

## **Board President's Report**

**June 16, 2025**

Last month I reported that the Board was following up on actions suggested by the Futures 2.0 committee, Actions from that meeting included 1.) Holding further discussions with the Airport membership regarding options for the Airport property. Those airport discussions have revealed that the process is very complicated and will require more study to find the best course of action. There are many competing ideas as to the outcome, but at this time they all result in maintaining an airstrip and taxiways within our community, 2.) Recommending to the Board that it develop a proposal for transfer of select amenities to the City of Diamondhead. Several hurdles have arisen to this action, including determining the specifics of the process, assuring the best outcome of the transfer, and the recent swearing in of the new City Council who will need time to review the ideas. 3.) Acknowledging that transfer of select amenities could reduce the expected 2025 tax burden. However, as we explore the process, we realize this transfer may take us into 2026. More conversations with the Tax Assessor are needed. 4.) Proceeding with the plan to survey the membership. There has been a great response to the survey which ends August 2<sup>nd</sup>. (I hope you shared your thoughts on the survey!) We will soon be able to analyze the data to better understand the desires of those who shared their opinions.

In a Special Meeting held on July 11, 2025, the Board completed a motion that allows the GM to present to the City our list of amenities that we would like to transfer. Our goal is a mutually beneficial agreement that preserves the function of the amenities for the benefit of the citizens and POA membership.

In our effort to determine the process to achieve our goals we have learned that our bylaws do not provide a clear description of who must approve what actions and by what

process these changes can take place. The Board approved the establishment of a new committee to explore, improve and clarify the needed processes for our actions. Its charter is subject to approval by the Board tonight. It is hoped that recommendations from this committee will resolve our challenges to some degree.

The Board realizes this seems like a slow and tedious process to make these changes, and that these changes should not take forever, but the past 50 years of Diamondhead history has led us to this challenging situation. Our desire is to do the right thing first and have the best possible outcome for all. Since the POA and the City of Diamondhead are all the same people, we need to work for the common good.

As a reminder, the annual member meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd. There will be a Candidate forum this coming Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to provide an opportunity to meet the candidates for the Director vacancy. The forum will be held in City Council Chambers and recorded on YouTube for live viewing and review later. Please be sure to vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

**Nancy Sislow**