

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL WORK SHOP  
HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2020

Mayor MacFarlane called the Town Council Workshop of November 9, 2020 to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Mayor MacFarlane, Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy, Councilor Gallelli, Councilor Klein, Councilor Nebel

Discussion: Town Projects

- Sara Maude Mason Nation Preserve
- Venezia Sidewalk Extension

The Councilor Klein presented his findings on options for funding for the repairs of the boardwalk that was destroyed by Hurricane Irma. The first option, find funding with the combination of the proceeds from 212 E. Laurel, reserves and Park & Recreation Impact Fees. Impact Fees could be used for improvement such as an observation platform. Councilor Klein will talk to the Parks & Recreation Board about the use of the P&R Impact Fees. Additional options: "Buy a Plank" to raise funds or sell 9 acres on No. 2 Road: Not an option because we have a commitment from Lake County Fire that they will build. The agreement might include benefits to assist with building a new Howey Police Department.

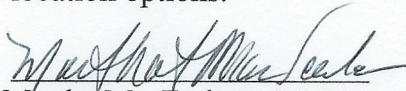
We have an estimate of \$114,000 to replace the damaged section. We need an estimate to include the "observation" deck. The annual maintenance cost is approx. \$8,000. The project would have to be put out for bid.

Councilor Gallelli and all Councilors should keep looking for grant funding.

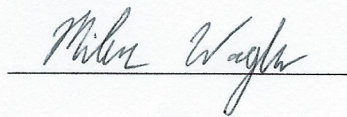
The 2<sup>nd</sup> option is an unsecured loan from Seacoast, 3% fixed for 5 years. Cost of the loan would be approx. \$750. Borrowing money is not desired but is an option to temporarily "fill-in" funding gaps.

Venezia Sidewalk: Councilor Klein asked if all Councilors agree that the sidewalk is needed. Mayor MacFarlane observed that requests for the sidewalk have ceased. Councilor Gallelli said that Ron Roberts, Flagship Development, is working with Venezia South on the HOA. The Council agreed that we should continue on the access to the FDOT right-of-way. Planner Harowski is following-up on the request to FDOT. Councilor Conroy mentioned that he would speak with Mike Woods, MPO. The Council reviewed the location options.

The workshop adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

  
Martha MacFarlane, Mayor

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