

Developer clarifies points about Smugglers

I want to clarify some points in the May 8, 2008 story concerning the Smugglers Cove Development.

It is important to note that we had received planning permission, site plan approval, licenses, including a trade license for our project. The only problem was that the new Administration did not live up to the legally binding Development Agreement. Our requests for an answer were com-

pletely ignored for six months. Besides the three letters, we reached out through many channels and spoke to several "insiders" to try and find out the situation. We finally had to withdraw as our agreement with the seller had expired.

As to opposition to the project, it was minimal; mostly the expatriate community in Belmont who wanted to keep Smugglers as their own private beach, al-

though, truthfully it is currently a slum, littered with old cars, boats and garbage.

Isn't it peculiar that now that the administration has ignored our project and caused us to withdraw, it is buying the property with a good possibility to develop it. Looks like "the little man" is about to get it in the back again.

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