

Public Comments: FY21 Budget

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Al Tate	<p>COMMENTS TO JIA BOARD</p> <p>Response/Recommendations to Board Meeting on June 16, 2020</p> <p>Al Tate</p> <p>An audio only Board Meeting was a new experience for me and does present some new and different challenges for all of us. I want to congratulate the JIA Staff for doing a masterful job of pulling it all together and having an effective meeting.</p> <p>I want to revisit an issue I have made several comments about in the past (4 if memory serves). The North Beachview bike path is in serious need of upgrading and repair. The marketing report this morning made specific mention of bike rentals increasing during this Covid 19 Virus pandemic. My neighbors and I have observed a substantial increase in bike traffic on the path across from my residence; so much so that we no longer take our walks on the bike path. Bikers move on and off Beachview Drive to avoid each other, pedestrians, or just to avoid potholes and crumbling pavement on the bikeway. The path is too narrow and in a state of disrepair. It is especially bad from Gould Lane to Villas by the Sea. The gradient of the path in front of the cottages is uncomfortable to walk on. It slopes eastward toward the cottages and is crumbling in many spots in that section. This must be the oldest bike path on the island and I'm pretty sure it has the heaviest traffic. I have witnessed several bike accidents and near collisions. It is especially dangerous for elderly bikers and for pedestrians out walking their dogs.</p> <p>Yet, despite this increasing hazard to Jekyll residents and our guests, and increasing bike and pedestrian traffic, upgrading this bike path was not included in the new budget proposal. But things that were included were resurfacing the Tennis Courts, improvements to the Golf Cart paths, airport improvements to name a few. A number of other bike trails on the Island have already been improved and riding bikes on JI has become even more popular. So I ask, Why has the Beachview Bike Path been ignored? With all the other upgrades now in place and improvements all over the island, the renovations now scheduled for Villas, crosswalks being built to the beach, it is sad to see the N. Beachview Bike Trail deteriorate month after month as an anachronism to the shabbier days of Jekyll Island.</p> <p>So I urge you to include an upgrade to the North Beachview Bike Trail in the 2021-2 proposed budget. And I ask that the improvements include a widening of the trail to 8 feet and a more level gradient. That would make the trail more user friendly and much safer. Also, I recommend that these improvements go from Borden Lane to Clam Creek Road, that the</p>	6/16/2... 4:36pm

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	<p>crossover to the beach section of the path be better delineated and clearly marked, and that improved signage for the path be included to address behavior of bikers and pedestrians.</p> <p>Thank You for the opportunity to offer these comments. AL TATE .</p>	
Angela Zemzicki	<p>Why are the landscapers paid so little? I think their wages need to increase by at least 15%. Why? I know of someone (do not want to mention her name) who works as a landscaper and makes a pittance for wages. Landscapers have one of the hardest jobs as they are subject to all types of weather.</p> <p>JIA offers health insurance but it is no affordable by the meager wagers she makes. How does this balance out?</p> <p>Please consider a wage increase for the landscapers of Jekyll Island.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. A. Zemzicki</p>	6/29/2... 11:41am