

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

K #: 12-089

Date Opened: June 18, 2012

Date Closed: Sept. 10, 2012

Name of Investigator: Manuel W. Diaz

Allegation:

The COE received information that Town of Golden Beach (GB) Mayor Glen Singer (Singer) has a business relationship with GB Town Manager Alexander Diaz (Diaz).

Applicable Legislation:

Sec. 2-11.1, Miami Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance:

“(1) *Prohibited investments.* No person included in the terms defined in Subsections (b)(1) through (6) and (b) (13) shall have personal investments in any enterprise, either himself, herself, or through a member of his or her immediate family, which will create a substantial conflict between his or her private interests and the public interest.”

Investigation:

Glenn Singer – Mayor, Golden Beach

Singer was contacted. He confirmed that he maintained a business relationship with Diaz. Singer advised that the relationship was in a restaurant, City Slickers Subs & Salads. He stated that the restaurant was still in the construction stages and had not as yet opened for business. He confirmed that Diaz was a minor partner in the business. The business was located in North Miami, Florida.

Singer was advised of the possible conflict and that the COE has opined in 2007 that a similar business relationship was prohibited. At the time, Singer was vacationing in Colorado and was Singer advised to consult with COE Staff Attorney Victoria Frigo to discuss the conflict.

Victoria Frigo - Staff Attorney, COE

Frigo advised that she had spoken to Singer and provided copies of the COE opinion and other documents. (See 6/28/12 Frigo-Murawski Memo in file)

Alexander Diaz –Town Manger, Golden Beach

Diaz was contacted via telephone. He was advised that the COE had received information that he and Singer were involved in a business relationship that may violate the Ethics Code. Diaz was asked to come to the COE for an interview. Diaz declined the invitation advising that he needed to consult with an attorney. As of this writing, Diaz has not contacted the COE. On September 17, 2012, Diaz advised the COE that he had sold his interest in the business relationship.

Public Records

Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations

An online search (www.sunbiz.org) found that City Slickers Subs & Salads North Miami, LLC is a Florida Limited Liability Company. The Manager/Member Detail lists Singer as MGR.

CONCLUSION:

Investigative case has been turned over to the Advocate for review. Ethics complaints are to be filed against both, Singer and Diaz.