

Minutes of August 27, 2018 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Julie Longen, Jim Longen, Dave Ennis, Jim Wiesner, Dennis Green, Donna Green, John Beach, Todd Guarino, Carl Jackson, and Diane Viglianco.

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

Those in attendance were given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Brian indicated that the last meeting minutes had been distributed. The minutes were approved.

Jim provided a financial report noting expenses over the last few months including insurance and the air-conditioning improvement. He reported that the current balance is \$9,244.26.

Under the Village Hall item, Donna indicated there were several upcoming rentals of the hall. Brian reported that the air conditioner for the hall had been replaced with a 5-ton system for a cost of \$6,250.00, and the system is working great.

Dennis reported that the Boy Scout troop that meets in the hall had done some major landscaping work in the back of the hall cutting back vegetation in the parking lot. Brian noted that the major drainage project completed last year was working well, and there was no standing water underneath the hall.

Brian then proceeded to talk about the schedule of events for the coming year. He indicated there would be regular meetings on the fourth Monday in September and October and possibly November. The Sheriff's workshop could be one of those two dates in September or October. The community cleanup would be on November 3. The potluck would be on Tuesday, December 4. Brian will check with Connie on the alternate date of December 11 for that event. The holiday golf cart parade would be on the second Sunday, which is December 9. Brian will check with Susan on the Halloween open house. The group agreed to define any other activities in January to April at a later meeting.

Brian reviewed the newsletter program which is now distributed online. He indicated that the newsletter would go out in the second or third week of September. He noted the articles to be included were information on the potluck and parade events, County water system, community cleanup, large item trash pickup, membership, Sheriff's workshop, the trail overpass replacement, Wall Springs Park expansion, and a new trail improvement in

Honeymoon Island State Park. Other community information will also be included in this newsletter.

Brian then brought up the County's initiative on the living shoreline project at the end of Bay Street and the possibility of acquiring the Buchanan property as part of that initiative. The County is working with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), which is having an appraisal performed on the property as part of their feasibility assessment as to this possibility. Brian noted that this is a long-standing priority of the community. The group agreed to send a letter of support to the County for the Buchanan property acquisition and in support of the livable shoreline project.

Concerning another parcel of land Brian reviewed the County's denial of the rezoning of a 5-acre parcel at the northwest corner of Missouri and Alternate 19. A developer had proposed a large self-storage building, which required a significant zoning change. There was considerable public opposition to this proposal, and the county's planning board had recommended denial. Subsequently, the developer withdrew the application before it went to the County Commission. There is significant public interest in the County acquiring this property as a passive park or open space. A number of people appeared before the County Commission under citizen input at their meeting supporting that idea. Brian indicated he watched the meeting video, and the County Commission appeared to be receptive to considering such a proposal and also expressed interest in a broader acquisition program on the subject as had been done several years ago. Brian recommended that OVIS send a letter of support for such a broad initiative because of the significant opportunities that exist and more importantly because of the community benefit. The group agreed to send a letter to the County in support of such a program.

There was a brief discussion about community activities and then the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.