

## Notes for HISID Meeting

May 23, 2022

As a new Commissioner, I have listened, mostly quietly, to the public comments and the commissioner comments. Here are some of my thoughts.

Always first, I want to commend the administrative staff for the great job they do, for their hard work and diligence.

AOB: Using my personal records, my assessment from 2016 through and including 2022 ~~have~~ has increased \$70, less than 10% over seven years. (\$710-\$780,

Amenities: Merriam-Webster definition. The quality of being pleasant or agreeable, the attractiveness and value of real estate or of a residential structure, a feature conducive to such attractiveness and value. I find this a good description of why so many choose to retire here, live and work here, and increasingly raise a family here.

From the Year-to-Date 2021 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, I looked at the Net Income from Amenities. The cost of providing all amenities as a percentage of total revenue is 11.17%. This is not an unreasonable amount for the value all amenities bring to our lives here in Holiday Island.

I choose to use the golf course. For this amenity, I pay \$960 per year in addition to my AOB. As a golfer, I contribute more than double the revenue to HISID than the non-golfing property owner.

For the benefit of all property owners and visitors, there are attractive, welcoming entrances to our community. The flower beds are paid for by the Holiday Island Men's Golf Association and maintained by volunteers. There are many offerings around the clubhouse, the Chili Cook-off, the Holiday Island Singers, the Art Guild exhibitions, rooms for card players and quilters, the library, the up-coming Rotary Memorial Day Picnic. Activities at the Rec center and barn include water aerobics, stretch classes, tennis, pickleball, miniature golf, the picnic pavilion. By this time next year, if all goes as planned, there will be a new Rec Center building. Water craft rental, food and drink and souvenirs are available at the Marina.

The last five months have been an education for me. I've always had confidence in the management of the district. Now, I see first-hand, hard working, fiscally responsible department managers under the excellent direction of Danny Presley, doing everything they can to keep Holiday Island a place we want to live.