

Hutchinson Island Committee

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Attached please find the information requested for the FPRA members at last nights meeting

Respectfully,

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Ask Checklist

Signage

- Coordinate logos and themes (Committee will copyright)
- Submit request for signage to the appropriate State and Federal Departments
- Provide appropriate signage along city corridors to the Island bridges
- Signs on the Island to improve navigation such as Jimmy Buffet Hwy.
- Coordinate with the County signage in their jurisdiction
- Placement of signage for future Community service such as
“Post Office turn right”

Location

- Identify City controlled locations that might serve as a future Community Center
- Propose a possible agreement for use as a community center

Advisory Committee

- Establish a legal framework allowing people with expertise to participate in RFP's
- Recognize a nominee from the H.I. Committee to serve as its City liaison

Intergovernmental

- Submit request to the USPS to establish a Hutchinson Island Post Office
- Submit amendment to the US Census bureau a request to designate Hutchison Island as a separate CDP between North Hutchinson Island and Hutchinson Island South

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Thank you for allowing the Hutchinson Island Committee to present It's report at the January 14 FPRA meeting. We were asked for a clear summary of the Committees request of the City.

A. Signage:

The Hutchinson Island Committee will adopt a branding theme and associated artwork for Hutchinson Island to promote tourism. This theme may evolve over time. As a practical matter, we would urge that signage be consistent with the theme and will continue to coordinate themes and events with the city through regular reports to the FPRA. The City may of course adopt their own creative approach.

1. A letter to the Fl. DOT or Federal Department (as appropriate) Requesting that signage be placed announcing the "Hutchinson Island" exit from the Turnpike at Fort Pierce and I95 exit 131 A.
2. Any appropriate signage eastbound on SR 68 that leads to Hutchinson Island and any directional aide the City sees fit to direct travelers to the North or South bridges via alternate routes such as Okeechobee Rd., US1, Juanita Avenue, etc.
3. Once On the Island any signage that the City sees fit to provide or sponsor via lease that would help visitors navigate "Hutchinson Island" including the Florida designation of "Jimmy Buffett Highway" along A1A.
4. Along with the Committee, coordinate our signage efforts with the County where appropriate.
5. The Committee is working on its own "Welcome" community sign. We would welcome the Cities participation and assistance with securing the necessary permits including waiving permit fees as a "community project".

B. Location:

The Committee is interested in a permanent location to serve the Island's need for a Community Center, through leases, purchases, or grants similar to agreements made on behalf of other City neighborhoods.

We ask that the city identify locations that fit the requirements for an Island community service facility for meetings, events, and coordinating Community business and suggest possible agreements for its use. Example:

1. Any building scheduled for demolition when the treatment plant is removed from the island.
2. Any locations held as surplus by the City or its branches such as the FPRA, Port Authority or FPUA.

C. Advisory Committee

Consider as a prototype a Hutchinson Island advisory designation. Our community has a wealth of people with special experience and knowledge. As an official advisory committee, volunteers can assist policy makers and staff with specific RFP's and policies. If our charter only allows staff to recommend criteria and evaluate proposals then the Charter should be Changed.

1. Establish the Hutchinson Island advisory committee as an on call Committee, without regular meetings or need for minutes etc. They have no budget and spend no public funds and may even remain anonymous. If accepted by the Commission, The Hutchinson Island Committee designee will recommend a person someone with expertise specific to selected projects that deal with "Island Issues" such as environmental concerns, parking, emergency evacuation plans, etc.

If you don't want public input don't request. If successful, other members of the public, from other special projects, can use our model.

D. Intergovernmental

The Committee has identified several instances when one government will only accept requests from another government. We ask that the City of Fort Pierce allow our Committee designee access to agenda items to speak at the same level as employees and City service providers on the agenda not as comments from the public.

1. The Hutchinson Island Committee will propose a government liaison member to be approved by the Commission authorized to attend meetings and answer questions asked by Commissioners during discussion and to clarify any errors and omissions that may occur during discussion.
2. To submit to the United States Post Office and Congressman Brian Mast our request for a Community Post office location on Hutchinson Island.
3. Submit to the United States Census bureau a request to redesignate the area On Hutchinson Island from the east side of the South Bridge along Seaway Drive to the Ocean and South along A1A to the Fort Pierce City limit as “Hutchinson Island CDP”. (Census Designated Place).

This will leave the Island from the Ft. Pierce City Limits to the Martin County line as “Hutchinson Island South”.

Alternately, the City, in consultation with St Lucie County County, may wish to designate the entire Island from the Inlet to the Martin County line as Hutchinson Island to clearly define the area as separate from Martin County’s “Hutchinson Island South”.

Invitation To Public Private Partnership Who Does What?



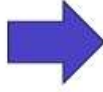
Hutchinson Island Private Business



1. Advocate for businesses located within 34949. To ensure that the unique Hutchinson Island lifestyle is established and protected.
2. Organize, participate, promote and sponsor events.
3. Establish and maintain various services and make them available to Island residents.
4. Design trademark and license products and conduct for profit, activities for the Hutchinson Island.



Hutchinson Island Committee Public Volunteer Committee



1. Participate in community services in cooperation with existing organizations such as the South Beach Association
2. Community improvement such as neighborhood watch, beach cleanup and environmental conservation
3. Participate and sponsor public events
4. Provide City Advisory functions similar to Main Street. RFP advisory, parking etc.



City of Fort Pierce



1. Encourage cooperation with City entities such as the FPRA and the FPUA
2. Advocate for key signage such as I95 at Orange Ave., welcome at US1, Jimmy Buffett highway etc. Continue Orange Avenue Improvements to provide a welcoming corridor for visitors.
3. Work with County to define CDP boundaries and terms
4. Consider suitable future locations for a community center, Postal Facility, etc.

Role of Government

1. Optional and voluntary but open to public private partnerships when useful.
2. Encourage cooperation with City entities such as the FPRA and the FPUA. Direct agenda access.
3. Improved signage location and placement
4. Continue Orange Avenue Improvements
5. Future locations for Community Affairs
6. Intergovernmental Requests

