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**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.**



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **February 19, 2018.**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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# The OIL Lantern

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## FEBRUARY 2018

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## Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** Monday, **Feb 19, 2018**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Place:**  
Okaloosa Island Fire Station,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### II. ROLL

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guest Presenter:** : **Mr. Jason Autrey, Okaloosa County Public Works Director Will Provide a Status Report on the Okaloosa Island Boat Basin**

If you speak, please state your name, address and if you are a member.

**IV. MINUTES** (Draf attached) of the January 19, 2018 Minutes)

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Feb , 2018 Treasurer's Report: **Jim Simpson**

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Report – No activity reported for the month of December 2017

B. Membership: - **Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund**

E. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula Hudson**

F. Derelict Property Committee Report - **Committee Members**

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

### VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Status of the Okaloosa Island Boat Basin – **Tripp Tolbert**

B. Proposed OILA Letter to the Board of County Commissioners to Begin Beach Restoration on Okaloosa Island Beaches as Soon as is Practical. – Tripp Tolbert

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Tripp Tolbert

I look forward to seeing everybody at our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and in welcoming Jason Autrey, the Okaloosa County Public Works Director whom will provide a status report on the Okaloosa Island boat basin. I have met with Commissioners Kelly Windes and Nathan Boyles in reference to the boat basin and look forward to sharing their thoughts with the membership at the meeting. I have scheduled meetings to meet with the remaining 3 commissioners in order to try to get a consensus as in which direction the commissioners would like to proceed in as it relates to the boat basin. I am hopeful this and other issues will soon produce positive outcomes.

I also hope everyone's year has been off to a good start even though it's been a bad flu season and with some severe cold days. With that in mind, let's please keep well, stay dry, warm and safe so we can welcome beautiful spring when she returns.

## OKALOOSA ISLAND 1965



This aerial photograph of Okaloosa Island was taken in 1965.

There are no beach front condos at this time. The orange lines are the red clay road base for the following Island streets which were pending paving.

← Sailfish, Starfish & Seahorse

← Tarpon & Tropic

The first condo on the Island was the El Matador which was constructed in 1969.

## WUZZLE PUZZLES

- What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are available on the following page of this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS!  
LET YOUR OPINIONS BE  
HEARD!**

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### OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 77 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017



|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Fire Calls.....      | <b>3</b>  |
| EMS/Rescue/MVA.....  | <b>48</b> |
| False Alarms & Alarm |           |
| Activations.....     | <b>19</b> |
| Other.....           | <b>7</b>  |



( 74 calls were responded to in December 2016)

A total of **1,251** Fire Call were responded to in calendar year 2016; a total of **1,377** Fire Calls were responded to in calendar year 2017 for an increase of 10% over calendar year 2016,

### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – FEBRUARY



**Feb 3, 1913** - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

**February 15, 1898** - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"

**February 19, 1942** - Internment of Japanese Americans began after President Franklin Roosevelt issued an Executive Order requiring those living on the Pacific coast to report for relocation. Over 110,000 persons therefore shut down their businesses, sold off their property, quit school and moved inland to the relocation centers.

**February 24, 1885** - Admiral Chester Nimitz was born in Fredericksburg, Texas. He commanded Allied naval, land and air forces in the South Pacific during World War II, and signed the Japanese surrender document on September 2, 1945.



### ISLAND RAINFALL FOR JANUARY 2018: **2.0** Inches

- January 8.....**0.1** inches
- January 12.....**0.1** inches
- January 22.....**0.3** inches
- January 27...**0.5** inches
- January 28...**1.0** inches



Average Rainfall for Jan.....**5.0** inches  
Variance to Average..... **- 3.0** inches

Avg Rainfall for February.....**5.8** inches  
February Record High.....**80° F** (1980)  
February Record Low .....**11° F** (1951)  
Feb Avg Water Temperature..... **64° F**

March Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches  
March Record High.....**80° F** (1957)  
March Record Low .....**4° F** (1985)  
Mar Avg Water Temperature.....**66° F**

Year to Date to Variance ..... **3.0** inches  
Year to Date Rainfall.....**2.0** inches  
Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

## Wuzzle Puzzles Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



The Final Frontier

Wuzzle No. 2



Think About It

Wuzzle No. 3



Pretty Please, With  
Sugar on Top

Wuzzle No. 4



Over Come the Odds

**LOST WORDS FROM OUR CHILDHOOD: WORDS GONE AS FAST AS THE BUGGY WHIP! SAD REALLY, WE ALL SAID THE WORDS READ THEM AND REMEMBER!!!! (IF YOU ARE OVER 60 THIS IS FOR YOU!)**

### Mergatroyd!...

Do you remember that word? Would you believe the email spell checker did not recognize the word Mergatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (65) (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said "What the heck is a Jalopy?"

OMG (new phrase)! He never heard of the word jalopy!! She knew she was old..... but not that old. Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included "Don't touchthat dial," "Carbon copy," "You sound like a broken record" and "'Hung out to dry."

Back in the olden days we had a lot of 'moxie.' We'd put on our best 'bib and tucker' to 'straighten up and fly right'.

Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley!

We were 'in like Flynn' and 'living the life of Riley', and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the DA.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers...AND DON'T FORGET.... Saddle Stitched Pants.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, Well, I'll be 'a monkey's uncle!' Or, This is a 'fine kettle of fish!' We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

*Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone.*

Where have all those great phrases gone? (My Favorite) "Let's all go to the beach Saturday"...

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses. It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! ("Carter's Little Liver Pills" are gone too!)

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth..

See ya later, alligator!

Okidoki

**WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FABULOUS 50'S and 60's...NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN...WE WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS**

**.....OUR MEMORIES.....**

# Festival of Flowers Bus Trip on March 22, 2018

It's that time of year again! The Destin Garden Club is hosting a bus trip to the Mobile Festival of Flowers on Thursday, March 22, 2018, and you are invited.



Sunshine Coach bus (seating 57) will depart promptly at 7:45 from Publix parking lot at 725 Grand Blvd., Sandestin, Fl .. It will stop at Destin Commons, west side of Belk's 4100 Legendary Dr., Destin, Fl. At 8:10 a.m., and last stop will be at the Boardwalk, 1450 Miracle Strip NE, Okaloosa Island, Fl. at 8:30 a.m. and travel to the Providence hospital Campus, 6801 Airport Blvd, Mobile, Al. We will meet and depart Mobile at 3:30. Our return is expected to be around 6:00 p.m.

A check for \$45 guarantees your bus seat and includes event ticket. Please pay to Destin Garden Club and send to: Velda Dougherty ,5 Calhoun Ave., Unit #406, Destin, Fl. 32541

We hope you can join us on this fun excursion! This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Festival of Flowers with a festive theme "A Celebration Promenade." A vibrant park will be brought to life: providing entertainment, inspirations and education. Meander through eight life-sized gardens, enjoy innovative tabletop designs, and extraordinary flowers from around the world!

Wear your comfortable shoes. The vendors on the grounds will carry purchases to the loading area where buses depart. You may wish to take boxes with your name on them to hold purchases in the bottom of the bus for the ride home. Only 50 seats will be sold allowing the back seats to hold trees, tall plants and yard art.

Please feel free to share this invitation with clubs, flower guilds, and gardening friends! Get your check in now to save your seat! Please send with the lower portion of this flyer, as we need email, address and a cell phone number.

Thanks!

Velda Dougherty, President



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Name-----

Address-----

Email Address-----Cell Phone-----



Beach Access No. 5 (located between Island Echos and Emerald Isle Condos as of February 10, 2018

## IMPROVMENTS TO BEACH ACCESSES NOs 4, 5 & 6 ARE WORKS IN PROGRESS

The construction upgrade to these accesses is moving along. The improvements will feature portable toilets with elevated, more-permanent types of bathrooms, elevated boardwalks and pavilions and pavement of the gravel parking lots. The elevated structures will meet new flood-zone requirements, and the new amenities will match those already in place at accesses No. 1, 2, 3 and 7. This \$1.7 million, bed tax-funded project is being built by Floridian Construction and Development Co.

The work at access No. 4 is expected to be completed by March 1. The work at No. 5 could be done by April 15 and construction at No. 6 could be completed by May 25.

## Island Garden Club – February 14, 2018

**Butterflies are self-propelled flowers.** Isn't that a charming description! You are invited to attend the February 14 meeting to hear speaker Ruth Sykes as she enlightens us how to entice these 'self-propelled flowers' to visit our patio or garden.



Sykes is president of the FWB Kiwanis, a member of the Garnier Beach Garden Club and founder of The Butterfly Garden Project, which came about after seeing butterfly habitats decline through increased pesticide use, urban and suburban development and the demand for well-manicured lawns and roadsides. Scientists agree that without bees, after only five years, we wouldn't have food.

Many species of butterflies and bees are disappearing due to the loss of natural habitat. You'll be delighted to find out that by planting even a few 'key' plants, you can attract butterflies as well as hummingbirds and beneficial insects like bees. By creating their habitat on our properties, we can save these pollinators AND have colorful visitors.

Socializing begins at 9:30 a.m. at El Matador Condominiums, the meeting begins promptly at 10:00. Come meet your neighbors, become informed and make new friends.

Kathy Foster, Program Chair  
 Island Garden Club  
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**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 21, 2017 AND JANUARY 2018** for permits submitted to them for consideration. The following information provided by the Architectural Committee. **SPECIAL NOTICES:** 1) **The Committee meets every Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am at the Tourist Development Center building.** 2) **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Lot(s)</u> | <u>Block</u> | <u>Owner/Address</u>                                   | <u>Description</u>   | <u>In Compliance and Approved?</u> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 12/21/2017  | 103           | 3            | Pink Watrmelon<br>154 Brooks St SE #101                | Office Addition for Adjacent<br>Townhouse Project  | Yes                                |
| 12/21/2017  | 235           | 5            | Paula Hudson<br>529 Dolphin Ave                        | Extend Existing Fence  | Yes                                |
| 01/11/2018  | 305           | 6            | Bill Liebold<br>615 Pelican Drive                      | Construct Pool   | Yes                                |
| 01/11/2018  | 368           | 7            | Jamie Crossler &<br>Matthew Estoup<br>758 Seahorse Ave | Repair/Replace Existing Dock<br>Repair/Replace Existing Fence<br>Construct Screen Enclosure for Deck | Yes                                |
| 01/18/2018  |               | Block 10     | Gulfarium  | Boardwalk Additioin – West Side  | Yes                                |
| 01/25/22018 |               | Block 15     | Seaspray Condominium                                   | Elevated Deck Rehab  | Yes                                |
| 01/25/2018  |               | Block 6      | Island Echos Condominium                               | Upgrade Existing Roof Antenna  | Yes                                |

## ISLAND BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

# A DAY AWAY MASSAGE & SPA

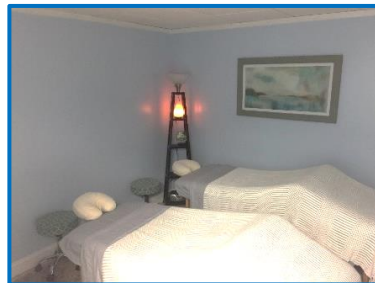


Justin Austin & Tabitha Thompson

A Day Away Massage and Spa is a day spa that caters to locals and tourists alike. Our business was founded in 2011. We are a locally operated business that is also family-owned. We have a main location in Mary Esther and an annex on Okaloosa Island, located at The Breakers of FWB. Between both locations we have a talented staff of 14 technicians. Our customers know us as being efficient, reliable, and accommodating.

Come see us at our Okaloosa Island location for one of our February specials:

- \$99 1 hour Swedish couples massage
- \$99 body scrub and 50 minute Swedish massage (2hrs)



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License Numbers: MM26307, MM34032, MM33527

ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS? IF YES, LOG ON TO THE LEASEHOLDERS WEBPAGE: [OILAWEB.COM](http://OILAWEB.COM), GO TO THE FOLLOWING INDEX AND CLICK ON THE SUBJECT FROM AMONG THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. WEBSITE WIZARD **BOB SEITZ** HAS LOADED ALL THE ANSWERS

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Bob Seitz

## MINUTES (DRAFT) - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – JANUARY 18, 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MEETING LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room      **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 pm

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Alligence**

**II. ROLL:** Board Members Present: President Tripp Tolbert, Lynn Dominique, Nancy Hunt, Glenn McRae and Dean Hanson

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Asst Fire Chief Ray Strawn announced the availability of a free **“File of Life”** card which can be used by a person to list (in pencil) their medications and medical conditions. This card, which can be stuck on your refrigerator, would provide vital, life saving information to first responders and emergency room personnel. Asst Chief Strawn passed out free cards and advised that more cards could be obtained at the Fire Station. Our Fire Department is the BEST!

### IV. MINUTES (DRAFT)

A. Pending Approval: Draft Nov 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes (copies passed out at meeting) A motion was made and seconded to approve the Nov 13, 2017 minutes. The motion was approved.

B. Pending Approval: Draft Dec 11, 2017 Treasurer’s Report (copy in January 2018 OIL Lantern) A motion was made and seconded to approve the Dec 11, 2017 minutes. The motion was approved.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT: January 18, 2018**

**DECEMBER 2017 TOTAL BALANCE: \$28,943.74**

|  |           |                  |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| <b>ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF December 11, 2017.....</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>27,500.48</b> |
| <b>RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT: .....</b>                                   |           |                  |
| Membership Dues.....   | \$        | <b>60.00</b>     |
| Newsletter Fees.....   | \$        | <b>12.00</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES.....</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>72.00</b>     |

**EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT:**

|  |           |               |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Payment to Jim Hendricks for the purchase of LED lights for the Welcome Triangle Christmas display to replace halogen lights which were tripping breakers and for material to build two lighted galvanized mesh snowballs to flank "Surfer Santa" .....                              | \$        | <b>120.69</b> |
| Payment to McDonald Tree Service in the amount of \$200 for removing the 20 Seasonal Christmas theme street light pole banners currently installed on Santa Rosa Blvd and replacing them with the year- around theme banners ("Welcome to Okaloosa Island" and the "U.S. Flag")..... | \$        | <b>200.00</b> |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>320.69</b> |

**EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:**

|  |           |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the January 2018 OIL Lantern..... | \$        | <b>22.05</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses Pending Approval For Payment</b>                         | <b>\$</b> | <b>22.05</b> |

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF January 18, 2018 .....**

|   |                        |                  |
|---|------------------------|------------------|
| .....   | <b>\$</b>              | <b>27,229.74</b> |
| <b>BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF December 11, 2017.....</b>               | <b>\$</b>              | <b>1,421.28</b>  |
| <b>BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT .....</b>               | <b>No Expenditures</b> |                  |
| <b>BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF January 18, 2018.....</b>                | <b>\$</b>              | <b>1,421.28</b>  |
| <b>CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF December 11, 2017.....</b> | <b>\$</b>              | <b>21.98</b>     |
| <b>CHRISTMAS DECORATING EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT.....</b>               | <b>No Expenditures</b> |                  |
| <b>CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF January 18, 2018 .....</b>         | <b>\$</b>              | <b>21.98</b>     |

**SUMMARY: January 18, 2018 Fund Balances**

|   |           |                  |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| -- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance. ....     | \$        | <b>27,229.74</b> |
| -- Beautification Fund Balance.....                   | \$        | <b>1,421.28</b>  |
| -- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations)..... | \$        | <b>21.98</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....</b>                       | <b>\$</b> | <b>28,673.00</b> |

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Architectural Committee: No activity reported for the month of December 2017 (Secretary's note: Correction: There were two items reviewed on December 21, 2017 both of which are posted parallel with the January 2017 report which is in the February 2018 OIL Lantern.

B. Membership: 2017-2018 Dues Renewal Close Out Final Report - **Jim Simpson: The final membership total after the 2017-2018 renewal drive was 243. This is a 96% renewal rate based on the last year's total of 257.**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz:** Bob advised that photos and information about the Leaseholder's 2017 Christmas activities are now posted on the website.

D. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula Hudson:** Paula reported that the County is having problems with posting charges. We getting billed for only 10 out of 29 irrigation pumps - \$350 instead of \$1,200. Also, monthly reports that were posted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month are being posted on the 18<sup>th</sup> - 45 days after closing. For November revenues were \$5,700, street light expenses were \$2,640 for a profit of \$2,782. The "qualified" ending balance is \$263,123.



#### E. Derelict Property Committee Report: No Report

F. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund:** There as a lot of discussiion about the current status and future of the Boat Basin. Tripp advised that the Leaseholders are confront with “decision time”. Trip advised that he and Paula Hudson inspected the Basin and found it to be sub-standard. It was pointed out that Okaloosa County did not accept the Lease Fee check from the Basin Committee this year. Tripp opened the floor for ideas. Mike Mitchell advised that Okaloosa Island Authority established the basin and that had initially hired a consultant to come up with a master plan to have one at each Sound Side access – but only the one on access No. 2 was built. Also, Okaloosa Country inherited the basin when the Authority was abolished and the Island transferred to Okaloosa County. It was intended for use by Island residents who did not have access to a dock. Tripp advised that the price tag to bring the Basin up to standard (electircal, seawall, etc) would be substantial. He opened up the possibility of TDC funding. David Sherry suggested looking into the Triumph Fund (Triumph Gulf Coast is a trust fund set up by the Legislature, to help the eight counties in the Florida Panhandle most affected by the BP spill) for funding. Questions were asked about what would be the status of the Basin if it was upgraded with public funds – would it be for Island residents or would it be open to the general public. This classificatioin is important since there are private properties adjacent to it. Tripp was also interested in what were the contractual obligations between the County, the Leaseholders Associaton and the Basin Committee. Tripp asked for a motion to authorize him to meet with the County and the Boat Basin users to come up with a plan as to what needs to done and come back to the membership with recommendations. Paula Hudson made the motion and it was approved. He also advised that he welcomes input on this subject and provided his cell phone number: 850-218-8835.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Summary of OILA’s 2017 Christmas Program – **Nancy Hunt:** First, the membership gave Nancy a hearty round of appaluse for the quality of this year’s Christmas program. Nancy thanked all the volunteers who helped with this year’s effort. She recommended having a water front Christmas display contest for Islanders with property on the sound. These properties could be viewed by floating down the sound or by obseving them from Ft Walton Beach. She also noted how well (despite being reacheduled due to bad wather) the Christmas caroling event at The Gulf was received.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Status of the Okaloosa Island Boat Basin – **Tripp Tolbert:** Covered in detail under the above Boat Basin Report (Agenda Item VI. F)

B. Beautification of the Medians on Santa Rosa Blvd (Lighting Options) – **Tripp Tolbert :** Tripp advised that he had been in contact with a non-profit organization, Trees of the Coast. The trees on Holiday Island costs about \$3,000 each; but Trees of the Coast can provide them at a cost of \$1,500. Tripp is going to see how well this species of tree survived the recent cold weather. He wants to work with the OILA Beautification Committee on any future landscaping proposals.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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