

## **HIPI DRAFT Meeting Minutes 7/2/18**

In attendance at Dottie Lanci's house: Jim Wiswesser, Dotti Lanci, Paul Laura, Jim Foley, Sue Foley, John Garwood, Erica Garwood

### **Discussion:**

There is a Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) budget meeting planned for 7/16-18/2018

53 lights are planned for Jensen Beach Parking lot. This is Project # 2012A. The reason given for installing lights was to mitigate criminal elements. Parks and Recs have indicated that the main "criminal element" was underage drinking. John Garwood will review and verify this. This is not budgeted yet, so it won't be discussed at the next budget meeting. There is a plan is to place cameras in the beach parking lot. Question: Where do employees from Hutchinson Shores park? Where are they supposed to park? Are they using Public Beach parking regularly?

The Hutchinson Island MSTU is expected to be reviewed on the last day of the budget meeting (7/18). There is a concern that increases may become a regular occurrence. We need to make an argument that would stop automatic increases. We would also like to reduce the millage. We don't always need to add new projects: "the more stuff you have, the more stuff you need to pay to take care of." Public comments on this topic can be made on the first day of the budget meeting. John Garwood will write a 3-minute "public comment" on the MSTUs. We'll discuss and give feedback.

We need HIPI to be organized and official. We are waiting to hear about the easy form to establish ourselves as a 501c3 non-profit. We would like to move this along. Do we need a lawyer? Ginny Sherlock is known to some of us and is knowledgeable in this area. She may file for us pro bono. We need to file for incorporation with the state.

What are stats regarding turtle nests around the Jensen Public beach area? There are old stories we need to verify to support our point of view: I.E. Some people who signed our petition told Dottie Lanci stories about hatchlings crawling up toward the old Holiday Inn Hotel (where Hutchinson Shores is now) and falling into the pool. People would scoop them up and put them back in the ocean.

Mission and vision statements need work. Jim Foley will work on this.

What do we really want to do? Be a conduit or resource for information? Political advocacy? Environmental advocacy? Educational – to avoid miscommunication? “Communication, education, information”

This phase was discussed a possibly a part of our vision statement: “the maintenance and integrity of the island”

**Notes:**

- It will be very important to develop lines of communication with island residents.
- We don't want to follow in HIC's missteps. We will not say we represent residents of the island.
- Things to know: one commissioner can't talk to another commissioner (Sunshine law)

Things HIPI members are doing/need to do:

- Paul goes to the MPO meetings. The next one is in September.
- Elizabeth has sent out the first draft of the bylaws, mission, and vision statements. We are looking for feedback.
- We need someone to try to be on the Parks and Rec advisory board (Jim will investigate this.)
- Need to keep up to date with HOA board members (changes to boards often occur in January.)
- Jim will work on and send out a vision statement for HIPI members to consider and provide feedback.
- Need to be sure to include all single-family home residents
- Erica Garwood offered to call and request crime stats from the Sheriff's office (regarding Jensen Beach and other Martin County beaches. All local beaches without lighting.)
- John will write a 3-minute comment on MSTU for budget meeting.
- Sue will get photos of the beach to show lighting.

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