

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND PRESERVATION INITIATIVE ((HIPI) HELD OCTOBER 7, 2022

President Lanci called an emergency meeting of HIPI for Friday, October 7, 2022, at 3 p.m. to discuss the FDOT/Martin County webinar presentation to the HIPI Board of October 6th on their proposed Roundabout and Resurfacing Restoration and Rehabilitation (RRR) Project of State Road (SR) A1A/NE Ocean Boulevard from NE Shore Village Terrace to south of SR 732/Jensen Beach Causeway Boulevard, Martin County. HIPI members present were President Dottie Lanci, John Hodge, Angela Ratinella, Paul Laura, Ralph and Patty Jones. Board members absent were Dr. Wayne Maxson, Barbara Seaton and Elizabeth Farrar.

DISCUSSION OF FDOT PLANS: President Lanci recapped the history the HIPI board has had with the proposed Safety Study from Comm. Doug Smith as a result of the Hutchinson Shores Resort request for pedestrian crossing safety and more lights. Pres. Lanci read from the minutes of the zoom meeting hosted by FDOT last November 18, 2021 which HIPI board felt was a good meeting with the end question being what type/design and number of additional lighting would be proposed. It was agreed that there was a total departure from the 11/18/21 plan that included rumble strips, lighted speed monitoring signs, reflectors on landscape curbs and the Jensen Beach roundabout curb. There was no plan for an additional roundabout at that time. All HIPI Board members were very surprised at the new proposal for an additional roundabout and crosswalks at the Hutchinson Shores Resort entrance and felt FDOT had no supporting data from the Safety Study performed in 2021 and therefore the plan is unwarranted.

Mr. Laura moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, that HIPI would plan to object to this proposal and HIPI would encourage other HOA's to support this objection. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ELIZABETH'S PLANS FOR ALERTING PUBLIC: Considering the short time line, ten days prior to the FDOT public information meeting on 10/19, Angela said she is very capable of sending electronic notices and would like to do this to relieve Elizabeth this weekend as she has house guests. Angela said she and Elizabeth could work together to send required notifications quickly this weekend, including newspaper and media. Mr. Laura said he would write to T.C. Palm, Palm Beach

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Post and Stuart News. This was agreed by all as a good approach. Individual board members could also write letters to the editor.

Mr. Laura moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, that Patty and Ralph write a notice of meeting to send out to our contact list. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING: Mr. Hodge and Mr. Jones have set the date of November 16th at 10 a.m. for the next President's Council meeting. Jim Gorton, Martin County Public Works Director, will be the speaker to discuss the County's proposed Island MSTU projects. It was agreed this would be an opportunity to discuss the FDOT project plans for A1A and the additional roundabout status if next steps by FDOT are known at that time.

FINAL DECISION BY BOARD ON HOW TO PROCEED ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME:

After full discussion on best next steps, Mr. Laura suggested that we are fortunate that FDOT and the County have given us the respect and opportunity to have a special early presentation of their proposed plan. He said he thinks it would be short sighted on the part of HIPI to object to the proposal prior to the public information meeting. Mr. Jones said he agrees and was thinking the same thing. Mr. Jones said FDOT may even tweak the presentation based on yesterday's meeting with the HIPI board and consider our comments and concerns. It was agreed by all board members present that HIPI wants to work with FDOT.

Based on this conclusion, it was agreed that Angela would contact Elizabeth a.s.a.p. and make sure she doesn't post anything without this direction, no position statement from HIPI before the meeting on Oct, 19th. Ralph and Patty will send a notice to all the Board members for their review prior to dissemination by Angela and Elizabeth.

It was agreed Angela would coordinate communications with Elizabeth. Angela would email FDOT Kris Mckirdy to find out what the meeting format will be on the 19th.

NEXT HIPI BOARD MEETING: It was agreed that the next HIPI board meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 7 p.m. at President Lanci's.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by:

Patricia L. Jones, Secretary

Hutchinson Island Preservation Initiative