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To: Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Mark G. LeCouris, City Manager

Subject: Request for Direction from the Merchants' Association on Hippie-Fest Location

The Merchants' Association wants to ask the Board of Commissioners for their input into the location of the 2023 Hippie-Fest. Because of the uncertainty of the Sponge Docks construction in August, the Merchants' Association would like input on two alternate locations, Craig Park and Downtown. Representatives of the Merchants' Association will make the presentation.

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Mayor and Board of Commissioners:

The upcoming construction on Dodecanese and Athens streets brings uncertainty to the August Hippie Fest. Not knowing the schedule of construction, we cannot commit to Dodecanese Blvd. The TSMA Board has been looking at options and is requesting a discussion with the BOC on location of the event. Hippie Fest is scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2-9 pm (previously 2-10 pm). Set up would start at 9:30 am and tear down by 11:00 pm.

Alternate locations are Craig Park or Downtown (like First Friday setup). An alternative at the Sponge Docks is to use the Menna parcels on Roosevelt. This location has some challenges that we can discuss, including closing Hill Street, grounds maintenance, lighting, etc., that may make Craig Park or Downtown better choices.

We look forward to the discussion and submitting the special event application once a site is determined.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tarpon Springs Merchants Association
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