

Heather Finnell

From: Ashley Royal <aroyalbr1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 11:40 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Cc: Alan Holden
Subject: Sailfish Park Improvements

Heather,

Request that you include this email as part of the public comments for tonight's Holden Beach Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Honorable Mayor Holden, Mayor Pro Tem Myers, and Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach.

I, Ashley Royal, and my wife, Beth Royal have been property owners for 30 years, and are permanent residents at 144 Sailfish Drive. The purpose of this email is to communicate our support of the final plan for improvements to Sailfish Park. Our support for the plan is predicated on the removal from the original plan of items including restrooms, walking loop, picnic shelters, playground, and rubberized surfaces. The plan that we support includes the following:

- 1) Implement formalized parking spaces, including ADA-compliant spaces, to define available parking and restrict unauthorized parking beyond those spaces identified.
- 2) Delineate the number of available picnic areas.
- 3) Construct the canoe/kayak launch to minimize interaction with boat traffic.
- 4) Improve the landscaping and maintenance required to maintain the park in an aesthetically pleasing condition. Park features should not restrict the view of the area residents of the Intracoastal Waterway.
- 5) Add security measures including continued police patrols of the park. Consider defining and posting park hours, and installing landscape lighting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth and Ashley Royal

Heather Finnell

From: Steve McManimen <stevemcmanimen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2024 4:45 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Comments on pier to be inserted into the meeting minutes

Commissioners,

My name is Steve McManimen and own a home on Charlotte Street. I, among many others, am extremely disappointed that the fate of the pier has come up again. From what I understand, this is due to the three new members; Tom Myers, Tracey Thomas and Rick Paarfus. I commend you all on a well run campaign to get elected by the HBPOA membership, which represents a minority percentage of property owners. This item caused much friction on the Island and the three of you have stirred the pot again.

Last fall I spoke with a gentleman that was submitting a bid to open a restaurant in the pier building and wondered how demolishing the pier will impact interest in that building. This pier is a landmark of Holden Beach and should be a focal point on the Island. We would be one of a few beachfronts along the Carolinas coast that would not have a pier. It provides a great resource for young teenagers to have something to do other than going to the beach.

Like several of you, I too am a PE and also work for a design build contractor. I realize the pier is in disrepair, but not nearly to the extent it was portrayed by many when the property was purchased. At a bare minimum, my suggestion would be to leave it as is for now, and not spend money to demolish it. It could be refurbished in phases over a number of years, something commonly done in construction.

Unfortunately, I am not yet retired and my schedule does not allow me to attend the [meeting.in](#) person as it was short notice for me. I also would like to meet with each of you individually to see if my understanding of the facts is incorrect.

Lastly, I want to thank Alan Holden for what he has done for Holden Beach for decades. Listening to the first unofficial meeting prior to the new members getting training on protocols, etc., I was appalled by the lack of respect shown to Alan by Tom Myers, that was a shameful display of ego.

One more thing, Tom and Tracey need to resign from the HBPOA immediately. Rick, I think you've already done the right thing, kudos to you.

Thank you.

stevemcmanimen@gmail.com

Heather Finnell

From: Ronny Bell <rbell23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2024 7:50 AM
To: Heather Finnell; Natalie Bell
Subject: Sailfish Park Master Plan

Hello Heather,

We would like to express our strong disapproval of the Sailfish Park Master Plan that will be discussed at the Commission meeting on Tuesday. We do not think this is a good idea and not a good use of resources for the town. We are hopeful that this will not become reality and negatively impact our community. Thanks for your consideration!

Ronny and Natalie Bell
142 Tarpon

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Heather Finnell

From: Jack DeSantis <jmmech@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:53 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Sailfish Park plan

Commissioners

It is my vote that no other improvements be made at Sailfish Park. I believe they would be a waste of taxpayer funds the way the park floods.

Thank You
Jack A De Santis
147 Marlin Drive
Holden Beach NC 28462

Heather Finnell

From: wagger1e <wagger1e@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: Sailfish plan

Hello,

I think the park is fine as it is. We don't need bathrooms there, and we do not need to spend money that should be used for other real needs.

Thank you.

Sam Sakwa

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Holden Beach Commissioners

Special Meeting, February 20, 2024

Question

If the Commissioners choose to do nothing:

What actions are the Commissioners going to take to cover the future financial liability as the pier continues to a state of degradation beyond repair and most likely falls apart in the ocean?

Damaging the value of adjacent property owners?

Putting debris in the ocean and creating a navigation hazard?

Will Holden Beach Commissioners set up a legal fund and how much to cover future and most likely legal litigation?

David B Jenkins, Jr.

895 OBW

Holden Beach, NC

Holden Beach Commissioners

Special Meeting, February 20, 2024

Question

Are you, as a HB Commissioner, prepared to vote in a “legal meeting with a recorded vote” to do nothing on the pier:

And accept the financial responsibility of creating the biggest manmade ecological and environmental disaster at Holden Beach since Hurricane Hazel as the pier continues to a degraded state?

Will you accept the risk of loss of Federal Funding, State funding, and possible grants because YOU voted in a “legal meeting with a recorded vote” to do nothing and create a manmade disaster?

Are You prepared personally, for the future legal implications of voting in “legal meeting with a recorded vote” to do nothing and create a manmade disaster at HB?

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David B Jenkins, Jr.

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