

Hello

I write to you today as a repeat visitor to STJ. My husband and I have fallen in love with the “rustic” pace of the Coral Bay side of the island and are working towards being full time residents in October of 2019. We’ve spent the last four years cultivating friendships with full and parttime island residents, we are members of several social media groups that are made up of individuals who have declared their love of the island and who visit frequently bringing in lots of tourism dollars. One of the groups, St John Peeps New England, is right smack in the middle of a fund raiser for the STJ animal shelter. In addition, my husband and I send much needed supplies to the animal shelter when we can and offer our on island friends items when they are in need.

I tell you all of this because in a very short period of time we’ve become part of the extended STJ and Coral Bay family that informally exists around the world. We are by no means wealthy but have decided when we have “extra” money in the budget from timetotime we will use it to make STJ a better place by doing the things I mentioned above.

I was saddened to learn of the planned Summers End marina. I don’t pretend to know the details of the studies (environmental, economic, etc.) that have been completed or the politics involved in a project like this. What I do know is that it will change STJ and specifically Coral Bay forever.

There is very likely a “promised” short term upside to the locals with a project like this.....promises of new or improved roads and infrastructure, promises of jobs, things of that nature that is after all how the the palms of government get greased and permits get issued so I get it. But I ask, what is the reality?

What happens a few years down the line when the roads need repair, the infrastructure is no longer working or needs an overhaul? Will that be funded by the marina developer or have they taken their profit and run already?

What happens when a big storm hits and major clean up effort is needed? Will that be funded by the marina developer or have they taken their profit and run already? What happens when there is an environmental disaster (waste water, fuel, etc.)? Will that be funded by the marina developer or have they taken their profit and run already?

What happens when locals can no longer afford to have a boat in the water because of slips costs and the exclusive nature of a marina such as this? Will there be a portion of the marina dedicated to locals, subsidized by the marina developer, so that a local pays virtually nothing for remainder of their years? If not, how is that justified with the locals that will be displaced by a project such as this? Will the

developer be required to subsidize this effort?

A newspaper article stated that YCSE “will create more than 90 jobs totaling more than \$3 million in labor income annually”. What is the plan to ensure the promised jobs become reality? How does the marina developer plan to ensure that the jobs are filled by locals? Are they prepared to provide free of cost training and/or schooling to make this happen? If you take \$3M divided by 90 it equals approximately \$333k. However, I suspect that 90 locals will not be receiving yearly incomes of \$333k. What is the real expected breakdown of jobs to income. Will there be a few individuals at the top making very comfortable livings in white collar desk jobs while the remainder of the jobs are service industry, parttime, nonbenefit paying jobs? It seems to me that the later is more likely the realistic case.

What is the marina developers guarantee that these jobs will be available well into the future? Is the marina developer being asked to put money into trust for the future in the event their endeavor fails so that the “promised” jobs could be funded regardless of the success or failure of the marina? After all, I presume the developer will be making a profit regardless of the success or failure of the marina it only seems fair that the promised jobs be awarded the same consideration. How is the yearly total annual economic impact of \$8.7 million derived and who benefits? Without more details behind this statement, the statement itself holds very little weight. As an example, if the marina developer is going to receive a majority of the economic impact that is a very different statement than saying the local business will equally share in the expected positive impact. I find the statement suspect because of its lack of transparency.

I am all for projects that better the common good of the island and its population. This project does not seem to benefit the island and its population but instead benefits a select few on the backs of the islands natural resources and people.

Thank you

Tanise & John AdamsWade