

Minutes of the June 22, 2022 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance: Brian Smith, Julie Longen, Jim Wiesner, Bill Schilp, Jennifer Grabber, Shawn Lincoln, Emily Lincoln, Chrissy Graham, Craig Melton, Jarrett Dixon, Tiffany Hafer, Barry Salus, Chris Clement, Ginny Clement, Gloria Haut, Todd Guarino, Susan Yoder, Donna Green, and Steve Krout.

Brian convened the meeting at 7 o'clock at the Hall.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Jim provided information on the Financial Statement which indicated paid membership was 195 paid members, 27 sponsors, and recent expenditures and revenue. The current balance is \$23,064.75.

Brian reported that the Bay Street benches project is proceeding very well. He indicated the permit for the benches had been obtained from the County, and David and Lori Bankey were proceeding on schedule with the acquisition of the two benches for installation. David had indicated he would let us know when the benches arrive.

Brian indicated that the County is proceeding with the drainage correction project on the west side of the Hall to facilitate the tenting of the hall for termites.

Brian then proceeded to open the subject of the Orange Street speeding concern. There was much discussion about the corrective options to be considered. On the section of road south of Tampa Road, the pros and cons of a stop sign versus solar powered speed indicators were discussed. It was noted that a three-way stop sign would require a petition with a 70% approval, while the speed indicator did not. It was noted that some stop signs that have been installed in the community had not provided the value that was anticipated. After further deliberation, the board decided the speed indicator would be more effective in this situation, since it would function for this entire segment of Orange Street. As part of that action, it was also requested whether this instrument could collect and store historic data on speeding.

As part of this action a signed crosswalk was requested for just north of Lagoon and south of Ridge for the sidewalk which provides access to the Pinellas Trail. It was noted that some speeding traffic is coming from the industrial area that loads onto Orange Street from Florida Avenue. It was suggested that contact be made with some of the businesses in that area to request their cooperation.

Concerning the commercial area of Orange Street between Bay Street and Tampa Road in recognition of the pedestrian activity there, it was recommended that some form of pavement markings be added. Signage would also be helpful. With respect to Orange Street north of Bay Street, it was not clear what could be done in that section of roadway that would be effective.

This roadway section with its curbs has a very constrained feeling to it. Brian indicated these conclusions would be transmitted to the County by formal letter.

Brian indicated the next subject was a golf cart connection between Crystal Beach and Ozona. While golf carts are permitted in both communities, there is no legal connection available between the communities. It was noted that a physical connection is possible utilizing the County boat launching park. It was concluded to make contact with the Crystal Beach Community Association to see if they would be interested in a joint venture to pursue this idea.

Brian indicated that indicated that Susan is in contact with the County to explore opportunities in the Ozona Preserve.

The subject of noise from the new brewery was raised for discussion. This led to a discussion of how to measure noise from such facilities that accurately gauges the impact on surrounding properties. It was noted that contact was made with the owner, and there has been a reduction, but this is still a work in progress.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.