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Subject: News & Outcome of the 3-9 Special Called Council Meeting

Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

Special Called Meeting Outcome.

With over 64 residents, two reporters, auctioneer(s), realtor(s), County Commissioner Peter O'Bryan, an engineer, and a few others in the audience and spilling out the doorway yesterday morning, the Town Council revisited two of their decisions made at the February 23rd Regular Town Council meeting.

Density limitations were discussed first. After hearing from the Building Official Jose Guanch, Scott McGuire (Engineer), and the Council, **13 residents spoke**, four (4) in favor of lower density than the LDC, three (3) in favor of letting the LDC do its job, and two (2) asking that it not be sold. The others just had questions or comments. **The first motion passed 4-1** with Councilman Auwaerter dissenting: That **the former Council decision to reduce the density of the Town-owned 5.38 acres to 15 units be cancelled and rescinded and that the sale of the property be subject to the Town's current Land Development Code for R2A zoning as established.**

The second item being reviewed was the **5' Right of Way footpath**. The Council was surprised to receive correspondence from some residents who did *not* want the path. One Councilman discussed a survey he had sent to 79 residents with whom he regularly corresponds, and 41 responses received were against it. Two other Council agreed that it is important to keep the access. One of the nearby HOA presidents was giving mixed comments both in favor and against it. There were **11 residents that spoke**, five (5) for the path, two (2) against it, two (2) who didn't mind it if the users paid for it, and two (2) who just had questions. Indian River County Commissioner Peter O'Bryan addressed that the oceanfront triangular piece of land the County owns has a Federal requirement to provide public access. Having private access does not qualify, and speaking for himself, not the Board, he assured the Council that he would do his best to encourage other commissioners to support public access, but it hinges on the Town having access via the 5' public path. **A motion to rescind** the prior action allowing a 5' right of way path **failed 3-2**, after which the Mayor announced that **the previous decision to have a 5' right-of-way access pathway stands.**

And we have just a couple of quick reminders:

- [OPEN HOUSE at PSD tomorrow 10-2](#)
- The **Planning, Zoning & Variance Board (PZV Board)** meeting for Monday, 3-13 has been **cancelled**.
- All of the **public beach accesses** are open *except* Beachcomber Lane, which has run into an unexpected shortage of materials caused by the volume of repairs being done following Hurricane Matthew.

We thank you for your continued interest.

Very truly yours,

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