

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2019 HUTCHINSON ISLAND PRESERVATION INITIATIVE, INC. (HIPI) MEETING

The Hutchinson Island Preservation Initiative, Inc. (HIPI) held a meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Jones residence, 1357 N.E. Ocean Boulevard, Unit #111. In attendance were Ralph and Patty Jones, Jim and Sue Foley, Erica and John Garwood, Paul Laura, Elizabeth Farrar and participating via speaker phone was Dottie Lanci.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Foley moved, seconded by Ms. Foley, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2019 meeting. Upon voice vote, all present voted aye.

Listing of HOA Presidents: Ms. Farrar reported that she was able to find the names and addresses of the presidents of most of the HOA's on south Hutchinson Island by going to Sunbiz.com. She said the newsletter, which includes an invitation to the HIPI annual meeting on March 25th, will be emailed on Monday, March 4th to all the HOA presidents asking them to share this with their residents.

Single Family Invites/Newsletter: She also gave Patty 82 newsletters addressed in envelopes marked "Dear Homeowner" to deliver to the single family homes on N.E. Ocean and MacArthur Boulevard. Patty said she and Ralph would deliver them the week of March 4th.

Business Invites to Annual Mtg.: It was agreed that only business owners that live on the Island would be invited. It was stated that the manager of Publix lists the Publix address as his home address.

Contact Gil Smart, Stuart News: Elizabeth agreed to contact Gil Smart of Stuart News to let him know that we are having an annual meeting and would he write a story about HIPI and attend the meeting.

Draft Annual Meeting Agenda: It was agreed on the following preliminary agenda for 3-25 Annual Meeting:

Welcome - Genesis and Vision of HIPI - Ralph_Jones, President

Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTUs) – Elizabeth Farrar, External Communications Dir.

What's Happening Now on South Hutchinson Island – Don Donaldson, Deputy County Adm.

- A. Stuart Beach, New Chef Shack, Expansion and lighting. Impact on Dunes timeframe
- B. Demo of Fire House #14, Locate New Fire House 14, timeframe
- C. Any proposed plans for Jensen Beach parking lot
- D. Any New Zoning Codes adopted, particularly regarding building height restrictions
- E. Status on proposed sidewalks along N.E. Ocean Boulevard
- F. Status on planned capital improvements
- G. Status on Strategic Plan adopted January, 2014

H. Is there a Comprehensive Plan for Hutchinson Island?

Environmental Report – Paul Laura, Environmental Director

- A. Update on Lake Okeechobee Discharges
- B. 10.5 Acre Site on the Northwest side of the Jensen Beach roundabout rezoned from medium density residential to conservation area owned by the County.

Sea Turtle Nesting Season Began March 1st – Michelle, Florida Oceanographic Society

Information on Website and Benefits of Membership – Dottie Lanci, Vice President

TIMING FOR SPEAKERS AT ANNUAL MGT. It was agreed that each speaker would be given a fifteen minute time period for their presentation or talk. It was also agreed that there should be a time keeper in the back of the room to signal to the speaker how many minutes he/she has left of their fifteen minute time frame.

RALPH WILL INVITE DON DONALDSON TO ANNUAL MEETING FOR A REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS ON THAT IMPACT THE ISLAND AND IN MARTIN COUNTY.

BUTTONWOOD, HUTCHINSON HOUSE, JENSEN BEACH CLUB BOARD MTGS.: John Garwood, Board President of Buttonwood reported that he contacted all 20 owners in Buttonwood regarding HIPI and the annual meeting. This was discussed at their last board meeting and Erica Garwood was appointed liaison, as a HIPI member, to give an informational report at Buttonwood board meetings as to current issues on south Hutchinson Island as reported by HIPI.

Jim Foley reported that as a resident at Hutchinson House he handed out the newsletter and gave information regarding HIPI at their last Board meeting. He said their board does not want to include this as part of their board meetings but could post the information on the public bulletin board.

Paul Laura reported that he, Ralph and Patty attended the Jensen Beach Club board meeting and gave a brief presentation regarding HIPI. He actually handed in one new membership from their communications director.

NEW MEMBERS: Elizabeth reported eight new members from the website.

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES DUE NOW: Each of us at the meeting paid our \$20 annual dues to Jim Foley. Ralph submitted required paperwork to Jim required by the bank to make Ralph the second signer on the bank account.

STUART BEACH: It was agreed that we should ask Doug Smith in writing about the status and plans for Stuart Beach. Elizabeth said she had spoken with Peter Walden, Martin County growth Management Department and project manager for the Fire House #14.

Hipi Joins Rivers Coalition: Paul reported on attending the Rivers Coalition, Inc. meeting as the HIPI representative. He submitted a written environmental report to the Coalition on harmful algae blooms control and record data on nutrient waste discharge which has not been done since 2012. He said Mary Jo Eskew of the Everglades Agricultural Assoc. was present and Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch who has recently been appointed to the South Florida Water Management District.

Amendment of By Laws: Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Mr. Foley, to amend Article 3: Standards, first paragraph, last line to read, “fiscal” year, rather than “administrative” year. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Ms. Foley, to amend Article 4: Membership, B. Categories, 1. Members i. to insert, “residential” property owners. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Ms. Foley, to amend the Articles of Incorporation, Article 5: Dues, adding language that the Board has final authority to approve membership specifically as it relates to residential property ownership. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Mr. Foley, that Article 6: Board of Directors and Officers, A. Officers: be amended to add Environmental officer, Communications Officer, and Director. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

There was a discussion as to whether an officer currently existing needed to drop out. The determination was this was not necessary.

Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Mr. Foley, to amend Article 9: Committees, be amended to state committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors, strike “the President and/or”. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Mr. Garwood, to amend Article 11: Meetings and Voting, C. Annual Meeting, the annual meeting shall be held on the fourth Monday of March at a place to be named and posted. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Ms. Garwood, to strike Article 14 completely. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Ms. Garwood, that HIPI purchase appropriate liability insurance for officers and directors. Upon voice vote, all voted yes.

Attendance at County Board Meetings and MPO Meetings:

March 19th County Board Mtg. All Officers are to attend. Elizabeth will introduce HIPI to the Board.

March 26th – Dottie, Jim and Sue

April 9th - who will attend?

April 10th – who will attend?

April 15th - MPO Mtg. – Dottie, Ralph and Patty

April 23rd – Comprehensive Plan Amendment (transmittal)

May 20th – MPO Mtg. Who will attend?

Next Meeting is March 16th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Lanci residence. 1931 N.E. Ocean Boulevard. It was agreed at this meeting those that are on the agenda for the annual meeting will give a dress rehearsal of their presentation. Each agenda presenter will have 15 minutes. We have six presenters on the draft agenda, therefore the meeting would be 1 ½ hrs. followed by a Q & A session. We start at 7, end presentations at 8:30, and Q & A ½ hr or 45 min. We have the space from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Prepared by Patricia L. Jones, Secretary

Hutchinson Island Preservation Initiative, Inc.

March 8, 2019