

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOLIDAY ISLAND SUBURBAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (HISID)
JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Regular Meeting was held at the District Office and on Zoom 94556833429 and was called to order by **CHAIR BOB DYAR** at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Pastor Jeffrey Timm from Holiday Island Community Church. He and his wife Karen are retiring to South Carolina and were recognized for going above and beyond with their contributions to Holiday Island.

ROLL CALL: Present for roll call were **COMMISSIONERS SUZANNE CHILDERS, BOB DYAR, DAVID ORR,** and **KEN BROWN**. A quorum was declared with all commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER BROWN** moved to approve the agenda. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER BROWN** moved to approve the minutes of November 23, 2020, November 30, 2020, December 1, 2020, December 2, 2020, and January 11, 2021. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

CHAIR DYAR acknowledged the attendance of Special Advisor Larry Stamp, Planning Commissioner Micky Finefield, and Mayor Dan Kees and thanked them for attending.

CEREMONIAL: Oath of Office – Dale Kellison

Justice of the Peace Jack Deaton gave the oath of office to Dale Kellison as the appointed Commissioner to fill the remaining term of office left by Dan Kees to become Mayor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REPORTS:

A) November and December Financial Reports

COMMISSIONER BROWN moved to approve the November and December Financial Reports. **COMMISSIONER KELLISON** seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

B) Deputy Report

Deputy Aaron Ingles reported 158 calls in November and 193 calls in December. He reminded the Board that mail theft is a major concern again. He stressed all outgoing mail should be placed inside the post office, especially if there are checks, cash, or gift cards inside. He shared his conversation with the Postal Inspector.

BUSINESS:

A) OLD BUSINESS:

1) Dolce Fishing Pier Parking Lot

DISTRICT MANAGER BLOOD has been trying to get this parking lot paved for quite a while. He has submitted a request to the State of Arkansas to do this. We need Preliminary cost estimates and approval from the Corps of Engineers through the Department of Fish and Games funded from the Marine fuel tax. The Town of Holiday Island has completed a Resolution supporting our application for this project. He asked for approval to proceed with applying to the State of Arkansas to have the Dolce Fishing Pier paved at no cost to Holiday Island. The cost estimate in 2018 was approximately \$19,000.00. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** gave a history of Dr. John Dolce. **COMMISSIONER KELLISON** asked about also paving the parking lot across from HISID. **DISTRICT MANAGER BLOOD:** Marina fuel tax money through the Fish and Game Department has to be used on recreational projects. **COMMISSIONER KELLISON** moved to support this project. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Holiday Island Entrance Improvements (Hwy 23/HI Drive)

DISTRICT MANAGER BLOOD: The Guard Shack, center island, and maintenance discussions are very old and on-going. The maintenance has been maintained by volunteers. Discussion followed regarding no longer being a gated community, vegetation care, signage, safety issues, removal of the guard shack and its historic value, new logo, cost to replace, relocating the intersection, a linear list of sequential progression, and involving the Arkansas Department of Roads. Several ideas, solutions, and problems culminated in the Board forming a committee of citizens to make recommendations. Mayor Dan Kees addressed several problems with the entrance and recommended the District and Town form a committee to modify and simplify the entrance. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** moved to proceed with the removal of the guard shack as soon as possible and form a citizens committee to develop a long-term plan for all entrances to Holiday Island within 60 days. **COMMISSIONER KELLISON** seconded the motion.

Public Comments: 1) BJ Dennis, 47 Twin Peak Drive: In an attempt to preserve the historical value of the guard shack, I would be happy to take all the salvageable materials from the Guard Shack and use them in the Community Garden and move the plants and soil to the Community Garden.
2) Rebecca Sherman, 288 Wild Turkey, commented on removing the electrical materials from the entrance as well. A roll-call vote was taken. Motion carried with **COMMISSIONER ORR** voting no.

B) NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approve Changes to Authorized Check Signers and Authorized Contacts to Receive Bank Related Information (Cornerstone Bank)

DISTRICT MANAGER BLOOD: This document from Cornerstone Bank removes the outgoing Commissioners' names from the signature cards and brings the new Commissioners' on to the signature cards. Senior Accountant Lou DeRosa is to replace retiring Marilyn Clave to be the contact for bank statements and communications, but will not be a signer on the accounts. An escrow account that is strictly used for the Water Department to deposit new clients' deposit of \$100, is to change to one signature to execute those checks. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** reminded the commissioners that the District Manager and one Commissioner sign all checks, usually every Friday. We also have other authorized contacts on the bank accounts, therefore an addition of Lou to become a contact. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** moved to approve the changes to the banking authorizations. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Executive session for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of an employee.

COMMISSIONER BROWN moved to go into Executive Session. **COMMISSIONER ORR** asked to continue the discussion on the front entrance to include public comments. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** rescinded his motion to go into Executive Session. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** moved to delay the executive session to the end of the meeting allowing Public Comments to be made without having to wait until coming out of Executive Session. **COMMISSIONER ORR**: Before a committee is formed, I'd like a motion for the sign to be kept in the median. He discussed the architecture history and theme, and the use of possible university architecture students, and citizen input. **DISTRICT MANAGER BLOOD**: If it pleases the chair, I was asked to read the comments of those participating.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: All public comments will be addressed whether they are via microphone and chat, and must include name and address. 1) Jeanette Selleck, 22 Buckskin Lane: I think it is a good idea to make a plan for the entrance before proceeding. I am also responding for Rebecca Sherman, 288 Wild Turkey Drive, E. Fay Jones' student or former employee designed the signage and it should remain. She asked for the specific reason for the Executive Session. 2) Hunter Slay, _____, voiced concern of a "ready, shoot, aim" approach. We need a plan before any removal, what the beautification process will entail. **COMMISSIONER KELLISON**: Regarding the committee including two commissioners, I would be interested and Mr. Orr would create a balance of opinions. Further discussion regarding members of this committee formation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER BROWN asked Mr. Finefield to speak to the Board. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS**: Could someone from the Planning Commission be added to the agenda of all future meetings? **CHAIR DYAR**: That is my intent, along with someone from the Town Council or Mayor.

COMMISSIONER ORR expressed concern that the sign and median not be removed. After discussion, it was determined that these two concerns were not included in the previous motion. The matter will be discussed by the committee. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** asked Larry Stamp to share the history of the entrance. Mr. Stamp: The main entrance was designed by Architect Albert Green. He was the pencil man for E. Fay Jones and later opened his own business. He designed the main sales office, the clubhouse, redesigned a lot of the buildings on the campus including the Guard Shack of Holiday Island. It was built to look like a gated community as a sales tool. Harrison sign company made the sign. There was never a guard in the guard shack. They alternated real estate agents to "man" the shack to show prospective buyers around Holiday Island.

CHAIR DYAR acknowledged Planning Commissioner Micky Finefield and he agreed to attend the Board meetings and give regular updates on what the Planning Commission is working on. Currently, there are eight houses under construction. They receive two to three calls a week to build. **COMMISSIONER BROWN** reminded the Board the Planning Commissioner meets the first Friday of each month. Mr. Steinfeld said the Planning Commission is not a policing entity. Hopefully, the City will form a Building Department with a licensed and bonded building inspector. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** asked where the new construction is taking place. Mr. Steinfeld reported three on Blue Water, three next to the Timeshares, three on Beaver Drive, and one on Lakeside.

Mayor Kees responded to the curiosity of when and if the Planning Commission will become part of the Town. One of the Town Council members is currently studying the legalities of converting from a Town

to a City and is reviewing the rules. Once we are set up with an office, our communication with the Planning Commissioner will continue under a Building Department.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA SCHEDULING:

COMMISSIONER BROWN moved to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, due to President's Day being Monday, February 15. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

CHAIR DYAR: I propose we move into Executive Session at this time to discuss retirement at 11:16 a.m. **CHAIR DYAR** called the meeting to order and out of Executive Session at 12:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

COMMISSIONER BROWN moved to adjourn. **COMMISSIONER CHILDERS** seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth R. Brown, Secretary, Holiday Island Board of Commissioners