

## Let Sanity Prevail---

### Editorial Commentary

Brown & Geesey are at it again; they tried to scare you with huge lawsuits, if we did not allow developers to build high-rises in Lauderdale by the Sea; they told you that the town was likely to burn down if Broward Fire was not able to remain; and they have claimed that people will die because Broward Ambulance will be replaced by a professional private ambulance firm.

Now they claim our government is going to allow a bomb the size of 55 atom bombs just off the shore of Lauderdale by the Sea.

They are calling for all concerned citizens to show up at the next commission meeting "to speak out against this project". Fair? Well not really. Are we not intelligent people? Can we not look at the facts and assess them for ourselves, or is this another attempt by the waning "Futures" to jump into the limelight and try to block freedom of the right to be heard.

We are all aware that South Florida needs energy, lots of energy, and demand is projected to soon outpace supply. Apparently, this natural gas could power 5 South Florida electric plants, instead of coal. So rather than have a closed mind about alternative energy for years to come; (natural gas has over 200 years of supply available) would it not be advisable to listen to all the facts first? Would there be other, potentially favorable economic factors to consider? Will we regret a rash decision when our air conditioners stop working and we are sweltering in the summer heat?

When we at By The Sea Times were asked to "jump on the bandwagon" last week, to help stop the supply of natural gas coming to our shores, we decided that we needed to acquire much more data on the project, before making rash decisions and comments. Well Brown & Geesey don't want you to hear the other side, demanding that the town commission take a stand against this project immediately.

Vice Mayor McIntee has said that he wants everyone to keep an open mind and hear what the gas company has to say first, so he has invited the Suez

Energy Group to make a presentation on June 10, 2008 at Jarvis Hall, where you can hear those for and against the project, but already he is being outrageously accused by the "Futures" of "secret dealings".

Commissioner Jim Silverstone commented that he is very concerned about the safety issue of the project, as well as any potential environmental impact thereof. "However, we should always listen to both sides of an issue to make a responsible decision." Silverstone, as well as VFD Fire Chief Bob Perkins and Battalion Chief Patrick Pointu also say that they are very concerned and will be attending the upcoming informational meetings and paying very close attention to the matter.

Let's all keep our heads and "stick to the facts" on this one.