**Town Commission Retreat 4.15.24**

**Sleepless Nights**

* Cat 5 Hurricane direct hit
* Those that refuse to evacuate
* Flooding
* Growth in surrounding communities that we do not have control over. We would be paralyzed.
* Public safety- something unexpected from a small town
* Short term rental grandfathered. Legislative status.
* Over reach from what the town is doing, role in that. Stay clear with our own role.
* Aging communities on the island. Keep updated, revitalized, modernized
* Beach nourishment program is not sustainable long term
* Sea level rise. How long can the island be a place to live?
* Traffic, safety, Cortez bridge, Coquina access, drainage issues, pull concepts together cohesively in a 10-year plan? Maybe miss an opportunity around safety and traffic.
* Bay system, high rain events
* Red tide
* Next generation of staff in public works, service, planning and zoning, public elected officials. Where are they coming from?
* Greer island breach
* Are we throwing band-aids on things?
* Uncontested elections
* Risk of politicization
* Ransomware

**Other notes:**

* Strategically ask the counties for $ – look out for 5 yrs. to get in their plans. Get more $ from them
* Want useful measures (Permit turn-over time, response time, safety measures)
* Spacing needs - consider leasing space / “hot-desking” / use of old library
* Trails Program – Complete Streets – Get both counties involved
* Figure out a strategy to make sidewalks wider despite the drainage and ROW issues
* Speed limits on sidewalks
* Make a pitch to Manatee County for subaqueous
* Want a presentation on AI Solutions
* Publish Commission phone numbers on website / Business Cards
* Have a discussion about the Rec Center and space. Brain Storm.
* Police data needed (call volume)
* More robust website / user friendly. Provides upfront info.
* Rationale for why there is a need for more positions. What will be improved? Metrics:
  + Cyber Security, Growth off island attracts certain activities, elevated expectation of service, more sophisticated level of technology
* Whitney Plaza and involvement/input by Town on how they operate
* Need to look ahead at Beach Management. Use data. Consider Policy Changes. Army Corp…
* Traffic –measure and report traffic as a real-time measure. Need metrics. Consider paying for info.